



MHPSS led income-generating activity training in Cathedral Collective Centre, Wau. © Headon/ IOM 2018

MHPSS Frontline Services

IOM reached 32,926 persons from IDP and host communities in Wau and Malakal through 170 community sensitization activities and focus group discussions with various wellbeing, protection and health-related messages. These messages focused on the following topics: early and forced marriage, gender-based violence (GBV) and sexually transmitted diseases, youth and adolescent social behaviors, access to treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS, personal hygiene and health, women's and girl's rights, prison inmates' rights, peace and reconciliation, livelihoods, childcare, men's peer support, child rights and back to school programme promotion, aid to the elderly, and alcohol abuse. IOM also participated in the state-level roll-out of the campaign for 'Prevention and Ending Early Marriages in South Sudan' in September 2018 in collaboration with the Wau Protection Cluster and State Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare (MoGCSW).

65 new peer support groups for young mothers, children, women, widows, persons with disabilities and elderly people were formed in Wau and Malakal. There are currently 229 active groups (190 in Wau and 39 in Malakal).

Income generating activities were scaled-up in Wau. In Nazareth and Lokoloko collective sites, the beneficiaries are learning how to make shopping bags from ketenge cloth and recycled sacks, and fishing nets. At Cathedral Collective site, IDPs are also learning shoe making using and recycling local materials such as car tires.

MHPSS resumed out-of-Wau-town outreach in collaboration with IOM's MHU Rapid Response team on 5 September. Areas of Baggari, Bazia and Farajallah were visited by lead counsellors/ MHPSS mobile team members on a weekly basis.

MHPSS Q3 HIGHLIGHTS

89,753

individuals reached with MHPSS services in Q3

3,101

caregivers supported through home visits and inclusion in support group activities and counselling

7,449

individuals joined MHPSS peer support groups

8,456

individuals provided Psychological First Aid (PFA)

89

INGOS, NGOs, government, UN, and faith- and community-based organizations which provide MHPSS services in South Sudan provided inputs to the MHPSS TWG 4ws.

3,957

new individuals admitted for counselling services (1,238 children and 2,719 adults)

Measuring the Status of Well-Being

IOM continued to explore the status of well-being of IDPs using the World Health Organization's WHO-5 Well-Being Index (WHO-5) in their initial interviews or home/family visits. As of September 2018, a total of 496 (416 newly admitted and 80 current cases since December 2017) MHPSS programme beneficiaries from Wau Protection of Civilians Adjacent Area (PoC-AA) site and Cathedral Collective site were selected for participation in pre-testing. The overall average score during the pre-test was 16.03 (64.15%) and was recorded for both the new and current programme participants. A post-test was conducted for 307 out of the 496 participants, with an average score recorded of 80.59%. The average improvement rate of 15.76%, which is significant, given the expected global average improvement rate stands at 10%.

An average score of 17.76 (71.05%) was recorded for the current programme participants for this pre-test. New programme participants had an average score of 15.70 (62.83%) which is lower compared to those who have received supports either from the MHPSS services or through other means, attesting to the success of the program.

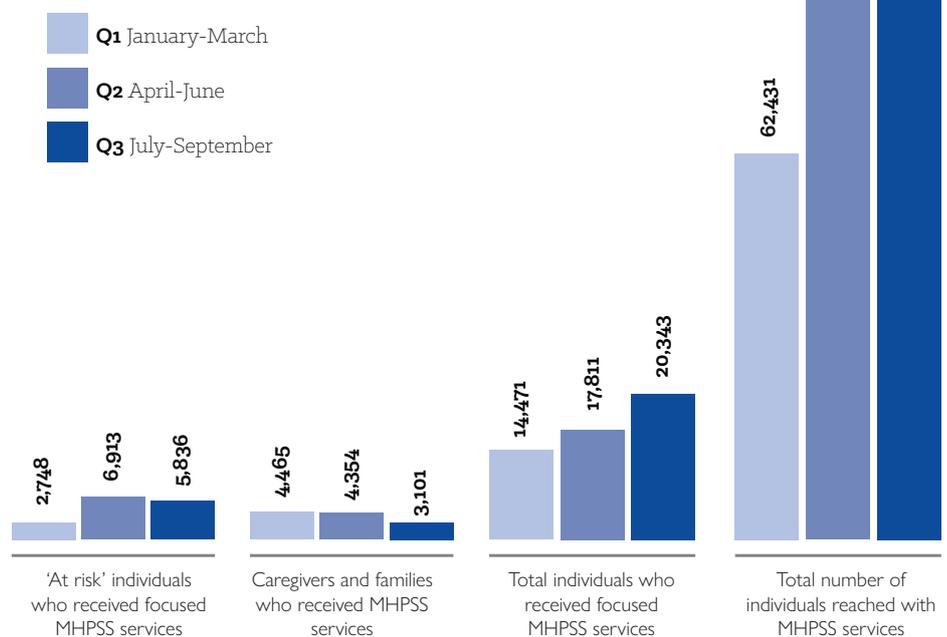
In total, 51 participants scored lower than 13 (red flag score), which can indicate current concerns or stress-related factors on well-being. They were closely followed-up both at the center and in their homes by the MHPSS mobile teams.

Quarter 3 Trainings & Events

The MHPSS programme strategy meeting and staff retreat was held in July in Juba. A draft programme strategy was prepared by MHPSS field teams to guide the programmatic direction of the MHPSS South Sudan team for 2018 and 2019.

Two MoGSCW social workers attended a training in Nairobi on human trafficking. IOM is partnering with them to train other social workers.

MHPSS SERVICES IN 2018 (to date)



MHPSS Success Stories



In Cathedral Collective site, 18 children (5 boys and 13 girls) who were admitted to PSS non-formal learning programme in November 2016 were referred to the Norwegian Refugee Council's Formal Education in Emergencies project. Their parents were unable to afford the scholastic materials and school fees, so they were offered a primary school scholarship after passing the screening tests in July 2018. Five children were admitted to Primary Level 2 (P-2) and the rest were registered to Primary Level 1 (P-1). During home visits, the parents of those children were very excited and happy to see their children continue with their studies.

IOM MHPSS teams educate out-of-school children in non-formal classes in Wau Cathedral Collective Centre. ©McLaughlin/ IOM 2018