



## **TOR: MHPSS Capacity Building Expert**

### **1. Introduction & purpose of workshop**

Afghanistan MHPSS working group is being chaired by Action Against Hunger in Afghanistan. The purpose of the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Working Group (WG) is to address the MHPSS needs of the various populations in Afghanistan, by providing overall guidance, coordination of MHPSS services, activities, assessments, advocating for minimum standards and sharing of best practices and capacity building of MHPSS stakeholders. The WG adheres to the general framework of the global Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC), following the IASC (2007) [MHPSS in Emergency Settings](#) guidelines.

As one of the objectives of the working group is to Identify MHPSS concerns and capacities in Afghanistan. We have identified training needs of the working group members through carrying out training needs assessment and also identified that there is need to hold workshops on “MHPSS assessment, IASC guideline, referral, monitoring and evaluation” topics to further support the working group members.

Due to difficult conditions in Afghanistan like continued war, drought, and other natural hazards, as well as the ongoing global pandemic COVID-19, which also affects Afghanistan (as of March 2020), there is an increased need for MHPSS-related activities and a deeper understanding of global levels tools related to core MHPSS programming.

### **2. Objectives of the workshop**

The purpose of the workshops are to provide the opportunity to the working group members to learn new approaches, to practice and apply them within their own organisations and partners, to discuss the use of inter-agency tools in Afghanistan and gather ideas on how to provide higher-quality MHPSS services and programmes.

#### **The specific objectives of the workshops are:**

- To better understand and have greater knowledge of the IASC guidelines, interagency MHPSS assessment tools and approaches, monitoring & evaluation and referral topics.
- To apply these tools to their own organisation’s work and that of partners.
- To identify if they are targeting the most vulnerable populations with the most relevant activities.
- To assess the relevance, appropriateness, and satisfaction of previous activities for future adaptation.

### **3. Details about approximate time of the workshop**

To achieve the aforementioned objectives there is a huge need to conduct workshops on the above-mentioned topics for the MHPSS working group members. In order to achieve it, there is a need for a facilitator to conduct and run the workshops during last quarter of 2020 or first quarter of 2021. The workshop duration can be 1-3 days (per topic) depending on the topics of the workshop for 6 hours each day. It would be more effective if the workshops are conducted in-person while all the participants are present, however, at present the current COVID-19 pandemic does not allow large mixed gatherings therefore remote online workshops can be an alternative and in this case the duration would be still 1 -3 days, but with a shorter time online.