

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT INTERVENTIONS ARE ESSENTIAL TO ALL PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN ASSOCIATED WITH ARMED FORCES AND ARMED GROUPS

The guidance is for front-line child protection and MHPSS workers to better understand the MHPSS needs of children at risk of recruitment into or exiting from armed forces and armed groups

The guidance can be used to develop mental health and psychosocial support programmes and strengthen national and local capacity to manage mental health and psychosocial support needs of children, adolescents, their families and communities.

- ✓ Integrate MHPSS in all programmes for CAAFAG and other conflict-affected children
- ✓ Cultivate safe, supportive, nurturing, non-discriminatory environments
- ✓ Strengthen health, education and child protection systems to enable improved access to MHPSS services
- ✓ Actively engage CAAFAG, other conflicte-affected children families and communities
- ✓ Work for evidence based and -informed approaches to support MHPSS of CAAFAG and other conflict-affected children.

