



## Training on MHPSS Coordination and Interagency Support for MHPSS Roster Members in The Hague (10-13 June 2025)

The MHPSS Surge Mechanism 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 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 MHPSS programme with the intention of building a roster 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 4-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 Humanitarian Coordination System;
- Improve participants' technical competencies required for effective country-level MHPSS coordination, monitoring and evaluation, and services scale up for the most vulnerable groups;
- Participate in a tabletop simulation to test the knowledge and competencies gained through the course.

### 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 and services scale up Challenges
- Working with the Dutch Surge Support Mechanism
- A tabletop multisectoral MHPSS simulation exercise for a surge deployment

### Course Dates and Venue

The 4-day course will take place in The Hague (The Netherlands) from Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

More details will be shared with selected participants.

### Course Costs

Admission is free for MHPSS Surge Mechanism 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. MHPSS Surge Mechanism standby roster members who meet the following criteria can participate in this training:

- Available and willing to commit to be deployed on a short notice via the MHPSS Surge Mechanism within the next 12 months (consultancy);
- A minimum of 5 years of country level experience in MHPSS;
- Familiarity with the IASC MHPSS Tools and Resources;
- Proficiency in English;
- Preferable: working knowledge of Arabic, French, Portuguese or Spanish;
- Ability to travel to The Netherlands to participate in the training (visa support letter will be provided to those who need it).

### Application Process

Interested participants should **submit their CV** to [mhpss@rvo.nl](mailto:mhpss@rvo.nl) to apply for this course together with a letter of intent answering the following question: "How do my educational background and professional experience align with the requirements of the MHPSS surge roster, and what unique contributions can I offer to this role when I go to the field?". **Deadline for applying is Sunday, March 9, 2025.** Participants will be selected based on the above mentioned criteria. A maximum of 25 participants can participate in the training.

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