

## Proposed regional framework to scale up action on mental health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

Domains	Strategic interventions	Proposed indicators
Governance	<ul> <li>Establish/update a multisectoral national policy/strategic action plan for mental health</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Country has an operational multisectoral national mental health policy/plan in line with international/regional human rights instruments<sup>a</sup></li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Embed mental health and psychosocial support in national emergency preparedness and recovery plans</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mental health and psychosocial support provision is integrated in the national emergency preparedness plans</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Review legislation related to mental health in line with international human rights covenants/ instruments</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Country has updated mental health legislation in line with international/regional human rights instruments</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Integrate priority mental conditions in the basic health delivery package of the government and social/private insurance reimbursement schemes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Inclusion of specified priority mental health conditions in basic packages of health care of public and private insurance/reimbursement schemes</li> <li>Enhanced budgetary allocations are in place for addressing the agreed upon national mental health service delivery targets</li> </ul>
Health care	<ul> <li>Establish mental health services in general hospitals for outpatient and short-stay inpatient care</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Proportion of general hospitals which have mental health units, including inpatient and outpatient units</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Integrate delivery of cost-effective, feasible and affordable evidence-based interventions for mental conditions in primary health care and other priority health programmes<sup>b</sup></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Proportion of persons with mental health conditions utilizing health services (disaggregated by age, sex, diagnosis and setting)</li> <li>Proportion of primary health care facilities with regular availability of essential psychotropic medicines</li> <li>Proportion of primary health care facilities with at least one staff trained to deliver non-pharmacological interventions</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Provide people with mental health conditions and their families with access to self-help and community-based interventions.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Downsize the existing long-stay mental hospitals</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Proportion of mental health facilities monitored annually to ensure protection of human rights of persons with mental conditions using quality and rights standards</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Implement best practices for mental health and psychosocial support in emergencies<sup>c</sup></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Proportion of health care workers trained in recognition and management of priority mental conditions during emergencies</li> </ul>
Promotion and prevention	<ul> <li>Provide cost-effective, feasible and affordable preventive interventions through community and population-based platforms<sup>d</sup></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Proportion of schools implementing the whole-school approach to promote life skills</li> <li>Proportion of mother and child health care personnel trained in providing early childhood care and development and parenting skills to mothers and families</li> <li>Proportion of mother and child health care personnel trained in early recognition and management of maternal depression</li> <li>Availability of operational national suicide prevention action plan</li> <li>Regular national campaigns to improve mental health literacy and reduce stigma using multiple delivery channels</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Train emergency responders to provide psychological first aid</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Psychological first aid (PFA ) training is incorporated in all emergency responder trainings at national level</li> </ul>
Surveillance, monitoring and research	<ul> <li>Integrate the core indicators within the national health information systems</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Routine data and reports at national level available on the core set of mental health indicators</li> </ul>
	Enhance the national capacity to undertake prioritized research	<ul> <li>Annual reporting of national data on numbers of deaths by suicide</li> </ul>

<sup>a</sup>Operational: refers to a policy, strategy or action plan which is being used and implemented in the country, with resources and funding available to implement it with a unit /department which has a specifically delineated budget, human resource allocation and authority to monitor the implementation of the policy/strategy in the country.

<sup>b</sup>Cost-effective, feasible and affordable evidence-based interventions ("best buys") for management of mental disorders include: treatment of epilepsy (with older first-line antiepileptic drugs), depression (with generic antidepressant drugs and psychosocial treatment), bipolar disorder (with the mood-stabilizer drug lithium), and schizophrenia (with older antipsychotic drugs and psychosocial treatment). However, there are a number of interventions for management of mental disorders starting in childhood and adolescence, anxiety and stress-related disorders and suicidal behaviours which can be classified as "good buys" and which are also part of the mhGAP intervention guide (mhGAP-IG) http://www.who.int/mental\_health/mhgap/en/.

'Best and good practices for mental health and psychosocial support in emergencies include: strengthen community self-help and social support; support early childhood development (ECD) activities; train and supervise staff in the management of mental health problems that are relevant to emergencies; provide evidence-based psychological interventions through lay workers; ensure regular supply of essential psychotropic medications; address the safety, basic needs and rights of people with severe or chronic mental illness in the community and institutions; encourage dissemination of information to the community at large.

disorders and promotion of mental health include: early child development and parenting skills interventions and laws and regulations to restrict access to means of self-harm/suicide. Mass information and awareness campaigns for promoting mental health literacy and reducing stigma; early recognition and management of maternal depression; identification, case detection and management in schools of children with mental, neurological and substance use (MNS) disorders; integrating mental health promotion strategies, such as stress reduction, into occupational health and safety policies; regulations to improve obstetric and perinatal care, strengthening immunization; salt iodization programmes; folic acid food fortification; and selective protein supplementation programmes to promote healthy cognitive development are recommended as "good practices"