

PROGRESS

Urban Working Group 2019



LONELY YEAR for the urban working group



Urban MHPSS activities in Egypt

Restarted MHPSS Working Group

PSTIC taking the lead

In process of completing MHPSS 4 Ws for Egypt.

International training on MHPSS in urban context

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8 days of Classroom and Field Training with PSTIC.

Trainees joined from Iraq, Bangladesh, Cote d'Ivoire, Greece, Jordan, Lebanon, South Africa, Algeria, Nigeria, Ethiopia, South Sudan, USA.

Highlights of learning from Trainees in URBAN MHPSS training

- **Variation in how to access the most vulnerable in the urban setting**
- **Importance of combining MHPSS with protection and meeting basic needs**
- **Use of Multinational / Multilingual PS Team of Refugees / Migrants**
 - Team “Of” the community
 - Extensive training and supervision
 - No offices / Home-field visits only
- **Multidisciplinary team with activities in 4 layers of intervention**
including: MH professionals working alongside of PS and basic needs teams for health, housing, information sharing.
- **24-7 / HELPLINES – Community based workers available to work alongside of communities and families as needed**

CONFERENCE IN Cairo, Egypt

**A GROWING CHALLENGE: 2nd International Conferenc
Psychosocial and Mental Health Support for Emergency Affected
Populations Living in Urban Settings
17, 18, 19 January 2020**



Sponsored by the Psycho-Social Services and Training Institute in Cairo (PSTIC) in affiliation with American University in Cairo (AUC) Center for Migration and Refugee Studies and Psychology Dept

Providing PS / MH support to refugees and migrants living in urban settings is a growing professional challenge. From developing to developed countries from the west to the east and the north to the south, refugees and migrants are living in urban centers.

During this conference, participants will share their experiences and research about the consequences of urban life for refugees and migrants and their creative efforts to provide effective interventions

Conference logistics

A DONOR?

FEE \$300 US dollars

LANGUAGE / English

LOCATION / AUC Tahrir Square Campus

INVITATION LETTER by AUC for visas

Conference Output

HOPE for Urban Working Group to help organize the conference:

- **Help in conference planning**
- **Review conference abstracts and help set up panels / presentation / discussions**
- **Assist in final outputs**

Conference Outputs:

- **Publication of papers / presentations from conference into ONLINE BOOK / INTERVENTION JOURNAL? OTHER?**

Panels / Round Table discussions

PANEL: SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF THE URBAN CONTEXT AND THEIR IMPACT ON MHPSS

- Impact of urban protection.
- Impact due to country's political, economic and cultural situation.
- Consequences resulting from despair due to minimal third-country resettlement; "boufus".

PANEL: RESEARCH on MHPSS in urban setting.

PANEL: ASSESSMENT in the urban context

PANEL: HOST COUNTRY SUPPORT

Interventions for building cooperation between affected and national population and gov't

PANEL: AWARENESS RAISING in the urban context

PANEL: MHPSS INTERVENTIONS FOR CHILDREN in the urban context

Child friendly spaces - Sport – Recreation – Art interventions and their impact on MHPSS in the urban context.

PANEL: LAYER 1 INTERVENTIONS in the urban context

Interventions for protection and basic needs and how they are effective in minimizing the distress of the refugee and migrant population in the urban context.

PANEL: LAYER 2 INTERVENTIONS in the urban context

Discussion about how to promote MHPSS through community interventions that facilitate self-help, resilience, self-reliance.

PANEL: LAYER 3 INTERVENTIONS in the urban context

PANEL: LAYER 4 INTERVENTIONS in the urban context

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: CARE FOR URBAN CAREGIVERS

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: COORDINATION in the urban context

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: Preparation of guidance note.

IASC MHPSS Guidelines in Emergency Settings in the Urban Context

How relevant are they in the urban context? What more is needed?

Will you join the Urban Working Group?

