MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN AIFO SUPPORTED CBR PROGRAMMES

India and Bangladesh
Introduction

MAJOR ISSUES OF MENTAL HEALTH IN INDIA

- Decennial census of India 2001
- The mental health act 1987
- Mental health day
- Mental health and child

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- Mental health and women
- Mental health and HIV-AIDS
- Mental health & people with disability
- Mental disorder and people with disability act 1995
- Mental health and budget allocation

HOW INDIAN SOCIETY LOOKS AT PERSONS WITH MENTAL DISORDERS

- Exclusion & Distant hospitals
- Traditional believes
- Difference of intellectual disability and mental disorders
- Violation of human rights

TRAINING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN AIFO SUPPORTED CBR PROGRAMMES

- CBR training programmes
- Workshops and orientation courses
- Advocacy activities
- Identification, referral, & follow up
- Parents counseling & meetings

OUTCOME OF TRAINING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- 2727 Persons with mental disorders
- Continuous referral , medication & Family counseling
- Appointment of specialists at district hospitals

SOME ISSUES IN AIFO SUPPORTED CBR PROGRAMMES

- Difficult to identify mild persons with mental disorders
- Confusion between intellectual impairment and mental disorders
- Exclusion and distant health services
- Psycho socio problems of other disabled persons

LESSONS LEARNT

- Requires collective efforts
- Effective implementation of policies and programmes
- Inclusion is a must
- Rights need to be respected, Protected and promoted

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