

GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM PLEDGES

Advancing quality Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) to displaced persons and host communities across the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus		
UNHCR Area of Focus:	Protection Capacity and Self-reliance	
JRS Approach:	Community Led Mental Health & Psychosocial Support	
Geographical Scope:	Global	
Type of Contribution:	Research, advocacy, technical and material support	
Partners/Stakeholders:	IASC working group on MHPSS, refugees and host communities	
Receiving Entities:	Forcibly displaced populations, host communities; International organizations; State(s)	
Timeframe:	4 years	
Linked to:	Child Rights pledge and the Gender Equality and Protection from Gender-Based Violence pledge	
Key Outcome:	Foster sustainable and equitable access to mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) and related services at affordable costs for all refugees and host communities.	
JRS Commitment:	 Research, promote, and advocate for integrated and community led MHPSS services for people affected by forcible displacement to ensure best practices are documented and shared, and access to quality MHPSS is increased. Ensure MHPSS considerations are integrated into all JRS programs and aspects of operations, and that MHPSS services are community led ensuring communities are front and center leading design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation. 	
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Health and Psychosocial Support and Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)	
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Key Outcome:	Host-country governments are better able to provide refugees, host communities, and other individuals in situations of international protection with school- and community-based MHPSS interventions, including SEL. This will aim to improve the mental health, psychosocial wellbeing, and social and emotional development of learners, thereby supporting and accelerating learning outcomes, helping children and youth cope with adverse events, and to reach their full potential. Special attention will also be paid to teachers who support learners and need their own MHPSS interventions.
JRS Commitment:	JRS played a leadership role in the drafting of the pledge and commits to work to implement it. The full pledge and commitments can be found here
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