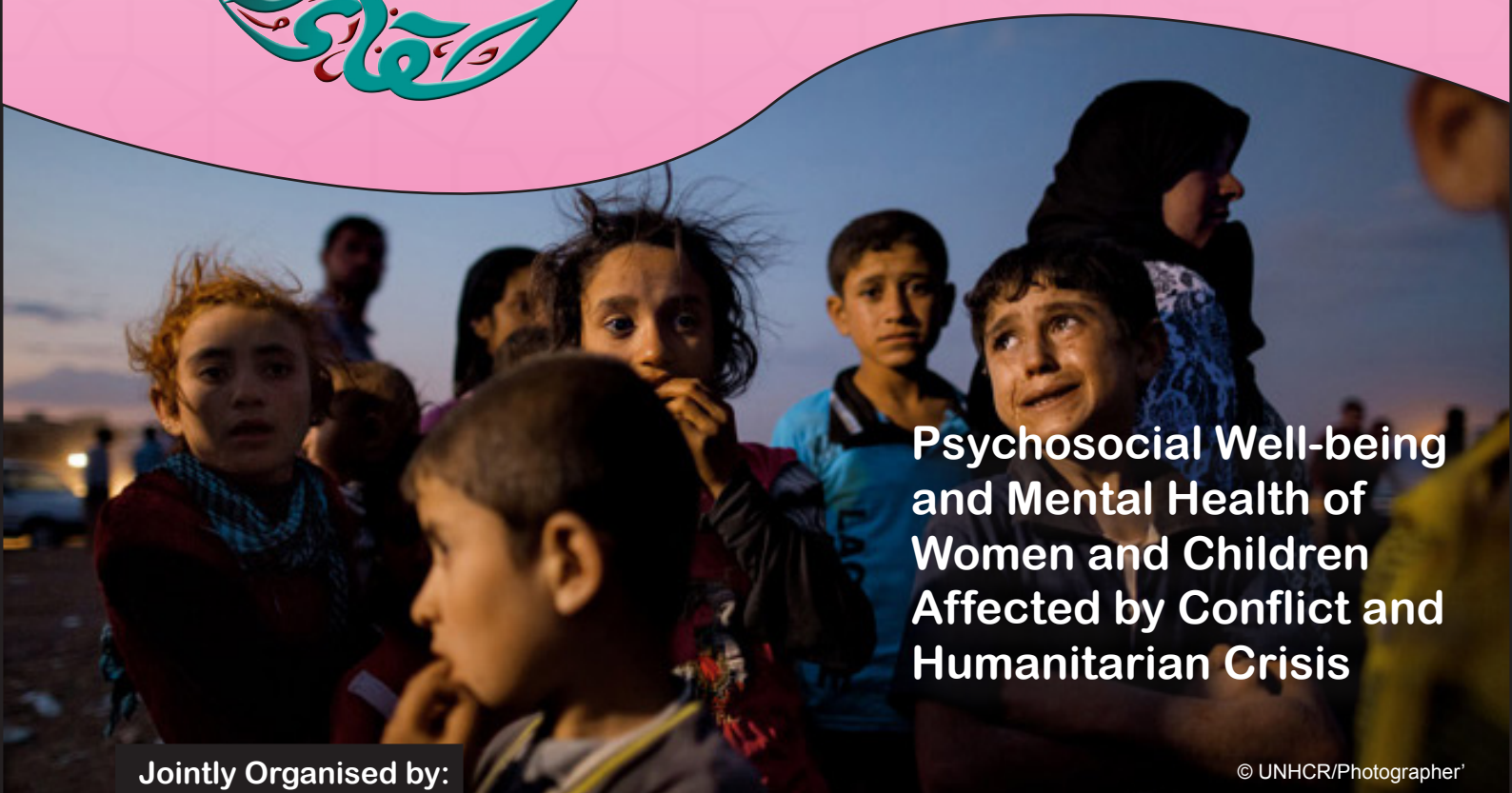


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Psychosocial Well-being
and Mental Health of
Women and Children
Affected by Conflict and
Humanitarian Crisis

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Introduction

The 1st International Islamic Initiatives on Peace Building 2017 will be organised as a form of collaboration and partnership between inter-governmental, academia and civil society organisations. It is dedicated to improve the psychosocial well-being and mental health care for women and children in conflict zones through improving both; the policy and the practice. An integrated approach will guide the event's proceedings as well as giving focus on Islamic principles with special attention on protecting women and children's rights.

