



UPDATES & ACHIEVEMENTS

BANGLADESH

2022 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Government endorsement of National Mental Health Policy and National Mental Health Strategic Plan 2020-2030
- Baseline situational and readiness assessments (including M&E framework development and baseline data collection) completed in four selected districts, with WHO's partner, the Centre for Injury Prevention and Research
- mhGAP Training of Trainers and Supervisors arranged by Bangladesh's Directorate General of Health Services and National Institute of Mental Health and supported by WHO, was completed. Training included 21 psychiatrists, psychologists, and humanitarian workers from various government, non-government, INGO, and UN agencies
- A high-level meeting under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare was organized by the Non-Communicable Diseases Centre, DGHS on 6 November 2022 to discuss the integration of mental health services in community health care. Senior officials from the MoHFW, National Institute of Mental Health, the WHO Representative for Bangladesh Dr Rana and WCO staff, members from civil society organizations attended the meeting. Ms Saima Hossain, Chairperson, Shuchona Foundation and the Lead Consultant for the National Mental Health Strategic Plan spoke on the plan and urged the government to accelerate mental health service delivery in the country. The dedicated Secretariat for Special Initiative for Mental Health was also inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister

2023 IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

- Development of policy briefs on mental health in Bangladesh for strategic advocacy to enhance services, human resource capacity and financing
- Baseline assessment and roll-out of integrated services across the community, primary and secondary care facilities at the purposively selected implementation districts.
- To improve governance and leadership capacities through inception meetings and ongoing engagement on mental health system strengthening and the Special Initiative for Mental Health at district levels
- Provide access to services in primary care with mhGAP Trainers and Supervisors to onward train Community and Primary Health workers in selected districts
- Development and implementation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the health service delivery of priority mental health conditions, including neurodevelopmental disorders across the community, primary and secondary care facilities
- Conduct ongoing monitoring of the implementation plans (including the feasibility of data management systems) to accurately document changes in population access, coverage and human rights and other country specific