

WHO SPECIAL INITIATIVE FOR MENTAL HEALTH



UPDATES & ACHIEVEMENTS

GHANA

2022 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Development of a 4-year project design and log frame for the SIMH validated by the MoH and other relevant stakeholders
- Official launch of the DG-Special Initiative in Ghana, facilitated by WHO-HQ Technical Officer, attended by all 3 levels of WHO, FCDO, MOH, MHA, CSOs in mental health and persons with lived experience of mental health, to create awareness on the project and usher in the implementing phase, which will begin in the Savannah and Western North Regions, followed by the Ahafo and Oti Regions. In attendance was the Deputy Minister of Health, Hon Mahama Asei Seini
- Engaged with 4 selected regions to introduce Special Initiative and had inception meetings with 2 other regions with wide local stakeholder engagement and wide video reportage as well with the support of in-country communication staff
- 4539 people completed QR e-training and received a certificate
- 65 (including 17 females) from health, education, social welfare, persons with lived experience of mental health conditions trained in the QualityRights using the face-to-face approach in the Western North Region

2023 IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

- Complete inception meetings with selected implementing (Oti and Ahafo) regions to inform, assess and plan activities to be implemented in the rest of 2022
- Undertake capacity building for 60 primary health care staff in identification and management of common mental health conditions using the mhGAP intervention guide for Savannah and Western North Regions
- Conduct trainings for 60 Primary Health Care staff on brief psychological intervention from Savannah and Western North Regions
- Support the Mental Health Authority in the engagement of the National Health Insurance Authority in the inclusion of selected mental health conditions in the benefit package.
- Complete a baseline report and Special Initiative Ghana M&E Framework
- Support the MHA and the GHS to review the mental health indicators in the national data management system (DHIMS)
- Continuous collaboration with Ghana Somubie Dwumadie (FCDO funded mental health programme).