



STRENGTHENING THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM, IMPROVE ACCESS AND SERVICES FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES AND VULNERABLE JORDANIAN POPULATION

AICS Amman works jointly with Jordanian Institutions on:



HEALTH

- Provision of medical equipment and supplies
- Capacity development on MHPSS
- Establishment of new health facilities
- Provision of services for people with disabilities
- Mental health

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

The programme aims at improving the mental health system in Jordan to address the needs of Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanian population through (i) the enhancement of mental health system and services, (ii) improved access to mental health services and (iii) raised awareness on mental health human rights.

With reference to the current status of mental health in Jordan, the main challenges are represented by the increasing mental health needs related to emergencies in neighbouring countries, shortage on mental health providers, and poor distribution of mental health providers. In 2008, the MoH with the support of WHO and relevant stakeholders, started a mental health reform in the country. Such reform envisaged the adoption of

Mental Health Gap Action Program (mhGAP), as Jordan was selected as one of the six countries to implement mhGAP at global level, and its integration at primary healthcare level. As a result of the mental health reform, 12 multidisciplinary teams were trained on mhGAP supervision mechanisms were provided by mental health specialists. However, the main challenges were represented by shortage of mhGAP trainers, fragmented

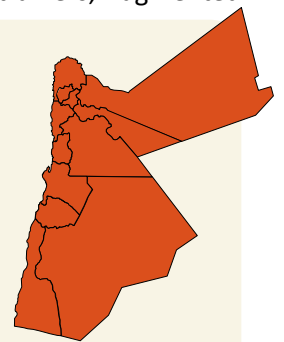


SECTOR | HEALTH
STATUS | ONGOING

FUNDED IN | 2017, 2019
BUDGET | € 1,500,000.00

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS | WHO

BENEFICIARIES | 10,200 PERSONS
(INCLUDING 7,200 UNDER 18)



supervision, need to include more primary healthcare centers in the mhGAP training, and high turnover rate in the primary healthcare centers.

In this framework, the intervention focuses on the adoption of lasting solutions, therefore emphasizing the cooperation between national bodies and local partners, as well as promoting initiative ownership, empowerment and sustainability.



The programme's strategic response envisions the establishment of good practices such as innovative interventions ranging from support to policies and strategies, to the integration of mental health into general health care.

A total of nearly 10,000 direct beneficiaries and 3,000 indirect beneficiaries within the communities will benefit from the programme activities in support to health centres and second-level health facilities, including training and follow-up training on mhGAP, support to rehabilitation, equipment supply for diagnosis and clinical intervention, in addition to support to the Mental Health Department of the Ministry of Health for the review and integration of legislation on mental health and disability, as well as strengthening of the referral system, and awareness activities.

Results of the interventions are envisaged as follows:

- R1 Improved integration between primary health centres and mental health services provided at community-level through the implementation of the mhGAP;
- R2 Strengthened mental health services in second-level health facilities and decreased recourse to psychiatric facilities;
- R3 Supported development of competencies concerning policies and practices to manage the response to mental health issues;
- R4 Promoted awareness on mental health and human rights;
- R5 Enhanced coordination of partners and provision of mental health and psychosocial support services.

INTERVENTIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

-  health care
-  staff training



6,16%



AICS Amman's investment in **Health** expressed as a percentage of the total budget 2016-2019



mhGAP orientation training

Amman



conference on Mental Health

Dead Sea

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