

Part-time psychologist (female)

Purpose

To support the realization of the overall objective of the project through providing psychosocial support to patients and their families and organizes and coordinates psychological service activities and in accordance to standards for the provision of psychological services. For this purpose, project is requiring a psychologist to provide the Psychological counselling services for community members in targeted area. Psychologist will work on average 2 days/week.

Background

Many of the repatriated families, in particular mothers and children in Kosovo find it very difficult to adapt when returned. They were born or have lived in host countries for many years, were well integrated there and considered these countries as their real home. A number of them have had to go through traumatic experiences during the war and while seeking refuge. They happen to be highly vulnerable and have difficulties in coping with new traumas. Some of them experience psychological problems such as depression and anxiety. Others suffer from post-traumatic stress syndrome and other serious mental health conditions.

To support the reintegration of repatriated and vulnerable Roma, Ashkali and Egyptians in the four targeted communities the project will provide counselling. Both individual and group counselling sessions will be organized to empower the beneficiaries and help them to acquire new perspectives, supporting them and showing that the solution to numerous challenges they face can only be found through joint effort. This may also include trauma therapy for those who were the victims of domestic and/or sexual violence and returnees.

General duties and responsibilities

Provide psychological support service for women, young girls and children in target area

Maintain hope in the context of coping with social difficulties

Respond to psychological emergencies

Provide and document a psycho-social assessment

Provide psychological support to beneficiaries

Supports project personnel or provide direct support in preparing goal plans and care plans for project beneficiaries

Actively participate in planning and implementation of initiatives to improve the level of service

Support project personnel to establish and maintain cooperation with Centers for Social Welfare and/or Safe Houses and other social service providers

Keep records in database and assist if needed to prepare documentation of beneficiaries

Provide on-going counselling sessions and psychological assessments including assessment of mental health needs and risk assessment

Establish a collaborative working relationship with community members based on trust and respect

Collect information about clients through interviews, observational techniques, tests and other assessment methods

Screen for the presence of mental disorders, depression, substance abuse and risky sexual behavior

Guide community members in the development of skills and strategies for coping with their problems.

Counsel family members to assist them in giving support and understanding the issues/challenges facing them

Provide crisis counselling/intervention to clients and their family members and partners

Ensure psychological follow-up, including referral to other institutions and follow-up when necessary

Prepare and maintain all required treatment records and reports

Maintain confidentiality of records relating to clients' treatment

Facilitate monthly support group sessions

Prepare and submit monthly report to project coordinator

Other duties assigned by the project Coordinator

Specific duties and responsibilities

Psychological testing, includes face-to-face time administering tests, time interpreting results and preparing report

Alcohol and/or substance abuse structured screening and brief intervention services

Service plan development with and/or without patient present

Psychotherapy 30 mins (individual or group)

Psychological evaluation and support for stress/anxiety management for project beneficiaries

Family psychotherapy (w/o patient present)

Multiple family group psychotherapy

Group psychotherapy other than a multiple family group

Substance abuse counseling — individual

Substance abuse counseling — group

Peer support services

Crisis intervention services face-to-face and telephonic

Rehabilitative psychosocial services

Medication training and support (face-to-face)

Requirements

Graduated psychologist

Minimum 2 years of relevant work experience

Organizational skills and ability to delegate tasks

Knowledge of English - medium / high level

Confidential, open-minded, dependable, non-judgmental

Good listening skills

Ability to analyze and solve problems.

Excellent oral, written and presentation skills

Strong interpersonal skills

Ability to work professionally and cooperate with team members and representatives of other organizations/institutions

Strong team player

Willing to work beyond the call of duty

Proficiency in the use of relevant computer applications