Why a common framework?
Wide variation in how goals, outcomes, and indicators are defined and measured across MHPSS projects makes it difficult to demonstrate their relative value and impact.

What does it cover?
The framework defines an overall goal for MHPSS, as well as six key indicators that can be used to measure impact. It also describes five outcomes and a total of 39 outcome indicators for M&E.

Do we need to measure everything?
Not all of the framework’s outcomes and indicators will be relevant to every MHPSS project. Even if they are relevant, it might not be feasible to measure them all. The IASC Reference Group recommends selecting from the framework at least one impact indicator, at least one outcome, and at least one corresponding outcome indicator.

Which measurement tools should we use?
A thematic M&E group of the IASC Reference Group is presently completing systematic reviews to recommend measurement tools (or “means of verification”) for the six key impact indicators, disaggregated by age groups. Means of verification for outcome indicators will not be recommended, since these will differ substantially between MHPSS programs, contexts and activities. To accompany these tools, guidance for selecting and using quantitative tools and qualitative approaches is also being developed.

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