



MHPSS 4Ws mapping activity codes and subcodes: identifying corresponding MHPSS MSP activities

Table 1 lists 4Ws activity codes and subcodes with their corresponding MSP activities. This information may be especially helpful when using existing information from 4Ws MHPSS mapping for completing the [MSP Gap Analysis Tool](#).

Where a 4Ws activity **does not exactly match** with a specific MSP activity and more information is needed for the gap analysis, notes are provided explaining the differences - e.g. where the MSP activity is more specific or broader than the 4Ws activity.

Please note that some MSP activities do not have corresponding 4Ws codes, i.e.: [1.1 Coordinate MHPSS within and across sectors](#); [2.1 Design, plan and coordinate MHPSS programmes](#); [3.11 Provide MHPSS as part of clinical care for survivors of sexual violence and intimate partner violence](#); [section 4: Activities and considerations for specific settings](#).

Table 1. Mapping of MHPSS 4Ws codes and MSP activities*

Column A:	Column B:	Column C:
MHPSS activity code (4Ws)	Examples of interventions with subcodes (4Ws)	Corresponding MHPSS MSP activities
1. Disseminating information to the community at large	1.1 Information on the current situation, relief efforts or available services in general	N/A
	1.2 Raising awareness on mental health and psychosocial support (e.g., messages on positive coping or on available mental health services and psychosocial supports)	3.3 Disseminate key messages to promote mental health and psychosocial well-being
	1.3 Other (describe in column C of the data entry sheet)	
2. Facilitating conditions for community mobilization, community organization, community ownership or community control over emergency relief in general	2.1 Support for emergency relief that is initiated by the community	N/A
	2.2 Support for communal spaces/meetings to discuss, problem-solve and plan action by community members to respond to the emergency	N/A
	2.3 Other (describe in column C of the data entry sheet)	
3. Strengthening community and family support	3.1 Support for social support activities that are initiated by the community	3.4 Support new and pre-existing group-based community MHPSS activities
	3.2 Strengthening parenting/family supports	3.7 Promote caregivers' mental health and psychosocial well-being and strengthen their capacity to support children The MSP activity more specifically refers to orientation/ skills training to caregivers on self-care, child development, positive caregiving, and supporting children in distress.

* Adapted from IASC Reference Group for Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings. (2012). Who is Where, When, doing What (4Ws) in Mental Health and Psychosocial Support: Manual with Activity Codes (field test-version). Geneva.

	3.3 Facilitation of community supports to vulnerable people	3.4 Support new and pre-existing group-based community MHPSS activities The MSP activity more specifically refers to supporting pre-existing community-led activities and promoting new community self-help activities (e.g. supporting networks, discussion groups), which provide an opportunity to include and support at-risk groups.
	3.4 Structured social activities (e.g. group activities)	3.4 Support new and pre-existing group-based community MHPSS activities The MSP activity more specifically refers to supporting pre-existing community-led activities and promoting new community self-help activities (e.g. supporting networks, discussion groups).
	3.5 Structured recreational or creative activities (do not include activities at child-friendly spaces that are covered in 4.1)	3.6 Provide group activities for children's mental health and psychosocial well-being The MSP activity refers both to free play, sport, creative activities or other recreational activities and to structured group activities involving a series of facilitated sessions, planned according to a curriculum, with explicit MHPSS goals.
	3.6 Early childhood development (ECD) activities	3.5 Provide early childhood development (ECD) activities to support young children and their caregivers
	3.7 Facilitation of conditions for indigenous traditional, spiritual or religious supports, including communal healing practices	3.4 Support new and pre-existing group-based community MHPSS activities The MSP activity more broadly refers to supporting pre-existing community-led activities and promoting new community self-help activities (e.g. support networks, discussion groups).
	3.8 Other (describe in column C of the data entry sheet)	
4. Safe spaces	4.1 Child-friendly spaces	3.6 Provide group activities for children's mental health and psychosocial well-being The MSP activity refers both to free play, sport, creative activities or other recreational activities and to structured group activities involving a series of facilitated sessions, planned according to a curriculum, with explicit MHPSS goals.
	4.2 Other (describe in column C of the data entry sheet): Safe spaces for women and girls	3.9 Provide MHPSS through women and girls safe spaces

