



The low priority given to mental health services in Libya leads to an almost total lack of mental health care training. Photo credit: WHO The WHO in collaboration with the national centre for disease control and health care human resources development centre has launched two post-graduate diplomas in primary mental health care and clinical psychotherapeutic interventions in May 2013.

The time frame for both diplomas is six months. The main aim of the programmes is to fill the human resource gap in mental health and psychosocial support particularly in remote and under served areas in the country.

Upon completion, participants will be able to provide a basic package of mental health services at primary health care, diagnose and manage the most common mental disorders, identify severe and complicated cases to specialists, and provide clinical follow up for cases managed by specialists.

The clinical psychotherapeutic interventions diploma will establish a group of psychologists well equipped with psychotherapy and counselling skills. Both diplomas are supported by WHO and implemented in partnership with National Centre for Disease Control and Medical Manpower Development Centre at the Ministry of Health, Libya. In addition, key international and national trainers are facilitating the two diplomas.

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