Afghanistan Mental Health Workgroup

Afghanistan Mental Health Workgroup was formed in 2005 by HHS’s Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in response to Afghan Ministry of Public Health’ request for technical support to integrate behavioral health care into Afghanistan’s Basic Package of health Services (BPHS). The mission of this Workgroup is fourfold: 1. **Coordinate** behavioral health activities (including psychosocial, mental health and substance abuse services and training) in Afghanistan; 2. **Provide technical assistance** in planning, implementing and improving behavioral health services; 3. Support **capacity building** in behavioral health and training of Afghan mental health practitioners and allied health professionals. 4. Pursue close **collaborations** with other US and international agencies (including the World Bank). The Workgroup members consist of officials from Afghanistan’s MoPH (MH Directorate), US government agencies (including HHS, USAID, and DOD, CDC, NICHD), the European Community (EC), faculty from US higher education institutions, other expert consultants to SAMHSA and NGOs working in behavioral health in Afghanistan.