Background

The recent increase of armed conflicts, displacement and humanitarian situations witnessed a tremendous growth of mental issues and psychosocial needs of affected individuals. The United Nations has estimated that over 65 million people worldwide are currently displaced, half of which remain in unstable and insecure locations. They face pervasive psychosocial effects, including emotional disorders, severe mental disorders and other psychological reactions, such as chronic anger, underpinned by either pre-existing or emerging humanitarian-aid related problems. Yet, the psychological and mental impact of conflict and emergency situations on the vast majority of the affected people is underwhelmingly unaccounted. The statistics indicate that women and children are in particular disproportionately affected in crisis situations and majority of refugees are actually women and children.

They experience horrifying realities as they face fear, insecurity, loss of relatives, different forms of exploitation, trauma and severe multiple violations of their rights. The interplay of contributing factors and extreme stress significantly increase their vulnerability to violence and abuse (including women's forced sex, child labour, child soldiers, sexual exploitation, rape and child marriage), adding on to their physical pain and agony, lack of resources and mental suffering.

According to WHO's Constitution "health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity." However, insufficient resources and contextual factors cause poor recognition of the mental dimension of health and psychosocial well-being, which in result makes the mental health and psychosocial needs widely unattended on a global scale.

Some sporadic efforts to address these needs already exist, (governmental, NGO, individual), however a global Islamic initiative to address this growing phenomenon is missing. Reports have shown that refugee Camps located on the fringes of conflict zones lack the basic services dedicated for mental health care. Even if these services are provided, they are either out-numbered by the huge influx of refugees or being under equipped due to the lack of funds and expertise.

Despite the fact that women and children's rights to dignity and health (be it physical or mental) are guaranteed across the different international legal frameworks, including the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1966), the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (1979), the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989), their rights to mental health and psychosocial well-being are severely neglected in most current humanitarian crisis. Jeopardizing further, the realization of global commitments towards Women and Children protection in particular and gender equality and justice for all.

Thus governments, policy makers, researchers and the civil society at large need to intensify the efforts for the provision of mental health services in order to meet the growing needs of those affected in conflict zones especially in low-resourced, volatile and conflict-ridden regions such as in Myanmar, Iraq, Yemen, Syria, Somalia, Sudan, Niger and also in refugees hosting countries such as Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and Malaysia.

Globally, there is a need to strengthen and develop the existing human-rights oriented mental health and psychosocial well-being policies in order to respond to the growing needs of women and children trapped in conflict zones all over the world. In addition, the needs and rights of the most vulnerable groups, such as people with disabilities, older people and their caregivers, should be recognised to guarantee equitable access and inclusive intersectional response.

Therefore, the policy and practice need to integrate the mental health and psycho-social initiatives into wider systems (e.g. existing community support mechanisms, school systems, health services, social services, etc.).

Also, the pre-existing challenges need to be dealt with, in order to facilitate the attainment of women and children with mental health or psychosocial needs to mental health and care. Mental health services should be better equipped and designed in a way that would not expose anybody to further harm, but would guarantee confidentiality and respect for all regardless of their racial, and religious backgrounds, age or abilities. This could be done when the stigma about the psychological distress and mental illness in mainly conservative societies, is being taken into consideration. Equitable access to mental health services, protection in addition to information need to become available for survivors, including women and girls with disabilities, who are three times likely to experience violence than other women, and for victims of torture as well.

Objectives

The main objectives of the 1st International Islamic Initiatives on Peace Building 2017 (IIPEACE 2017) are as follows:

1. To bring together policy makers, researchers, donors, humanitarian and development practitioners and media to build evidence-based recommendations for the improvement of policies concerning humanitarian aid and intervention programs for the victims of conflicts.
2. To raise the awareness and create commitments to inclusively respond to growing mental health and psychosocial needs of women and children in conflict zones.
3. To create a platform/a committee that will continue to work in the long term, on any action plan/resolutions to be identified and recommended by the intended events (Expert meeting, Training and Conference). For example, this may include conducting specialised researches in order to improve the quality of Psychosocial programmes, global advocacy and to influence the policy development process.
4. To share the latest innovative approaches and practices in the field about psychosocial and mental health policies and care.
5. To explore the role of faith (with a special focus on Islam) in mental health and psychosocial programs and the role of non-traditional actors, i.e. faith-based organisations in promoting recovery and resilience.

