Malawi

Total population (UN official estimate): 16,829,146
WHO Region: AFR
Income group: Low income
Total health expenditure per person (US$, 2013): $26
Availability / status of mental health reporting: Not reported

Burden of mental disorders (WHO official estimates)
- Disability-adjusted life years (per 100,000 population): 2,417
- Suicide (age-standardized rate per 100,000 population): 8.6

MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM GOVERNANCE

Mental health policy
- Stand-alone policy or plan for mental health: Yes (Year of policy / plan: 2012)
- Implementation status: Available and partially implemented
- Policy / plan is in line with human rights covenants (self-rated 5-point checklist score; 5 = fully in line): 5

Mental health legislation
- Stand-alone law for mental health: Yes (Year of policy / plan: 1948)
- Implementation status: Available and fully implemented
- Law is in line with human rights covenants (self-rated 5-point checklist score; 5 = fully in line): 1

Involvement of service users and families (as reported by MoH focal point)
- a. INFORMATION gathered / disseminated by MoH: Not implemented
- b. POLICY on participation developed / published by MoH: Partially implemented
- c. EARLY INVOLVEMENT in mental health policy and law: Partially implemented
- d. PARTICIPATION in MoH planning, policy, service development and evaluation: Partially implemented
- e. RESOURCES available for participation and reimbursement: Fully implemented

RESOURCES FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Mental health financing
- Main source of funds for care of severe mental disorders: Government
- Inpatient / outpatient budget breakdown reported: No
- If yes, estimated mental health spending per capita (US$): Not applicable

Human resources for mental health
- Total reported staff (mental health inpatient care): Not reported
- Total reported staff (mental health outpatient care): Not reported
- Total mental health workers per 100,000 population: Not reported

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE AVAILABILITY AND UPTAKE

Outpatient care (total facilities)
- Mental health outpatient facility: Not reported
- Mental health day treatment facility: Not reported

Inpatient care (total facilities)
- Mental hospitals: 1
- Psychiatric units in general hospitals: 1
- Residential care facilities: 1

MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION AND PREVENTION

Existence of at least two functioning programmes: No (or not reported)
Existence of a suicide prevention strategy: Not reported

Programme examples
- Not reported
- Target group: Not reported
- Scope: Not reported