

ONLINE PROGRAM

Hidden Scars: the Impact of Violence and the COVID-19 Pandemic on Women's Mental Health

DAY 1 – 18 May

8.45 AM	Virtual Waiting Room
9.00	Welcome remark and introduction by Carine Weiss Medicus Mundi Switzerland
	Part 1: Mental Health – Where do we stand today?
9.10	The Changing Landscape of Women's Mental Health: COVID-19 and its Impact by Batool Fatima, WHO
09.30	Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Mental Health Services Reform in Moldova, Valeriu Sava, SDC Moldova
09.50	From despair to hope – How I became a lawyer and psychotherapist for abused women and children in Cameroon by Marie Angele Abanga, Lawyer & Psychotherapist. Founder Hope for the Abused & Battered. Global Mental Health Peer Network (GMHPN)
10.10	Q&A with Batool Fatima, Valeriu Sava and Marie Abanga
10.45	Coffee Break
	Part 2. Mental Health and Gender-based Violence
11.15	Gender-based Violence and Femicide and Covid19 Combination in South Africa. Women's Worst Ordeal by Sinikiwe Biyela Life Line, South Africa
11.30	Q&A with Sinikiwe Biyela
11:55	Closing speech

DAY 2 – 19 May

8.45 AM	Virtual Waiting Room
9.00	Welcome remark and introduction by Carine Weiss Medicus Mundi Switzerland
	Part 3. Psychosocial support
9.10	Being a Compassionate Witness to the Impact of Violence: Self-care as Professional Obligation by Simone Lindorfer, independent psychosocial consultant, trauma specialist (Austria)
09.40	Stories of War. Healing the Wounds of Gender based Violence by Lumumba Mukong Mission 21 Cameroon
10.00	Mental Health in Primary Care. A Review of Abuse Reported in Rural Zimbabwe, before and during the COVID-19 Era by Janneke H. van Dijk, SolidarMed Zimbabwe
10.20	Q&A with Lumumba Mukong and Janneke H. van Dijk
10.45	Coffee Break
11.15	The Reckoning of Sol by Ayanda Makayi, MTV Shuga
11.35	Q&A with Ayanda Makayi
11:55	Closing speech and next steps