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The purpose of this journal is to make existing knowledge of mental health, psychosocial work and counselling in areas of armed conflict explicit and accessible to all interested parties, both in areas of armed conflict, and elsewhere. The journal publishes articles that are relevant for professionals working in areas of armed conflict, and for those working with refugees from areas of armed conflict, throughout the world.

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