Modus Operandi of the Event

IIPEACE 2017 will be conducted at PWTC, Kuala Lumpur, from 18 to 21 of September 2017. The program will include one day international conference on “women and children in conflict zones” organised by IIUM followed by one day sharing sessions of experts on Psychosocial care programs for Practitioners to be organised by international centre for global peace IIUM. An “International Meeting of Experts on Peace Building” will follow suit from 20th to 21st September 2017.

The total number of the invited guests/Experts amounts to 30 participants of which 10 are locals and 20 are internationals. The participants represent renowned researchers and INGOs practitioners and activists working in the field. The proceedings shall be available in virtual spaces as well and finalised with a summary of recommendations/resolutions and action plans.

Conference Secretariat

The conference secretariat is the International Islamic University Malaysia. The Organising Committee comprises of 8th Muslim World Biz and a representative from Islamic Relief Worldwide, IHH, Hasene and Diyanet.

Themes for discussion at the International Meeting of Experts

1. Setting the context of the Psychosocial care programmes in humanitarian crises
2. The importance of faith in Psychological Care practices
3. Protection of safe motherhood and children's rights from Islamic perspectives
4. Status of the Psychological health of women and children in conflict ridden regions (Syria, Palestine, Iraq, Sudan, Myanmar and Yemen)
5. The Legal Protection of Women and Children's rights in conflict zones
6. Role of OIC/Islamic Relief and affiliation institutions in protecting women and children's rights in conflict regions.

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Date 17th September 2017 (Sunday)
Welcoming dinner for invited guest
Venue: Seri Pacific Hotel, KL
Time: 8:00 pm



PROGRAMMES

DAY 1: 18th SEPTEMBER 2017 (MONDAY)

PROGRAMME 1: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON “PSYCHOSOCIAL AND LEGAL PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN CONFLICT ZONES”

VENUE: TUN HUSSEIN ONN HALL A, PWTC

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Registration & Breakfast	
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Arrival of VVIPs & VIPs	
9:30 am - 10:00 am	Opening Speech	YB Prof. Dato' Sri Dr. Zaleha Kamarudin Rector, IIUM
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Inaugural Speech	YB Dato' Sri Rohani Abdul Karim Minister, Women, Family and Community Development
11:00 am - 11:45 am	Session 1: “Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflicts”	Lt. Col. Azlan Iskandar bin Dato' Hj Ghani Universiti Pertahanan Nasional Malaysia
11:45 am - 12:30 pm	Session 2: “Violence Against Women & Children in Conflict Zones: Legal Protection”	Prof. Dr. Abdul Ghafur Hamid IIUM
12.30 pm - 2.00 pm	Lunch & Prayer	
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Session 3: “Protection of Women & Children in Conflict Zones: The Islamic Approach”	Dr. Rohaiza Abd. Rokis and Dr. Fatmir Shehu IIUM
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Session 4: “Plights of Women & Children in Conflict Zones: Firsthand Experience handling Syrian & Gaza Crises from NGO Perspective”	Cikgu Azmi Abdul Hamid Majlis Perundingan Pertubuhan Islam Malaysia (MAPIM)
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Session 5: “Rohingya Humanitarian Crisis and its effects on Women and Children”	Dr. Mohd Hassan Ahmad IIUM
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Session 6: “Exploring Ways to Provide Education in Conflict Zones: Implementations and Challenges”	Dr. Kamal J. I. Badrasawi and Iman Osman Ahmed Iyad M. Eid, IIUM
4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Session 7: “Women & Children in Conflict and Situations of Violence”	Representative from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Session 8: “Conflict Resolution & Building Peace: Islamic Perspective”	Prof. Dr. Mohamad Naqib Ishan Jan and Dr. Luqman Zakariyah IIUM
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Resolution	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Badruddin Hj Ibrahim IIUM

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DAY 2: 19th SEPTEMBER 2017 (TUESDAY)

