A Holistic Approach to Victim Assistance

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- Two Chairs: IFRC Psychosocial Centre & WHO, 45+ member agencies
- Improve the quality of, and access to, MHPSS programming in emergencies
- Work in refugee, clusterised and migration settings – IASC Secretariat
- Dissemination of MHPSS Guidelines
- MHPSS cuts across sectors and clusters - part of Victim Assistance
Psychosocial Workers & Rehabilitation Workers – a holistic approach to Victim Assistance

- Physiotherapy
- Physical rehabilitation
- Prosthetic devices
- Assistive devices
- Referrals

Rehabilitation Worker

Psychosocial Worker

- Psychosocial support – lay counselling
- Support to caregivers
- Peer support + referrals
- Group activities in centres
- Service user groups

Community Centre

Home visits

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Key messages


● **Authorities in Affected Areas** – continue to invest in your health, rehabilitation and social care services. Think about how these services can be brought closer together to form holistic care for affected persons.

● **Donor Community** - “*Place the person at the centre of humanitarian response*” (World Humanitarian Summit 2016). Fund holistic programmes and cross-cutting issues that encourage collaboration across clusters.