

**IASC**

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IASC Reference Group for Mental Health and  
Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings



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# IASC RG MHPSS Working Group MHPSS & Peacebuilding

IASC Reference Group MHPSS – Annual Meeting  
Amsterdam, October 10<sup>th</sup> 2019

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## Overview

2018: IASC Annual Meeting Amman

Need to **deepen the understanding of the links between MHPSS and Conflict Transformation/ Peacebuilding**

### **=> WG MHPSS & Peacebuilding**

- Co-Chair: currently GIZ and UNFPA
- Established in February 2019 / Mandate until December 2020
- Members: UNFPA, GIZ, IOM, Save the children, Church of Sweden, Norwegian Church Aid, Plan International, MdM France, ARQ International (War Trauma Foundation), IsraAid, Red Barnet
- WG Guests: Members of the Psychosocial Peacebuilding Reference Group (hosted by IJR)



## What happened so far?

- March/April 2018: 1<sup>st</sup> draft of ToRs , GIZ and UNFPA
- June 2018: 1<sup>st</sup> virtual meeting
- Getting to know members, comments on ToRs, clarifying interests, purpose and resources of the WG (in process)
- Inviting PSPB Group members
- Preparing first face to face WG Meeting (11<sup>th</sup> October 2019)
- Webinar planned for **Oct/Nov 2019**, organized by PSPB Group: Bringing together MHPSS and PB in practice: Reflections from contemporary case studies. (TPO Uganda)



# Key Questions / challenges

- Ambitious and broad set of activities, but no dedicated resources
- Floating membership
- Engagement with PSPB
- Linking MPSS & PB versus an integrated approach of MHPSS & PB
- Role clarification of WG: Scope, Membership, Outputs
- Which outputs/products will be of greatest value for IASC & RG members?
- **Revise ToR at WG Meeting and create Work Plan**



## WG Meeting MHPSS & PB

### INVITATION to join

- ⇒ 1<sup>st</sup> face to face Meeting of the WG MHPSS & PB
- ⇒ Friday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 / 9am – 3pm
- ⇒ Hosted by War Trauma Foundation /Arq International,  
Amsterdam

### Members and Guest are welcome!

- ⇒ Please contact us, Ananda Galappatti or Claudia Schraewer