

“Virtual library on gender equality and gender-based violence”

Background

- The Mental Health Program of Socios En Salud (the Peru-based office of PIH), with the financial support of Grand Challenges Canada- GCC, wants to introduce a virtual library section in the collaborative cross-site Mental Health Learning Collaborative-MHLC.
- The new section will be centered in gender in order to guide the work of the implementers *regarding the integration of gender equality perspective and GBV strategies.*
- This initiative seeks to increase and improve mental health services and interventions, and to *ensure gender awareness and knowledge in the services provided to communities.*
- This is a pilot project and the first step to strengthen the learning system in mental health for *the PIH offices in Lesotho, Liberia, Mexico, and Peru.*

Objectives

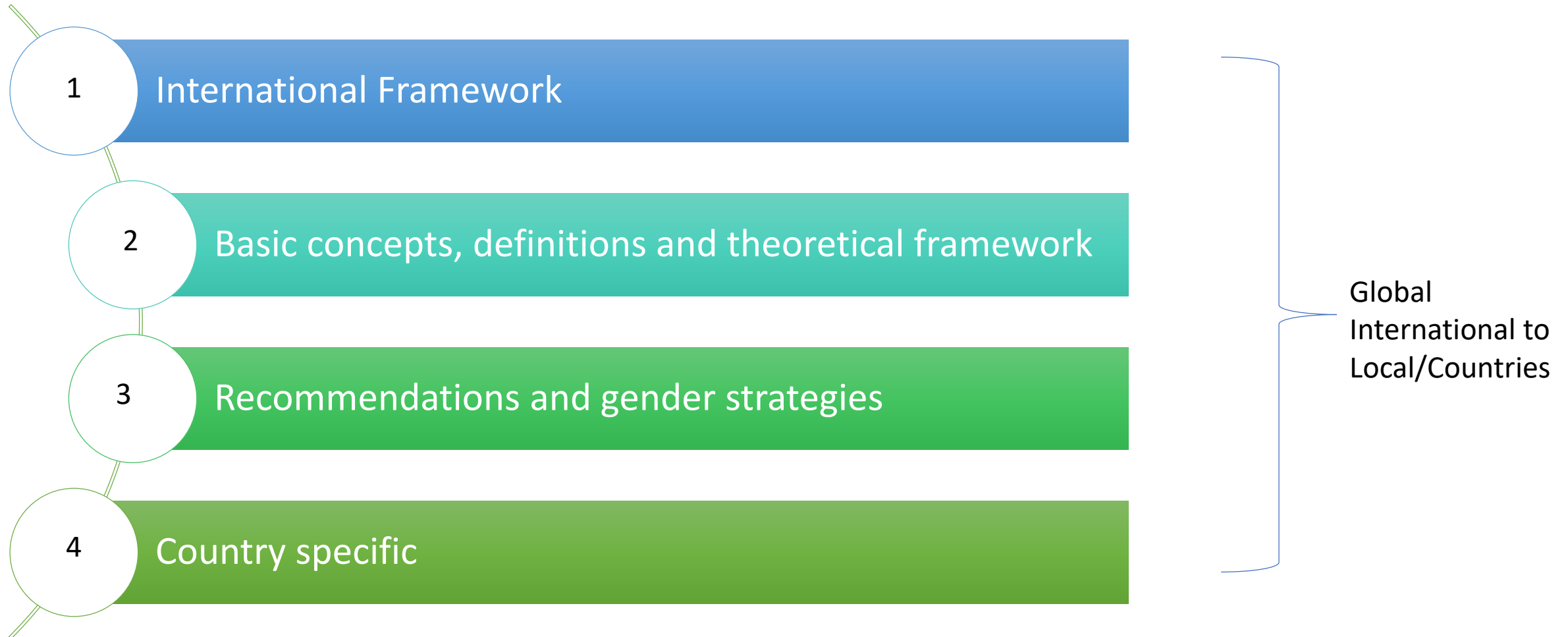
General consultancy objective:

- To select resources to be included in a virtual library focused on gender equality and GBV.

Specific consultancy objectives¹:

- To inform and guide mental health implementers regarding integration of gender equity strategies in their programming.
- To inform and guide mental health implementers on how to prevent, treat, and properly address GBV.

Findings organized in 4 levels



Sources of information (1)

First level:

International Framework

United Nations (UN)
United Nations Population Fund (UNPFA)
United Nations Foundation

Second level:

Basic concepts, definitions and theoretical framework

European Commission (EC)
World Health Organization (WHO)
Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
Commonwealth
World Bank (WB)
Interamerican Development Bank (IADB)
African Development Bank (ADB)
International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)
Global Think Tanks and Research Centers
International Cooperation Agencies (USAID, GIZ)

Sources of information (2)

Third level:

Recommendations and gender strategies

United Nations (UN)
United Nations Population Fund (UNPFA)
United Nations Foundation
European Commission (EC)
World Health Organization (WHO)
Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
Commonwealth
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Think Tanks
International NGOs
African Union (AU)
International Cooperation Agencies (USAID, GIZ)

Fourth level:

Country specific

National Government
Regional Think Tanks
Local and International NGOs
International Cooperation Agencies (USAID, GIZ)
Local government institutions.

Characteristics of the initiative

- Information already filtered.
- Simple content
- Dynamic and up-to-date.
- Open access.
- Direct library administration by PIH mental health area.
- Reinforcement of the gender vision/strategy of PIH.
- Support training and work for PIH implementers on mental health in 4 selected countries.
- User and citizen feedback.

Search process stages and applied criteria

Criteria:

- **Relevance of the content**
- **Clarity of the content**
- **Date/validity**
- **Credibility**
- **Accessibility**
- **In concordance with PIH knowledge**

Search of web pages and available resources

Location of information

Information assessment

Information selection

Information organization



Important remarks

- This virtual library offers digital resources to all PIH mental health professionals and teams. **It aims to raise awareness about basic gender-concepts and terms, such as gender equality and equity.**
- The online compilation contains **all information necessary to understand and, thereby, recognize, adopt, and adhere to a certain (at least minimum) level of gender awareness and equality** in the PIH mental health projects and working environment.
- The digital library seeks to become a force helping to access information related to gender issues, mainly gender equality and GBV, and **to orient the work of PIH team members in the 4 countries specified above. Any advance in introducing gender equality will have a positive impact not only on the work of PIH, but also on the country's social development.**

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