

MoM-MHPSS-TF-South-6

Date	Tuesday January 5, 2016	Venue	Blue Mission
Time	10-11:15am	Minutes prepared by	Moataz Tayara
Organizations attending	Blue Mission, International Medical Corps (IMC), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), National Institution of Social Care and Vocational Training (NISCVT), UNRWA, UNHCR		

Agenda

1. Action Plan 2016

2. General Updates

Discussion	Action / Decision / Suggestion
1. Action Plan 2016	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Drafted actions to achieve objectives of 2016 action plan were reviewed. ➤ Ideas raised during discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cases that are being encountered are very severe and people are being put at risk when taking time to admit them in psychiatric hospitals. - There is a need to know what to do at the beginning when aggressive or emergency cases are faced. - There should be a focus on trainings for the people who work from the community. - Lack of awareness among people on the importance of mental health, which makes it difficult to convince them to seek care. A lot of the work should be done on awareness and prevention. - There is a noted difference on the field in Palestinian camps as people seem to be more aware and stigma reduced. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Once reviewed by the task force in all regions, the action plan draft will be shared with all for review and feedback before finalization. ➤ The aim of the crisis management protocols that are being developed in collaboration with the FPSC is to ensure there are clear guidelines to manage emergency cases that are completed by clear referral pathways. ➤ All MHPSS TF organizations that have crisis management protocols/guidelines are kindly asked to share them by email with: nourjkik@gmail.com so that they can feed into the development of the protocols. ➤ As part of the national strategy, work will be done in the domain of promotion and prevention in order to increase awareness and reduce stigma. A

National campaign for mental health will take place in September.

2. General Updates

- UNHCR Protection are having the CP Working Group on the 14th January in UNHCR TYR and we would like to have the MH agency coming to speak about the opportunity to give training for the personnel working in protection
 - Blue Mission will be launching their case management program which includes psychologists and psychiatrists and will start receiving referrals by the end of the month of January. The program will be targeted for the South and the Bekaa.
 - NISCVT –Beit Atfal Assumoud and its Family Guidance Centers are organizing the 10th Annual Conference on Mental Health on May 13 and 14, 2016 in Beirut, UNESCO Palace, entitled:
“Being Palestinian
Human rights, identity and mental health”
 - NISCVT have developed guidelines on mental health care for children with disabilities. These guidelines can be used by any organization in the area.
 - NISCVT are also conducting parental guiding trainings in collaboration with UNRWA. Trainings will begin on January 9 and will target parents and their children.
 - The NMHP printed new versions of the Mental Health Campaign brochures “My Mental Health is my Right”. The brochures highlight the rights of persons with mental disorders and explains the role of the different mental health professionals.
- The invitation email for submission of abstracts was circulated among the task force.
 - Organizations interested in receiving copies of the brochures to send an email to Ms. Nour Kik (nourjkik@gmail.com) specifying the estimated needed quantity.

Next meeting: Tuesday February 2nd, 2016 in Imam el Sadr Foundation, Sour