



Using the MSP: a step-by-step guide for different users

Organizations implementing MHPSS activities

- 1** Start with the [MSP Introduction/Guide](#),
to understand what the MSP is, why it is needed and how it can be used (for more information, see [Frequently asked questions](#)).
- 2** Go to [section 1](#):
Connect with the MHPSS TWG and other relevant **coordination groups** to understand what MHPSS activities are already in place and what the needs and the gaps in the MHPSS response are ([MSP activities 1.1 and 1.2](#)). Review existing **needs assessments** and collect additional information on MHPSS needs and resources as required ([MSP activities 1.2 and 2.1](#)).
- 3** Review [section 2](#),
to guide you in designing programmes and begin developing or strengthening systems for M&E, staff well-being and supporting staff competencies ([MSP activities 2.1 to 2.4](#)).
Section 2 activities should be implemented by all organizations conducting MHPSS activities.
- 4** Review [sections 3 and 4](#),
to guide you in selecting programme activities to initiate or strengthen ([MSP activities 3.1 to 4.2](#)). Once you have selected activities, work through the list of core actions to be implemented for each activity. You should also check the additional actions for consideration and decide whether they should also be prioritized, based on local needs and resources.
Note that programmatic activities (sections 3 and 4) are not listed in order of priority or chronology.
- 5** Continue working on [section 2 activities](#),
as you implement the programmatic activities selected (from [sections 3 and 4](#)), by engaging regularly with relevant coordination mechanisms, refining and further developing monitoring and evaluation (M&E) systems, promoting staff well-being, and supporting staff competencies ([MSP activities 2.1 to 2.4](#)).
No single organization is expected to implement all programmatic activities (sections 3 and 4). Rather, relevant agencies must coordinate and work together across sectors/AoRs to ensure that all MSP activities are implemented. Depending on their mandate and capacities, some agencies will be better placed than others to implement certain activities.

! Make sure that your programme planning and implementation is informed by the [MSP general principles and considerations](#).

Coordination groups and MHPSS Technical Working Groups

- 1** Start with the [MSP Introduction/Guide](#),
to understand what the MSP is, why it is needed and how it can be used (for more information go the [FAQs](#)).
- 2** Go to [section 1](#),
which outlines activities that promote effective inter-agency and intersectoral coordination and assessment ([MSP activities 1.1 and 1.2](#)). Work through the list of core actions to be implemented for each activity. You should also check the additional actions for consideration and decide whether they should also be prioritized, based on local needs and resources.
- 3** Help coordination group members decide which [sections 3 and 4 MSP activities](#) to implement or strengthen,
(based on needs, gaps and resources) and advocate to fill identified gaps (e.g. with donors, governments).



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