PROGRAMME: SHARING SESSIONS WITH EXPERTS ON
PSYCHOSOCIAL CARE PROGRAMS FOR PRACTITIONERS
VENUE: MELAKA ROOM, PWTC

TIME	TOPIC	FORMAT
10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Sharing Sessions with Experts on Psychosocial care programs for Practitioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation • Learning exchange

DAY 3: 20th SEPTEMBER 2017 (WEDNESDAY)

PROGRAMME: INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF EXPERTS
VENUE: MELAKA ROOM, PWTC

Theme: The Psychological Well-being and Mental Health Needs of Women and Children Affected by Humanitarian

TIME	TOPIC	FORMAT
10:00 am - 10:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Du'aa Opening remarks by chairperson and briefing on objectives and expected outcomes of the meeting. Followed by guidelines of discussion. 	Roundtable discussion
10:30 pm - 10:45 am	Break	
TIME	SESSION	RATIONALE VS. OBJECTIVES
10:45 am - 1:00 am	<p>Session 1: Review of current mental health and psycho-social needs and rights of women and children affected by conflict and humanitarian situations in Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Niger, Somalia</p> <p><i>Method: panel of experts and humanitarian workers</i></p>	<p>Raise awareness on the current needs and rights on the ground</p> <p>Develop special focus on situation of children and their rights and survivors of GBV</p>
1:00 pm - 2:15 am	Break	
2:15 pm- 3:45 pm	<p>Session 2: Review of current mental health and psychosocial policy and practice in humanitarian crisis; identifying gaps and good case practices</p> <p><i>Method – learning exchange:</i> 1) <i>Thematic presentations or world café type of a session (table rotation)</i></p>	<p>Share evidence, good case practices and innovative approaches and to identify what has worked and what has not worked;</p> <p>Refer to sectoral guidelines, e.g. <i>Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings</i>, including faith-sensitive psychosocial programming</p>
3:45 pm - 4:00 pm	Break	
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	<p>Session 3: The role of faith in mental health and psychosocial policy and practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith sensitive psychosocial programming Relevance of faith based counselling in humanitarian settings, including Islamic counselling Role of faith institutions in building preparedness and resilience <p><i>Method – learning exchange: panel/world café</i></p>	Explore the role of faith in mental health and psycho-social programming and the role of non-traditional actors, i.e. faith-based organisations and faith structures in promoting recovery and resilience
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	<p>Session 4: Identifying gaps in current policy and practice, sharing recommendations</p> <p><i>Method: Roundtable discussion</i></p>	<p>Mobilise commitments and start building a roadmap for change (action plan). Agree on focus areas that will be discussed in day 2</p>
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	<p>Summary of day 3 and Focus Areas (in light of learning points from day 1 and proposed recommendations).</p> <p><i>Method: Roundtable discussion</i></p>	<p>Mobilise commitments and start building a roadmap for change (action plan). Agree on focus areas that will be discussed in day 2</p>

DAY 4: 21st SEPTEMBER 2017 (THURSDAY)

PROGRAMME: INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF EXPERTS
VENUE: MELAKA ROOM, PWTC

TIME	SESSION	RATIONALE VS. OBJECTIVES
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Opening of Day 4	Introduce outcomes expected from day 4
9:30 am - 11:00 am	Session 5: Focus areas in depth discussions <i>Method: group work</i>	Discuss deeper the problems of identified focus areas in day 1, challenges/needs and potential solutions, short-term and long-term goals
11:00 am-11:15 am	Break	
11:15 am - 1:00 pm	Session 6: Presentations of group work and feedback in the plenary <i>Method: plenary group presentations</i>	All plenary to learn about proposals from group work and input to each other's work
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch	
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Session 7: Roadmap and Way forward <i>Method: Roundtable discussion</i>	Mobilize commitments, agree on joint long-term and short-term goals, define responsibilities and resources (action plan)
3:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Break	
3:45 pm - 4:45 pm	Session 8: What's next? Post-workshop mechanism for enhanced collaboration <i>Method: Roundtable discussion</i>	Establish a committee that will coordinate the agreed action plan
4:45 pm - 5:00 pm	Summary of the workshop – the roadmap for change and action plan in focus	Agree on proposed workshop outcome and follow-up, agree on commitments.



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