5. Psychosocial support in education	5.1 Psychosocial support to teachers / other personnel at schools/learning places	3.8 Promote the mental health and psychosocial well-being of education personnel and strengthen their capacity to support children
	5.2 Psychosocial support to classes/groups of children at schools/learning places	3.8 Promote the mental health and psychosocial well-being of education personnel and strengthen their capacity to support children
	5.3 Other (describe in column C of the data entry sheet)	
6. Supporting including social/psychosocial considerations in protection, health services, nutrition, food aid, shelter, site planning or water and sanitation	6.1 Orientation of or advocacy with aid workers/agencies on including social/ psychosocial considerations in programming (specify sector in column C of the data entry sheet)	3.1 Orient humanitarian actors and community members on MHPSS The MSP activity refers more broadly to humanitarian actors as well as community members.
	6.2 Other (describe in column C of the data entry sheet)	
7. (Person-focused) psychosocial work	7.1 Psychological first aid (PFA)	3.2 Orient frontline workers and community leaders in basic psychosocial support skills
	7.2 Linking vulnerable individuals/families to resources (e.g., health services, livelihoods assistance, community resources etc.) and following up to see if support is provided.	3.13 Provide MHPSS through case management services The MSP activity refers more broadly to providing MHPSS support through case management services, which also includes other components (e.g. training case workers and supervisors on MHPSS).
	7.3 Other (describe in column C of the data entry sheet)	
8. Psychological intervention	8.1 Basic counselling for individuals (specify type in column C of the data entry sheet)	3.12 Initiate or strengthen the provision of psychological interventions The MSP activity refers to evidence based psychological interventions for persons impaired by distress or mental health conditions.
	8.2 Basic counselling for groups or families (specify type in column C of the data entry sheet)	3.12 Initiate or strengthen the provision of psychological interventions The MSP activity refers to evidence based psychological interventions for persons impaired by distress or mental health conditions (some of which can be delivered in group format).
	8.3 Interventions for alcohol/substance use problems (specify type in column C of the data entry sheet)	N/A

	8.4 Psychotherapy (specify type in column C of the data entry sheet)	3.12 Initiate or strengthen the provision of psychological interventions The MSP activity refers to evidence based psychological interventions for persons impaired by distress or mental health conditions (delivered by trained and supervised workers).
	8.5 Individual or group psychological debriefing	N/A
	8.6 Other (describe in column C of the data entry sheet)	
9. Clinical management of mental disorders by non-specialized health care providers (e.g. primary health care (PHC), post-surgery wards)	9.1 Non-pharmacological management of mental disorder by nonspecialized health care providers (where possible specify type of support using categories 7 and 8)	3.10 Provide mental health care as part of general health services The MSP activity is broader and includes both pharmacological and non-pharmacological management.
	9.2 Pharmacological management of mental disorder by nonspecialized health care providers	3.10 Provide mental health care as part of general health services The MSP activity is broader and includes both pharmacological and non-pharmacological management.
	9.3 Action by community workers to identify and refer people with mental disorders and to follow-upon them to make sure adherence to clinical treatment	3.10 Provide mental health care as part of general health services The MSP activity includes identification and linking to services by community workers, among other actions on the integration of mental health services in general health care.
	9.4 Other (describe in column C of the data entry sheet)	
10. Clinical management of mental disorders by specialized mental health care providers (e.g., psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses and psychologists working at PHC/general health facilities/mental health facilities)	10.1 Non-pharmacological management of mental disorder by specialized mental health care providers (where possible specify type of support using categories 7 and 8)	3.14 Protect and care for people in psychiatric hospitals and other institutions The MSP activity is more specifically focused on psychiatric hospitals and other institutions, and includes not only management of mental disorders but also other actions (e.g. on human rights, basic needs).
	10.2 Pharmacological management of mental disorder by specialized health care	3.14 Protect and care for people in psychiatric hospitals and other institutions The MSP activity is more specifically focused on psychiatric hospitals and other institutions, and includes not only management of mental disorders but also other actions (e.g. on human rights, basic needs).

	10.3 Inpatient mental health care	3.14 Protect and care for people in psychiatric hospitals and other institutions The MSP activity is more specifically focused on psychiatric hospitals and other institutions and includes not only management of mental disorders but also other actions (e.g. on human rights, basic needs).
	10.4 Other (describe in column C of the data entry sheet)	
11. General activities to support MHPSS	11.1 Situation analyses/assessment	1.2 Assess MHPSS needs and resources to guide programming
	11.2 Monitoring/evaluation	2.2 Develop and implement an M&E system
	11.3 Training / orienting (specify topic in column C of the data entry sheet)	2.4 Support MHPSS competencies of staff and volunteers The MSP activity is focused on competency based supervision and refers more broadly to competency based training, supervision and support for workers.
	11.4 Technical or clinical supervision	2.4 Support MHPSS competencies of staff and volunteers The MSP activity is focused on competency based supervision and refers more broadly to competency based training, supervision and support for workers.
	11.5 Psychosocial support for aid workers (describe type in column C of the data entry sheet)	2.3 Care for staff and volunteers providing MHPSS The MSP activity is focused on MHPSS staff only and refers more broadly to policies and organizational mechanisms to protect and promote the mental health and psychological well-being of workers.
	11.6 Research	N/A
	11.7 Other (describe in column C of the data entry sheet)	



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