

Armed conflicts cause significant psychological and social suffering to affected population. The conflict in Libya during the post revolution period has lead to the flow of thousands of cases to the limited number of the existing mental health facilities. Service providers were not able to cope with the urgent needs given the lack capacities in place.

The WHO assigned a full time mental health expert to work closely with national centre for disease control to support the mental health programme activities since December 2011. To strengthen the mental health services in Libya, the Ministry of Health in cooperation with the WHO plans to:

improve the delivery of mental health services at every level of care;

strengthen the mental health unit in the Ministry;

develop comprehensive mental health services all over the country;

update related legislation to protect the rights of people with mental disorders, and secure a higher budget for mental health.

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