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## MHPSS Implementation Event, KP

To mark the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Pilot Implementation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the Provincial Minister for Health, Mr. Khaleeq ur Rehman chaired a high-level event on 4th December, 2025 in Peshawar. The honourable minister expressed his commitment and support for effective implementation of MHPSS plan for sustainable and accessible mental health services across the province.

The pilot implementation in KP is led by the Mental Health Strategic Planning & Coordination Unit in collaboration with the Health Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The event was supported by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through GIZ in Pakistan and International Medical Corps.



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The event was attended by key governmental and non-governmental stakeholders from federal areas and the provinces:

Health Section, MoPD&SI  
Department of Health, KP  
Department of Health, GB  
Department of Health, Balochistan  
Department of Planning & Development, KP  
Department of Planning & Development, GB  
Directorate of Social Welfare, KP  
Elementary & Sec Education Department, KP  
Provincial Disaster Management Authority, KP  
Chief Commissionerate for Afghan Refugees  
Commissionerate for Afghan Refugees, KP  
National Health Support Program, KP  
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Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale  
Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)  
International Medical Corps, Pakistan  
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)  
United Nations High Commissioner for  
Refugees (UNHCR)  
Handicap International (Hi)  
Relief International (RI)  
Society for Human Rights and Prisoners,  
Pakistan (SHARP)  
World Health Organization (WHO)

The MHSP&C Unit presented an overview plan for the pilot implementation, preliminary outcomes of capacity building activities in the target districts, and process for supervision and monitoring using MHPSS digital tools. Representatives of service providers from all tiers: primary care physicians, clinical psychologists and Hamdard Force members also shared their reflections.



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