

Red Cross & Red Crescent Movement new Framework on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

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Why the increased focus on mental health and psychosocial needs and emergencies?

- Mental health is critical to saving lives and daily functioning
- Scale of unmet needs
- No or limited access to relevant support and quality services
- Stigma and discrimination

Addressing mental health and psychosocial needs of people affected by armed conflicts, natural disasters and other emergencies

1. Ensure **early and sustained access** to mental health and psychosocial support
2. Increase **local and community-based action**
3. Ensure **comprehensive and integrated support**
4. Address **stigma, exclusion and discrimination**
5. Strengthen the **quality and quantity of the workforce**
6. Protect the **mental health and psychosocial wellbeing of staff and volunteers**



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Policy Statements

1. Impartial access to MHPSS - prevention and early response
2. Comprehensive and integrated support and care
3. Resilience, participation and diversity of people
4. Protection of safety, dignity and rights
5. Stigma, exclusion and discrimination
6. Evidence informed and internationally recognized standards and practices
7. Mental health and psychosocial wellbeing of staff and volunteers
8. Develop MHPSS capacity