

Bringing people together for children & families in adversity



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**THE MHPSS
COLLABORATIVE**

Our mission

The MHPSS Collaborative is a global platform for research, innovation, learning and advocacy. In the field of mental health and psychosocial services we:



Convene

key stakeholders – from children and families with lived experience to service providers, researchers, and policy makers – to work together for children's mental health and wellbeing.



Develop and share knowledge

on the latest innovations and research in MHPSS in fragile and humanitarian settings.



Advocate

to ensure donors and decision makers hear the voices of children and families and prioritize policy and funding for MHPSS.

...to address the challenge of huge needs & limited resources

50
MILLION CHILDREN
Displaced

420
MILLION CHILDREN
In conflict zones

LESS THAN
0.14%
of humanitarian funding goes to MHPSS

Our focus areas

We bring focus to critical mental health and psychosocial issues concerning the most vulnerable children and families, including:

Quality education in emergencies

Children and adolescents exposed to violence and conflict need nurturing and healing learning environments to recover and thrive in school. Together with the Education Cannot Wait fund and research and innovation partners, we integrate evidence based MHPSS into emergency education programs, and ensure strong links exist between education, protection, and health services for all children.

Migration and displacement

In today's world, unprecedented numbers of children and families are displaced or on the move due to conflict, violence, and environmental disasters. We work to understand the challenges they face across the migration journey, and to link them with critical MHPSS and community care across borders through innovative partnerships.

Climate change

The pervasive and growing effects of natural hazards and climate change have huge impacts for children and families, particularly in fragile settings. As climate change shapes their world and future, we give young people a platform to be heard, and to research and innovate solutions for community action.



Our team

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