WHO Global Dementia Observatory
Provisional Country Profile 2017

Bangladesh

Total population 164,669,741
% population over the age of 60 7%
WHO region SEAR
World Bank income group Lower middle income
Disability-adjusted life years due to dementia available in 2018
Total deaths due to Alzheimer’s and other dementias available in 2018

Ministry with responsibility for dementia

Neurologists (per 100K population) 0.09
Psycho-/Geriatricians (per 100K population) 0.00
Availability of dementia NGO Yes

Implementing dementia actions: current status

Dementia as a public health priority
- Existence of a dementia representative within the ministry Yes
- Existence of stand-alone or integrated dementia plan No
- Dedicated financial resources to implement the dementia plan Not applicable
- Existence of legislation pertaining to the rights of people with dementia No
- Existence of government approved guidelines and standards for dementia care/support Yes

Dementia awareness & friendliness
- Existence of a public awareness-raising campaign for dementia (stigma and risk reduction) * Yes
- Existence of dementia-friendly social and physical environments * Yes
- Existence of dementia education/training for non-health care population groups * Yes

Dementia risk reduction
- Dementia risk reduction specifically mentioned in policies (either dementia-specific or NCD) No
- Available guidance for health and social care staff to manage dementia risk No
- Voluntary targets outlined in the NCD action plan available in 2018

Dementia diagnosis, treatment, care and support
- Diagnostic rate for dementia * Data not available
- Availability of community-based services for dementia Yes
- Overall access to community-based services Capital and main cities only
- Available mechanisms for dementia care coordination across sectors Yes
- Basic dementia competencies included in curricula for health/social workforce (§) Some

Support for carers of people with dementia
- Existence of dementia carer support services * Yes
- Available guidance for health/social care staff to identify and reduce carer stress No
- Existence of financial benefits/social protection for dementia carers No

Health information systems for dementia
- Number of people with dementia is routinely monitored No
- Availability and scope of dementia reporting No dementia data compiled

Dementia research and innovation
- Existence of stand-alone or integrated research agenda for dementia No
- Government research investment per year (in local currency) No
- Dementia research output (measured in publications in Medline) in 2016 * 0
- Involvement of people with dementia in the research process * Not at All
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