



### Third National MHPSS Coordination Meeting

The third National MHPSS Coordination Meeting was held in Islamabad on 28 April 2026 to share the updates on MHPSS Pilot Implementation in the provinces (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan and Baltistan); discuss their plans to scaling up of MHPSS services in the respective provinces; and strengthen coordination mechanisms for MHPSS among key stakeholders. It was chaired by Dr Shabana Haider, Member, Health & population, Planning Commission.

The meeting was supported by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and its implementing partners in Pakistan, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and International Medical Corps.



The meeting was attended by key governmental and non-governmental stakeholders, including:

- Department of Health, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- Department of Health, Azad Jammu & Kashmir
- Balochistan Institute of Psychiatry (BIPBS)
- Commissionerate for Afghan Refugees
- Department of Psychology, University of Peshawar
- International Medical Corps (IMC)
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- Islamic Relief Pakistan
- Pakistan Red Crescent Society
- Action Against Hunger (ACF)

- Save the Children
- Relief International
- Norwegian Red Cross
- GIZ
- SHARP
- UNFPA
- UN-IOM
- UNICEF
- UNHCR
- IFRC



The stakeholders commended the systematic approach for pilot implementation of MHPSS services in 2025–2026. They strongly recommended that the coordination meetings at the national level be continued quarterly, and that provincial health authorities should steer and coordinate MHPSS services at the provinces as well.

The Departments of Health Khyber Pakhtunkhwa shared their commitment to prepare comprehensive plans to scale up MHPSS services across the province. The Departments of Health Balochistan has already started implementing their plan to scale up MHPSS services.

