

M&E for MHPSS in Emergencies

How to use the Field Test Version of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Reference Group's Common Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Framework for Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)



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.



Overall Goal
 Reduced suffering and improved mental health and psychosocial well-being
 *6 key impact indicators

Outcomes	
Community-Focused	
	Emergency responses do not cause harm and are dignified, participatory, community-owned, and socially and culturally acceptable *8 key outcome indicators
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2	People are safe, protected, and human rights violations are addressed *8 key outcome indicators
3	Family, community and social structures promote the well-being and development of all their members *11 key outcome indicators
Person-Focused	
4	Communities and families support people with mental health and psychosocial problems *4 key outcome indicators
5	People with mental health and psychosocial problems use appropriate focused care *8 key outcome indicators

Learn More!

Read the full field test version online:
 Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Reference Group for Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings, A Common Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings, IASC, Geneva, 2017. Available from:
<https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/mental-health-and-psychosocial-support-emergency-settings>.