

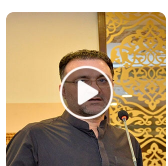


Fourth National MHPSS Coordination Meeting

The 4th MHPSS National Coordination Meeting was held on 29th June in Peshawar, which was chaired by Mr. Khaliq ur Rehman, Provincial Minister for Health, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. At the meeting, the report on the pilot implementation of the MHPSS services in the districts of Haripur and Kohat was presented by the Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives to the Department of Health, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The pilot implementation was led by the Mental Health Strategic Planning & Coordination Unit in collaboration with the Directorate of Public Health, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The project was funded by German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, and implemented by their partners: International Medical Corps and Handicap International.

MHPSS Pilot implementation in Haripur & Kohat (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa)

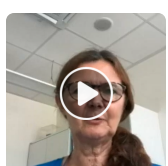
1	Planning & coordination	2 months	July '25 – Aug '25
2	Capacity building	3 months	Sept '25 – Nov '25
3	MHPSS services under supervision	8 months	Nov '25 – June '26
4	Evaluation & report	2 months	May '26 – June '26



Mr. Khaliq ur Rehman, Minister for Health, underscored the growing importance of mental health as a core component of the healthcare services and shared the commitment of the provincial government to strengthen MHPSS services through evidence-based policies and effective coordination with all partners.



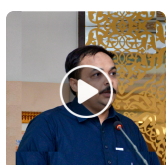
Dr. Muhammad Asif, Chief Health, Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives explained their efforts to prioritise mental health as a key development agenda, set up a national steering & coordination mechanism and provide technical support to the provinces for implementing the MHPSS model.



Helene Paust, on behalf of German Cooperation and Development (BMZ) shared their pleasure to support Pakistan for establishing MHPSS services for the vulnerable people. She highlighted that the key component of their support fostered the close collaboration between the Federal Ministry of Planning and the provincial government.



Dr. Asma Humayun, who has led the pilot implementation, described the digital MHPSS model as a scalable solution to address the unmet MHPSS needs, explained the key outcome of the services provided by a trained workforce in the target districts.



Dr. Humera Seemab, Director of Public Health and Dr. Haroon Latif, Deputy Director, Public Health expressed their commitment and presented their efforts to develop a sustainable plan to roll out MHPSS services to other districts.

The meeting was attended by key national and international stakeholders, both in-person and online. Governmental partners included representatives from the Directorate General Health Services, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa; Health Section, Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives; Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination; the Commissionerate for Afghan refugees; Department of Health, Gilgit Baltistan; and Balochistan Institute of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences; District Health Office, Kohat.

In addition, representatives of the German Embassy, teams from SSARC project, GIZ; International Medical Corps, Handicap International, International Organization for Migration (UN-IOM), UNHCR, Relief International, University of Peshawar, Pakistan Red Crescent Society; Islamic Relief; and SHARP also attended the event.



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