

Dear colleagues and partners,

the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany, in cooperation with the University of Virginia and GIZ's Regional Project on Psychosocial Support for Syrian/Iraqi Refugees and IDP, warmly invites you to a virtual event:

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## Impact of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Interventions in Contexts of Displacement:

### Insights from a Systematic Review & Meta-Analysis

**09 February 2021, 15.00- 16.30 CET**



Please [register here](#) to access the virtual event via WebEx.

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*Which psychosocial interventions are effective and why?  
How can we create meaningful psychosocial support in difficult contexts?*

Based on their systematic review and meta-analysis, the University of Virginia presents what is known about the effectiveness of psychosocial interventions in situations of displacement and highlights implications for future implementation and evaluation with the aim to put MHPSS on more solid empirical ground.

The event offers a space to reflect on the findings and discuss steps to move towards designing psychosocial interventions in ways which make their outputs meaningful and comparable. Together with experts from the field, academia and policymakers, we aim to reflect on the status quo and explore ways forward to anchor MHPSS safely in development cooperation and emergency response.

*Recommendations that emerge during the virtual event will inform the practice section of the report, which will be shared after the event.*

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*Facilitation:* **Kirsten Gelsdorf**, Professor of Practice and Director of Global Humanitarian Policy, University of Virginia

*Opening by:* **Elke Löbel**, Commissioner for Refugee Policy, BMZ

*Closing by:* **Silvia Morgenroth**, Special Initiative on Displacement, BMZ

*Speakers and panelists (in order of appearance):*

**Amanda Nguyen**, Assistant Professor, University of Virginia

**Felicity Brown**, Senior Researcher Middle East, War Child Holland

**Peter Ventevogel**, Senior Mental Health Officer, UNHCR and more...

We are looking forward to your participation!

For further questions, please contact us at: [MHPSSEvents@giz.de](mailto:MHPSSEvents@giz.de)