



**Reflecting on Research on the Movement with a repository toolkit of “how to”  
resources to support the promotion of research in the Red Cross Red Crescent  
Movement.**

**Background**

From the MHPSS Roadmap Project, Working Group 4 are inviting candidates to apply for a Research Consultancy to take place between April 2023 - August 2023 with a total cost of CHF 15 000.

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (the Movement) is a global humanitarian network of 80 million people that helps those facing disaster, conflict and health and social problems. It consists of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and 192 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

In December 2019, the Movement adopted a set of commitments addressing Mental Health and Psychosocial needs with the aim to strengthen the Movement’s collective response to Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) needs and to ensure early access to MHPSS, comprehensive MHPSS responses and actions addressing stigma, exclusion and discrimination.

As part of this commitment, Working Group 4 was established to demonstrate the impact and strengthen the evidence of MHPSS interventions through research, evidence, monitoring and evaluation. As strengthening evidence and developing quality interventions will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of MHPSS with a view to reaching more people with appropriate MHPSS. The consultancy will focus on the identification and development of recommendations of research tools, approaches and how to contextualize these.

When applying email Monia Aeborsold, [Monia.Aeborsold@redcross.ch](mailto:Monia.Aeborsold@redcross.ch) and Sarah Kate van der Walt [sawal@rodekors.dk](mailto:sawal@rodekors.dk) with the subject line; WG4 TOR Research consultant application. With a short email detailing similar work, an attached CV and one page proposal with methodology of how you will achieve the objectives, answer the research questions and a short timeline of expected deliverables. Applicants will be assessed



according to previous work and relevance of proposal. Payment timeline will be negotiated.

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### **Research Questions**

- Q.1. Which NS has been involved in or done research and what research was this?
- Q.2. What are the key challenges in designing, planning and applying MHPSS research projects/ programmes in different regions and contexts, on the different layers of the MHPSS pyramid and different target populations
- Q.3. How did NS overcome these challenges around research?
- Q.4. What is the general attitude of research by NS, what are the barriers and opportunities and how do we talk about research to get NS more engaged?
- Q.5. What is the relationship between M&E and research in the Movement
- Q.6. What are the Definitions of /Differences between Assessments, M&E and Research?

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### **Objectives**

- OB 1: Identify the gaps in core guidance on research in the RCRC Movement by reviewing existing guidance
- OB 2: Mapping of research guidance in the Movement and what guidance resources need to be developed to support research in the movement
- OB 3: Identification of key definitions on important research concepts outlined used in the Movement (RNA, baseline studies, assessment, KAP, research vs assessment)\* how are these understood within the Movement and how does it impact the design of research, assessments KAP, RNA etc.
- OB 4: Timeline of research in the Movement and how this research has developed (what were some key events that influenced research in the Movement)

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### **Methodology**

Would be a combination of;

- Deskbased research
- Systematic research

- Analysis of survey data
- In-depth interviews with key stakeholders from within and outside the Movement. Corresponding contacts can be provided.

Access to the survey data and the relevant key stakeholders from the respective National Societies is guaranteed.

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### **Deliverables**

Guidance note and report detailing Research in the Movement, methodology, Research and the links from ME & Needs Assessments to Research in the movement, how they overlap and how they can be used in implementation. A final presentation by the consultant at the Research Carnival hosted by the Research Network of the research findings after which the final payment will be made. This presentation will be recorded and then shared at the Research Carnival as well as on other platforms.

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### **Outputs**

Output 1:

Repository of 'how to' resources (like tipsheets on how to apply for funding, guidance documents on when and how to apply for ethical approval, identification of screening instruments, research designs, simple data analysis procedures, and reporting templates etc) that helps to strengthen the capacity of National Societies, the IFRC and the ICRC in research and learning related to MHPSS by prioritizing those within the Movement who are less active in research initiatives. This with the aim that the research guidance/toolkit is to bridge the gap between researchers and practitioners.

Output 2:

Mapping of tools and when and how they can be used → good practice examples of research and innovative approaches across the Movement documented and shared to inform learning and promote good practice.

Output 3:



Recorded presentation of key findings to be shared across relevant platforms such as the Research Network - Research Carnival in September 2023

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The deadline for questions is Monday 13 March 11:00 CET and deadline for submission Friday 15 March 23:00 CET. Applicants will receive communication of the status of their application by the Friday 24 March 2023.