



KERALA STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY – EVENT REPORT (10/11/2025)

Event Report

Virtual Meeting organized by NDMA with SDMA's on MHPSS framework and its implementation

FIELD	DETAILS
Event Name	Meeting with SDMA's to Sensitize Them on the MHPSS and its implementation
Event Date	10 -11- 2025
Duration of the Event	2 hours
Event Venue	Virtual Meeting
Conducted / Organised by	National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)
Details of the Event	<p>The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) convened a virtual meeting with representatives from the State Disaster Management Authorities (SDMA's) of the 12 States and 2 Union Territories identified for the rollout of the National Programme on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS). The primary objective of the session was to sensitize and orient the nominated State/UT Nodal Officers about the national framework, implementation roadmap, and operational expectations for the MHPSS Programme. The meeting was led by Shri Krishna S. Vatsa Member, NDMA, supported by Ghanishta Suri, MHPSS Consultant at NDMA, Dr. Chetna Duggal from TISS–Rahbar.</p> <p>A major component of the session was the presentation by Dr. Chetna Duggal, who elaborated on the four-phase implementation structure to be followed by the States/UTs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Phase I – Orientation: This phase involves sensitizing SDMA members and key state-level stakeholders on the concepts of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support, the MHPSS pyramid, community-based support mechanisms, and the importance of integrating psychosocial considerations into disaster management frameworks.Phase II – Pre-Disaster Assessment: NDMA, in collaboration with TISS Rahbar, will conduct a detailed pre-disaster MHPSS assessment across the selected States and UTs. A separate workshop will be organized for SDMA officials to train them on the assessment methodology, data collection processes, tools, and reporting formats. States are expected to complete the assessment and submit the final report to NDMA for review and further action.Phase III – Capacity Building and Training of Trainers (ToTs): Dr. Duggal also outlined the modules to be covered during the ToTs, such as



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	<p>integrating MHPSS into disaster response, specialized and non-specialized psychosocial support services, trauma-informed care, and strengthening community-level capacities. Some of these ToTs, especially those focused on mental health professionals, will be conducted by NIMHANS.</p> <p>4. Phase IV – Monitoring, Outreach, and Refresher Trainings: This phase includes biannual monitoring of MHPSS activities by States, dissemination of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials, and conducting online refresher training sessions for previously trained personnel.</p> <p>The meeting concluded with doubt clarification and suggestions of SDMA's</p>
Total Number of Participants	10
Number of Females	4
Number of Males	6
Number of Others (Non-binary / Transgender)	
Number of Children (below 18 years)	
Role Played by the Officer(s)	Attended the meeting as the State representative from KSDMA- Ziya Arun (HA Psychology)
Output from the Event	Enhanced understanding of the national MHPSS framework and implementation roadmap. Clarity on pre-disaster assessment process, training phases, reporting mechanisms,
Sendai Framework Priority Addressed	Priority 1: Understanding Disaster Risk Priority 2: Strengthening Disaster Risk Governance Priority 4: Enhancing Disaster Preparedness for Effective Response
PM's 10-Point Agenda – Point Number(s)	PM 8: Build on local capacity and initiative
SDG Goal(s) Aligned	SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-being



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