SPECIAL INITIATIVE IN MENTAL HEALTH

JORDAN

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

01
Development of Jordan’s Mental Health Investment Case with stakeholders

02
933,202 more people for whom mental health services are available

03
5,791 people received services for mental, neurological and substance use conditions

ACTIVITIES

Capacity building

- Launched a learning initiative to build the capacity of multidisciplinary teams at Jordan’s National Center for Mental Health (NCMH), Al-Karma Hospital and the National Center for Rehabilitation of addicts
- 40 multidisciplinary teams at NCMH Al-Karma, Maan inpatient unit and al Zaraqa hospitals received capacity building on rights-based recovery-oriented interventions
- 1,914 new people trained in mental health and psychosocial support
- 170 new organisations engaged and/or strengthened to improve capacity
- 130 people received training in QualityRights

Scaling up mental health services

- A guide outlining existing services and referral pathways for different target populations, including prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation services developed
- Finalised a joint work plan with UNICEF for a program targeting the integration of MHPSS in primary health care, focusing on children and adolescents (2-year program)
- 41 mental health workers from community mental health clinics and inpatient units managed by psychiatric nurses in secondary care hospitals under the umbrella of the Jordanian Nursing Council received training to “Strengthen effective leadership and governance in mental health”.

Advocacy

- Strong momentum for mental health awareness was generated through the in-country Mental Health Investment Case mission in May 2023, featuring engagements with top decision-makers, multi-sectoral collaboration, UN agency involvement, and significant contributions from individuals with lived experiences of mental health conditions, marking a groundbreaking approach for WHO work in future consultations.

PRIORITIES FOR 2024

- Use findings from Jordan’s Mental Health Investment Case to update Mental Health Strategy
- Review Jordan’s legislation on mental health and develop recommendations
- Increase availability of mental health services at secondary care

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