



Psychosocial Support Forum

Maputo, Mozambique

13 – 15 October 2021

Call for Abstract Submission



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Abstract submission

REPSSI welcomes submission of abstracts from experts in the field of PSS, including policy makers, researchers, practitioners, youth for the 6th Psychosocial Support Forum, with the overall theme of Innovate. Integrate. Thrive. The event will take the form of a hybrid physical and virtual forum hence REPSSI will accept abstracts from across the globe.

The forum will have the following tracks:

Track A - Humanitarian emergencies

This track will focus on MHPSS in humanitarian and emergency situations such as COVID-19 and internal/external displacement due to conflict, natural disasters or economic reasons.

The track will provide the opportunity to discuss innovations in:

- How organisations address the MHPSS needs of girls, boys, and youth
- How organisations adapt global frameworks/guidelines to meet local requirements
- Capacity building in MHPSS for frontline responders and social workers
- MHPSS for frontline responders
- Child protection systems effectiveness during humanitarian and emergency situations

Track B - Early childhood development

Track B looks at models and approaches that enhance mental health and psychosocial wellbeing of parents, caregivers and young children along a continuum of care from pre-pregnancy to pregnancy, childbirth, and the post-natal period into infancy and childhood.

The track will consider:

- How systems change or strengthening in ECD will ensure that girls and boys are nurtured in a supportive environment and helped to thrive and develop to their fullest potential.
- How practitioners can prioritise early detection and prevention of MHPSS problems in childhood to provide age-appropriate interventions; and
- How practitioners promote MHPSS programmes that include integration across services in the child's ecosystem including supporting parents, with a particular emphasis on adolescent parents, parents with disability and in other challenging circumstances.



- Innovation in ECD approaches

Track C - Sexual and Reproductive health and rights

Anecdotal evidence shows that there was an increase in GBV and that lack of appropriate sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) information sharing and service provision during the COVID-19 epidemic may have led to an increase in the number of adolescents that fell pregnant during the past year. Research has shown that adolescent mothers are more likely to contract HIV and that this has a ripple effect on the child. Track C will consider:

- Research evidence in this area
- How organisations are responding to early and unintended pregnancies, gender based violence, child marriage and other SRHR related issues.
- Innovation in responding to adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights.
- How organisations are promoting the mental health and psychosocial wellbeing of adolescent mothers and fathers.

Track D – Protection and sustainable livelihoods

Research highlights the negative long-term impacts of abuse, violence, neglect and exploitation on the mental health and psychosocial wellbeing of girls, boys and youth. Studies also increasingly show that psychosocial support interventions combined with approaches that strengthen livelihoods are an effective protective mechanism against abuse, violence, neglect and exploitation. The track will focus on:

- The role of psychosocial support in strengthening national and community systems for prevention and response to violence against children
- Innovative ways of integrating MHPSS in protection and sustainable livelihoods programmes
- Understanding the role of mental health and psychosocial support in the child justice system

Abstract title: 50 words

Abstract text: 350 words



Abstract Submission process

Abstract Submission will **open on the 10th of June and close on 23rd of July 2021.**

Abstracts can only be submitted online via the forum online system. A technical review panel consisting of members from the partner organisations and other leading subject matter experts will be established to review and select abstracts for presentation.

Use the following link to submit your abstracts:

<https://ptrail.com/forms/default.aspx?a=&b=6&c=1102&d=3>

