



# IASC

**Inter-Agency Standing Committee**  
IASC Reference Group for Mental Health and  
Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings

## Training on MHPSS Coordination and Interagency Support for DSS MHPSS Roster Members in Budapest (9-10 December 2022)

The Dutch Surge Support (DSS) Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) programme was launched in response to the growing need for psychosocial support during emergencies and in humanitarian settings. Its aim is to provide expertise in establishing coordination structures in order to strengthen mental health and psychosocial support capacity. Country-level coordination of MHPSS Technical Working Groups (TWG's) is an important focus of the DSS MHPSS programme, as it enables sustainable coordination and information sharing between MHPSS actors in emergency settings.

This training has been developed by the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Reference Group on MHPSS in Emergency Settings in cooperation with the DSS MHPSS programme with the intention of building a cadre of MHPSS specialists with specific interagency coordination skills for the deployment to emergencies.

The IASC Reference Group on MHPSS in Emergency Settings is the leading entity in strengthening system-wide preparedness and coordination of MHPSS country-level working groups to ensure a high quality response in emergencies and ensure clear leadership and accountability in the humanitarian response.

### Learning Objectives

This 2-day course aims at providing current or future interagency MHPSS coordinators with operational tools and competencies to perform all tasks related to the coordination of MHPSS TWG's at national level in emergency settings. The overall objectives of the course are to:

- introduce participants to the roles and responsibilities of MHPSS Coordinators and provide the context through the IASC Tools and Guidelines for MHPSS in Emergency Settings;
- train participants in the integration of MHPSS in the Cluster Coordination System;
- improve participants' technical competencies required for effective country-level MHPSS Coordination.

### Course Content

- Introduction to Humanitarian Coordination and MHPSS
- Core Functions of MHPSS TWG Coordination
- Tools and Guidelines for MHPSS TWG Coordination
- Introduction to the MHPSS network and resources

- Cross-sectoral programming in practice
- Monitoring and Evaluation Framework
- Who is Where, When and doing What service mapping tool (4W's) and Referral Form
- Introduction to MHPSS Minimum Service Package (MSP)
- Problem Solving of MHPSS TWG Coordination Challenges
- Working with the Dutch Surge Support Mechanism

### Course Dates and Venue

The 2-day course will take place in Budapest (Hungary) on:

- Friday 9 December 2022
- Saturday 10 December 2022

More details will be shared with selected participants.

### Course Costs

Admission is free for DSS MHPSS roster members. Travel and accommodation costs will be reimbursed.

### Candidates for the Course

The training is intended to build the coordination knowledge and skills for MHPSS specialists with previous MHPSS field experience in emergency contexts. DSS MHPSS standby roster members who meet the following criteria can participate in this training:

- Available and willing to commit to be deployed on short notice via DSS MHPSS within the next 12 months (consultancy).
- At least around 3 years of field experience in MHPSS.
- Fluent English language skills.
- Preferable: working knowledge of Spanish, French, Arabic or Portuguese.
- Able to travel to Hungary to participate in the training.

### Application Process

Interested participants should **submit their CV** to [mhpss@rvo.nl](mailto:mhpss@rvo.nl) to register themselves for this course. **Deadline for registration is Monday 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2022.** Participants will be selected based on the above mentioned criteria.

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