## **Overview**



Since 2008, WHO has been working in partnership with the Jordanian Ministry of Health on the implementation of mental health projects and initiatives. WHO has collaborated with various stakeholders and partners to launch the first national mental health policy and action plan for Jordan. It has also supported the establishment of, and provided technical support to, three community mental health centres and to the first national association for mental health beneficiaries and their families, the 'Our Step Association'.

WHO has initiated a capacity-building campaign, using its expert staff and resources to support mental health professionals from the Ministry of Health, Royal Medical Services, universities and nongovernmental organizations. WHO has contributed to the development of key educational and awareness-raising materials and led mental health working groups and a number of community-based activities. It is also a key contributor to the 'World Mental Health Day' event.

Mental health is a fundamental component of Jordan's health care system. The mental health programme aims to facilitate the creation and implementation of essential initiatives that advocate for improvements to the system and services at all levels of care. It also continues to promote the need for human rights for people with mental, neurological and substance abuse conditions.

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