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Call for Applications: Training on Integrating MHPSS and Peacebuilding for MHPSS Roster Members

The Hague, The Netherlands (14-18 September 2026)

The MHPSS Surge Mechanism, managed by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) on behalf of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, deploys experienced MHPSS experts to support humanitarian response in crisis-affected contexts. As deployment contexts increasingly intersect with peacebuilding settings, including disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration (DDR), transitional justice, and community stabilisation, there is a growing need for MHPSS practitioners who can operate at the nexus of mental health, psychosocial support, and peacebuilding. This training is a joint initiative of the IASC Reference Group on MHPSS in Emergency Settings and RVO, and marks an important step in both building field capacity and advancing collective understanding of what integrated MHPSS and peacebuilding programming looks like in practice.

Learning Objectives

This five-day in-person training aims to equip mid- to senior-level MHPSS specialists with the knowledge, frameworks, and practical skills needed to integrate MHPSS into peacebuilding programming. Building on participants' existing field experience, the training will deepen understanding of how MHPSS and peacebuilding approaches can complement and reinforce one another in complex, conflict-affected contexts. Participants will strengthen their ability to design, implement, and monitor integrated programmes across a range of peacebuilding settings, and will leave with concrete tools and ideas they can apply in future deployments. Beyond individual capacity, the training also aims to contribute to a growing community of practice. Participants will be encouraged to share knowledge and insights with colleagues and organisations working at this intersection, helping to build collective understanding of a field that is still developing.

Course Content

The training will guide participants from theory to practice, building a shared foundation in the core concepts and principles underpinning both MHPSS and peacebuilding before exploring how these fields can be meaningfully integrated throughout the project cycle. Drawing on real-world case studies and practical exercises, participants will work on concrete project ideas that reflect integrated approaches across a range of peacebuilding contexts. Throughout, emphasis will be placed on building on existing good practices and adapting approaches to diverse local contexts, drawing on the expertise and field experience of both trainers and participants.

Course Dates and Location

The course will take place in The Hague from Monday 14 September to Friday 18 September 2026. More details regarding the programme and training venue will be shared with selected participants.

Course Costs

Participation in the training is free of charge for selected participants. Travel and accommodation arrangements will be covered by the MHPSS Surge Mechanism (RVO), including flight costs, hotel (with breakfast), and lunch on training days. Additional costs such as visa costs, meals, travel to/from the airport, etc., are to be covered by the participants themselves.

Target Audience

This course is designed for **mid- to senior-level MHPSS experts** with previous MHPSS field experience in crisis contexts. A prerequisite for participation in the training is being a MHPSS Surge Mechanism roster member.¹ In addition, candidates are expected to meet the following criteria:

- Available and willing to commit to deployment on short notice via the MHPSS Surge Mechanism within the next 12 months (consultancy basis);
- A minimum of 5 years of country-level experience in MHPSS;
- Familiarity with the IASC Reference Group MHPSS tools and resources;
- Proficient in English;
- Desirable: working knowledge of Arabic, French, Portuguese, or Spanish;
- Able to travel to the Netherlands to participate in the training (a visa support letter will be provided);
- Willing to participate in a short online introductory meeting prior to the training (June/July, date t.b.c.) and in a knowledge exchange session after the training to share lessons learned (October/November, date t.b.c.)

Application Process

Interested candidates should submit their CV and a letter of intent (max. half a page) to mhpss@rvo.nl by 17 May 2026 (23:59 CEST). The letter of intent should answer the following question: ***"How does your professional background prepare you for potential deployment in peacebuilding contexts, and how do you see this training contributing to your professional development?"***

Candidates will be selected based on the criteria outlined above. A maximum of 25 participants can be accommodated. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the selection process after the deadline.

For further information regarding the training or the selection process, please contact the Netherlands Enterprise Agency at mhpss@rvo.nl.

¹ To join the MHPSS Surge Mechanism roster, please submit your application on the following web page: [Mental Health and Psychosocial Support \(MHPSS\) | RVO](#).