

Making the most from the COVID-19 experience for improving mental health and psychosocial support in radiation emergencies

Webinar #1 Mitigating psychological impacts of crisis response

Setting the scene of the EGNR and expectations from the discussion

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| 1. Review of a draft WHO policy framework on psycho-social effects in emergencies, adopting existing WHO guidelines on mental health and psychological support in emergency settings to nuclear emergency scenarios | Draft circulated and commented |
| 2. Organisation of a Joint Workshop in co-operation with the WHO and BfS to discuss key issues to be considered | Planned Workshop March 2020 in Munich postponed |
| 3. Proposing practical solutions/tools for support of the decision making process while planning for and responding to nuclear and radiological emergencies (WPNEM product). | Continue work and bridge situation until spring 2021 |

What are our expectations from the webinars?

- Capture the main lessons from the COVID-19 response experience and from crisis (e.g, recent natural disasters) adopting a focus on MHPS impacts of protective strategies
- Discuss how it may apply for developing practical approaches and tools for mitigating mental health and psychosocial impact of radiation emergency and related protective actions