THE IASC MHPSS INTERVENTION PYRAMID



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SIMILARITIES & DIFFERENCES

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4 layers referred to as: (1) basic services and security, (2) family and community supports, (3) focused non-specialised supports and (4) specialised services.

4 layers referred to as: (1) basic psychosocial support, (2) focused psychosocial support, (3) psychological support and (4) specialised mental health care.

Uses terminology related to mental health disorders, functioning and wellbeing.

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Community and family supports are all grouped as layer 2 interventions – includes family tracing, assisted mourning ceremonies, non-formal education, supportive parenting programmes, women's groups, youth clubs.

Individuals, families and communities can be targeted at all 4 layers (e.g., specialised mental health care for a family). Layer 2 is the more focused psychosocial work for persons at-risk (includes structured activities for children and youth, peer support and group work). Scalable psychological interventions fall under this layer.

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IASC MHPSS Guidelines Core Principles: human rights and equity, participation, do no harm, building on available resources, integrated support systems and multi-layered supports.

Pyramid is surrounded by a 'protective environment' layer which is linked to international humanitarian law, human rights law and refugee law. The Fundamental Principles guide our work.

Advocate for a multi-layered approach where activities at all levels are available to beneficiaries in emergency settings. Referrals between layers to ensure an individual or family's multiple needs can be met.

Adopts a continuum of care approach, from the promotion of mental health and psychosocial wellbeing, through to prevention of further distress and MH conditions, to treatment for mental health conditions. Emphasis on referrals between layers to ensure continuum of care and a holistic approach.



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