Integrating Psychosocial Support in NS Programmes

Integrated Programming [IP]

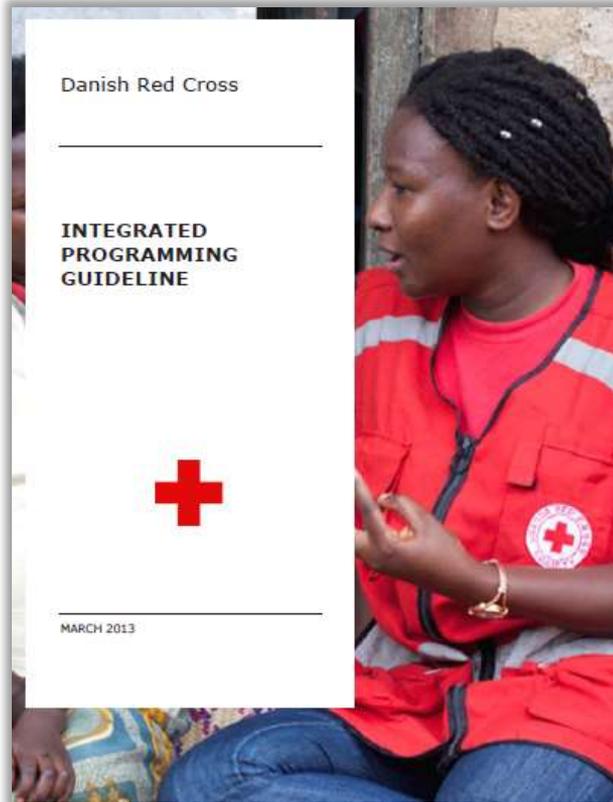'… a holistic approach to addressing the risks and needs faced by the community...

'… [it] is an approach that **incorporates key components of the National society's core programme areas into a holistic programme model**, which recognizes the beneficiary/beneficiaries in their **totality of needs and rights**.'

- IFRC (2009) South Asia IPA checklist

Benefits of IP

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➢ Holistic response to community's priority needs

➢ Address multiple risks, tackle underlying causes of vulnerability

➢ More sustained, effective program impacts

➢ Efficiencies resulting from joint activities and reporting

➢ Alignment with donor programming requirements

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Group discussion

- ➢ Share your experience in integrating PSS into other NS programme/s

- ➢ How did integration take place? What were the steps taken?

- ➢ In the integration of PSS, discuss 3-5 key <u>facilitating</u> and <u>hindering</u> factors?

- ➢ *Write group outputs on a flipchart*

- ➢ *Assign a group reporter*

Some considerations in IP

➢ Appropriate host department; engagement of other depts

➢ Clearly defined roles of departments and individuals

➢ Staffing – mix of generalists; programme and technical specialists, including soft skills

➢ Clear and understood programming systems and procedures

➢ Participatory objective setting, programme planning and management

➢ Communication and coordination mechanisms

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Some considerations in IP

➢ Common vocabulary, understanding of terms

➢ Common tools – assessment, training, IEC/BCC materials

➢ Joint trainings of staff and volunteers

➢ Balance volunteer capacity, time and skills