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IASC Reference Group for Mental Health and
Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings

A Holistic Approach to Victim Assistance

National Directors Mine Action Conference

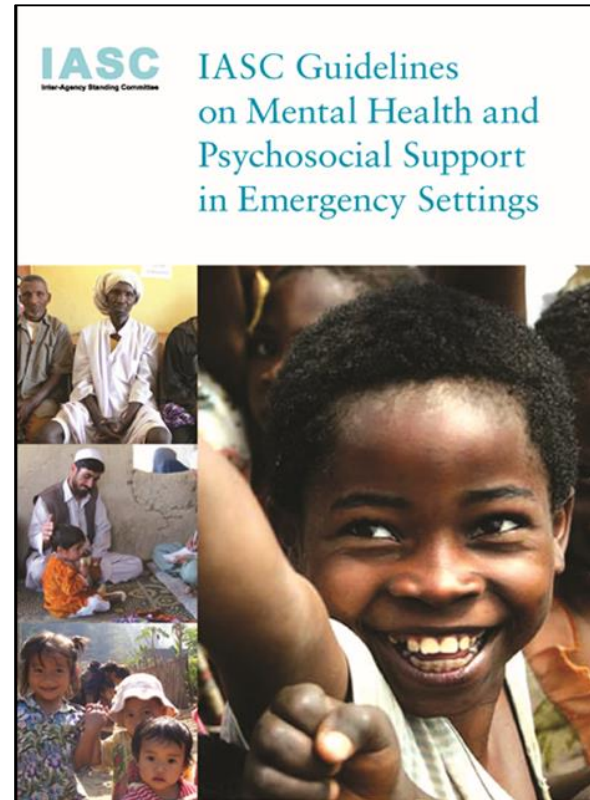
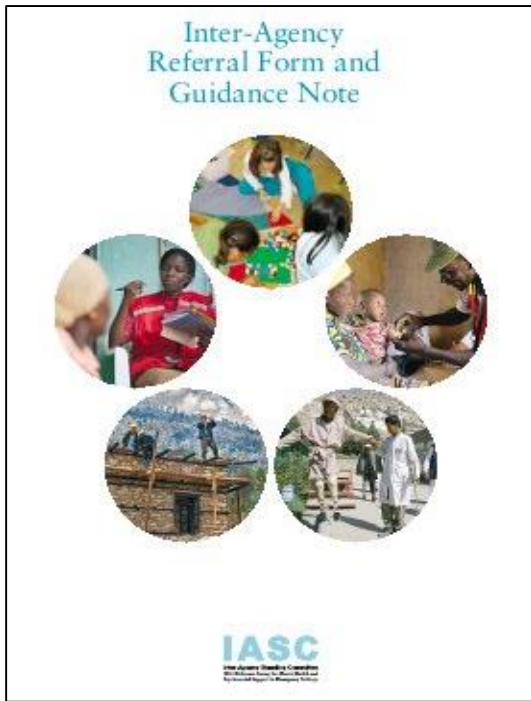
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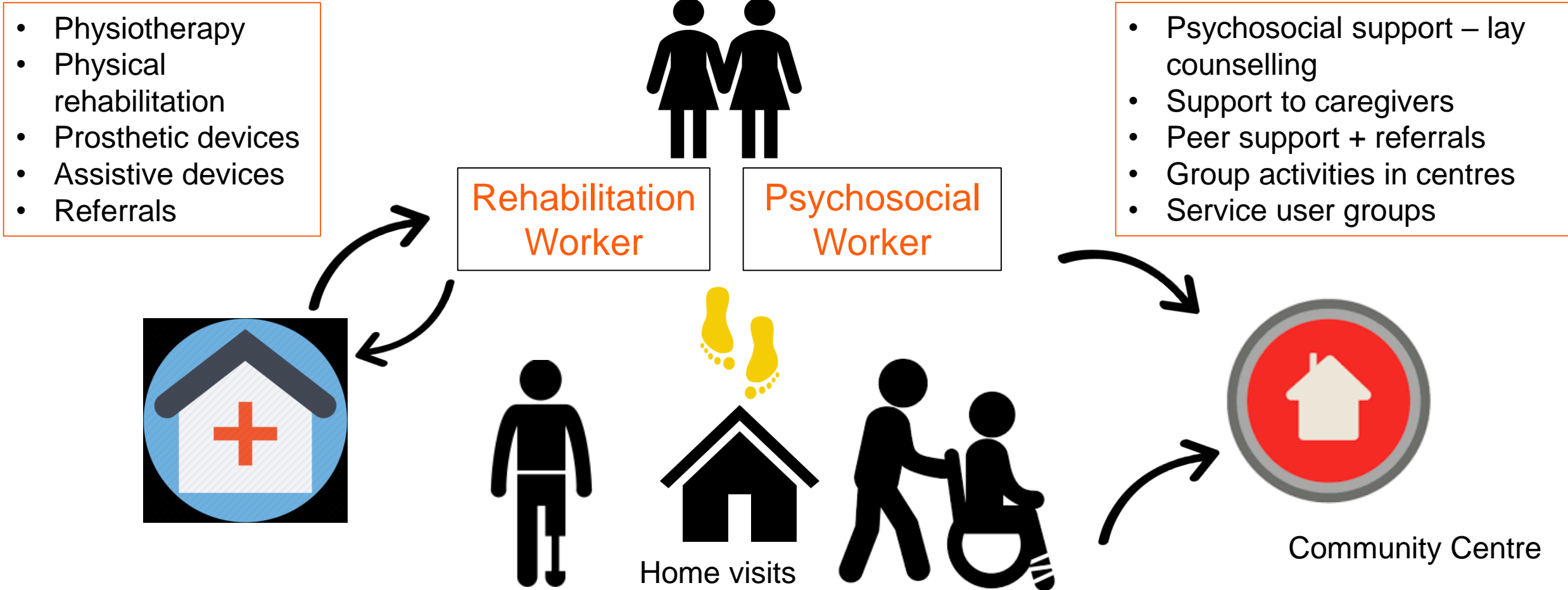
IASC Reference Group on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support



- 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



Key messages

- **Mine Action Operators & Centers** – You are not alone! Seek partnerships and collaborations with agencies. Advocate for services for VA to appear in Humanitarian Needs Overviews and Humanitarian Response Plans.
- **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.