Day 1:
Thursday 20th May 2021
14:00-17:00 BST

Day 2:
Friday 28th May 20201
10:00-13:00 BST

Shelter and Mental Health:

doing more and doing better

Learning event agenda

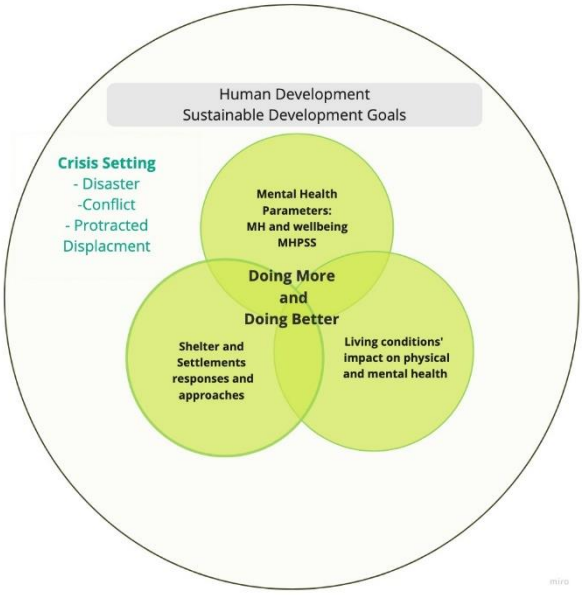
Executive brief

How can the Shelter and Settlements practitioners integrate mental health and psychosocial considerations into programming?

On Thursday 20th May and Friday 28th May, 2021 The Centre for Development and Emergency Practice at Oxford Brookes University (CENDEP) and CARE International UK will convene practitioners and experts from humanitarian and development practice, policy and academia to explore the connections between humanitarian shelter assistance and mental health. We will explore how the shelter and settlements sector is already addressing these linkages, and how the sector can do more and do better.

Learning event context

Awareness of the many connections between shelter and physical and mental health is growing, yet there are large gaps in knowledge, particularly around mental health, which are often reflected in practice. The Global Shelter Cluster has made Shelter and Health one of its priority research areas. There is an appetite for learning more about these connections and increase understanding of the complexities surrounding mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) in shelter and settlements programming. Over the course of the learning event, we will explore the intersections between MHPSS, living conditions and Shelter and Settlements programming in a variety of crisis contexts, as shown on the diagram.



Learning event format

The event will be held virtually via Zoom (link available via the Eventbrite booking). There will be live captioning throughout the event. The event will be recorded, and the recording will be shared with participants after the event. We will endeavour to translate the English transcript soon after the event.

The event will involve:

- Presentations from keynote speakers
- Short panel discussions
- Case studies from practitioners
- Breakout groups with interactive whiteboard facilities (on Day 2)

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Day 1, Thursday 20th May 1400-1700 BST		
Session	Item	Time
1.1	**Welcome and Introduction** • **Sue Webb,** Centre for Development and Emergency Practice (CENDEP), Oxford Brookes University	1400-1405
1.2	**Message from Global Shelter Cluster lead(s)** • **Ela Serdaroglu/Brett Moore,** GSC leads	1405-1410
1.3	**Mental health – developing a common understanding** • **Dr Carmen Valle-Trabadelo,** IFRC. Co-chair, IASC Reference Group on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings • **Dr Ross White,** Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology, Liverpool University • **Ben Adams,** Senior Mental Health Adviser, CBM Global • **Dr Rebecca Horn,** independent psychosocial specialist	1410-1500
1.4	**Living conditions, physical and mental health** • **Amelia Rule,** Emergency Shelter Adviser, CARE International UK • **Joud Keyyali,** WASH/Shelter Project Manager, CARE Turkey • **Sarah Ruel-Bergeron,** Executive Director, ARCHIVE Global • **Joseph Ashmore,** Shelter and Settlements Specialist, International Organization for Migration (IOM)	1500-1550
	Break 1550-1600	
1.5	**Shelter, Recovery and Wellbeing: approaches to S&S that can make wellbeing central** • **Miriam Lopez,** Global Shelter and Settlements Specialist, Norwegian Refugee Council • **Bill Flinn,** Senior Shelter Advisor, CARE International UK • **Professor Cathrine Brun**, Director of the Centre for Development and Emergency Practice (CENDEP), Oxford Brookes University	1600-1650
1.6	**Conclusions of Day 1 and looking forward to Day 2**	1650-1700

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Day 2, Friday 28th May 1000-1300 BST		
Session	Item	Time
2.1	**Welcome and Day 1 recap** • **Sue Webb,** Centre for Development and Emergency Practice (CENDEP), Oxford Brookes University	1000-1015
2.2	**Positioning and Practicalities** If shelter practitioners were to use a 'mental health/MHPSS lens' when developing and evaluating shelter projects, what would that look like? • **Dr Rebecca Horn,** independent psychosocial specialist • **Jamie Richardson,** Shelter and Settlements Technical Advisor, Catholic Relief Services	1015-1035
2.3	**Learnings for future programming** Case study example: • **Reihaneh Mozaffari** and **Miriam Lopez,** Norwegian Refugee Council Breakout groups: • Interactive whiteboards in each breakout room will capture participants' priorities, ideas and examples. Breakout room discussions will be moderated by experienced Shelter and MHPSS practitioners.	1035-1135
	Break 1135-1145	
2.4	**What constitutes 'more & better'?** Reflections on Shelter and MHPSS: • **Melissa Tucker**, Catholic Relief Services Breakout groups: • Interactive whiteboards in each breakout room will capture participants' priorities, ideas and examples. Breakout room discussions will be moderated by experienced Shelter and MHPSS practitioners.	1145-1245
2.5	**Conclusion and next steps** • **Ela Serdaroglu** and **Brett Moore,** Global Shelter Cluster leads.	1245-1300