



IASC

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

Training on MHPSS Coordination and Interagency Support in The Hague (8-12 June 2026)

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 through the IASC MHPSS Reference Group, in cooperation with the MHPSS programme, to help build a roster of MHPSS specialists with interagency coordination competencies for deployment to emergencies. The training aims to support rapid deployment of country-level MHPSS coordination mechanisms by strengthening shared approaches to interagency coordination, preparedness, and quality of response.

Learning Objectives

This 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.

This year's training will also integrate peacebuilding perspectives, reflecting the MHPSS Surge Mechanism's expanded engagement at the nexus of mental health, psychosocial support, and peacebuilding in humanitarian and fragile 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;
- Introducing peacebuilding concepts and approaches relevant to MHPSS coordination in conflict-affected and fragile contexts,
- Participate in a tabletop simulation to test the knowledge and competencies gained through the course.
- Introduce participants to apply MHPSS coordination skills in contexts where humanitarian response and peacebuilding efforts intersect.

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 MHPSS Surge Mechanism
- A tabletop multisectoral MHPSS simulation exercise for a surge deployment

Course Dates and Venue

The course will take place in The Hague (The Netherlands) from Monday 8th to Friday 12th June.

More details will be shared with selected participants.

Course Costs

Admission to the training is free for selected participants. Travel and accommodation arrangements will be made by the MHPSS Surge Mechanism (RVO).

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 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 3 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

Application Process Interested participants should submit their CV to mhps@rvo.nl to apply for this course together with a letter of intent answering the following question: **"How does 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 Monday, February 23, 2026. Participants will be selected based on the above mentioned criteria. A maximum of 25 participants can participate in the training.

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