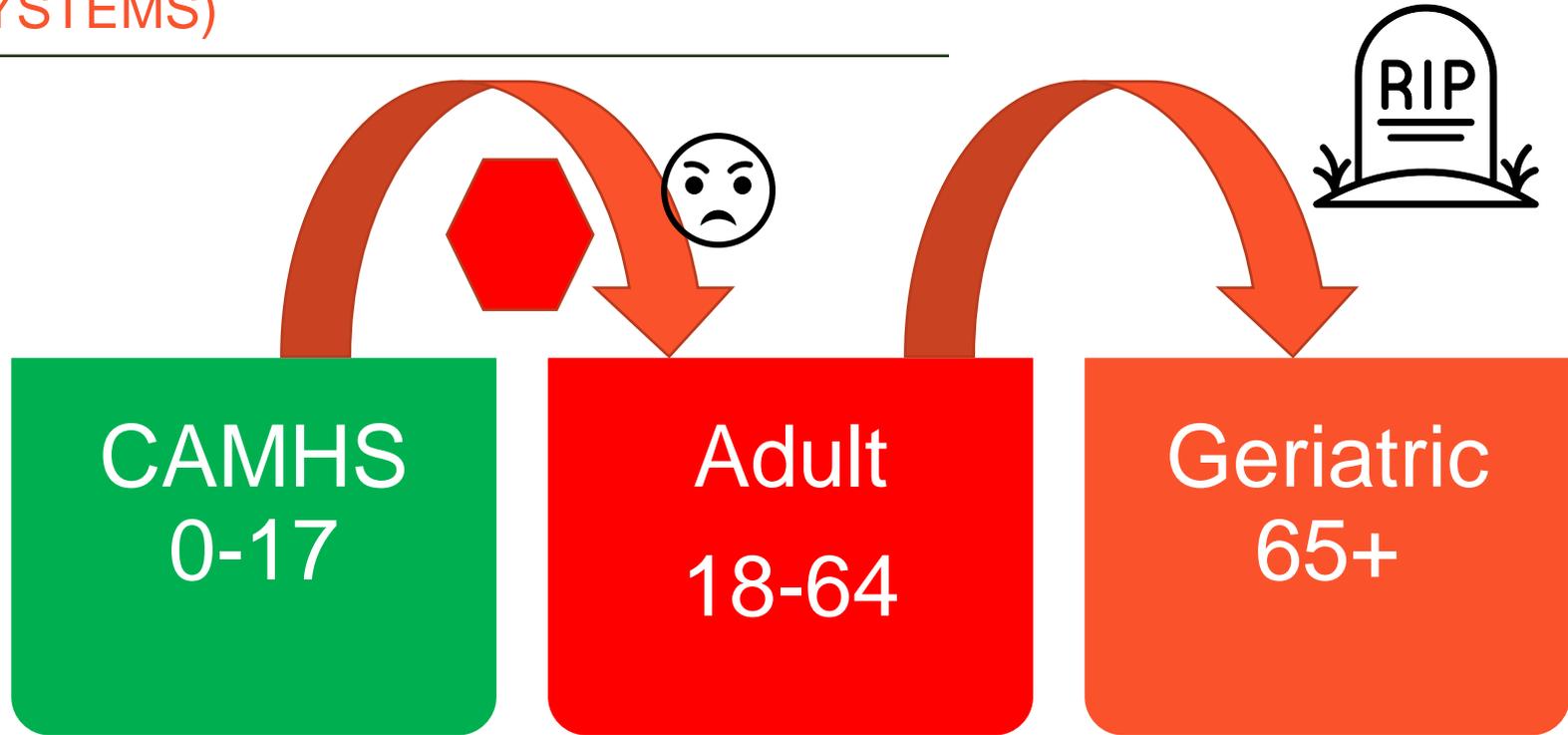

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

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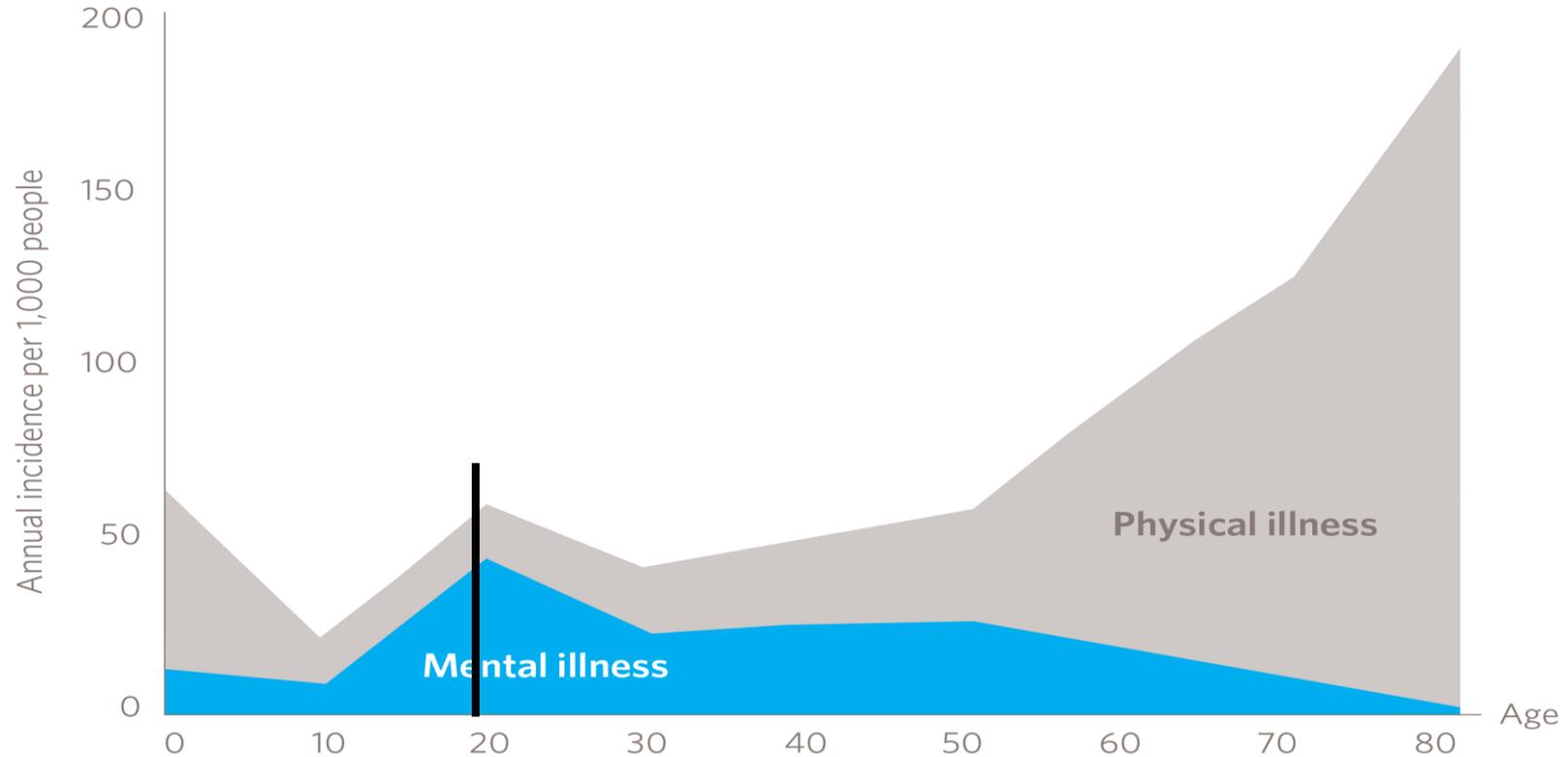
Rationale

THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM
(WHERE THERE ARE MENTAL HEALTH
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The mental health system does not
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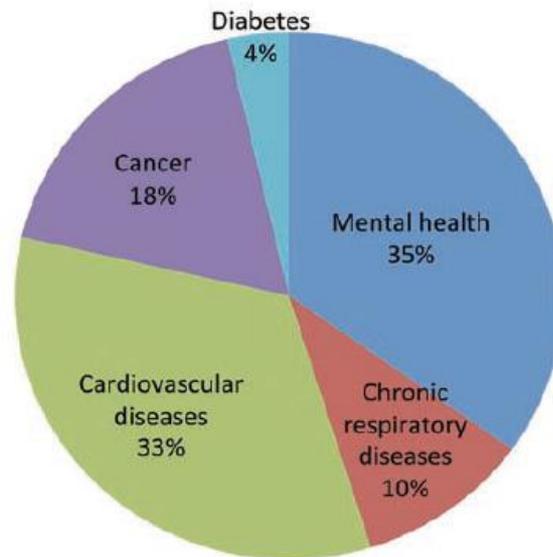
BURDEN OF DISEASE BY AGE



The current system will not address
the economic challenge of mental ill
health

ECONOMICS

Figure 3a: Mental health and cardiovascular diseases are top drivers of lost output
Breakdown of NCD cost by disease type, based on EPIC model



ECONOMICS

Table 13: Mental illness costs expected to more than double by 2030

Global cost of mental health conditions in 2010 and 2030. Costs shown in billions of 2010 US\$

	Low- and Middle-Income Countries			High-Income Countries			World		
	Direct Costs	Indirect Costs	Total Cost of Illness	Direct Costs	Indirect Costs	Total Cost of Illness	Direct Costs	Indirect Costs	Total Cost of Illness
2010	287	583	870	536	1,088	1,624	823	1,671	2,493
2030	697	1,416	2,113	1,298	2,635	3,933	1,995	4,051	6,046

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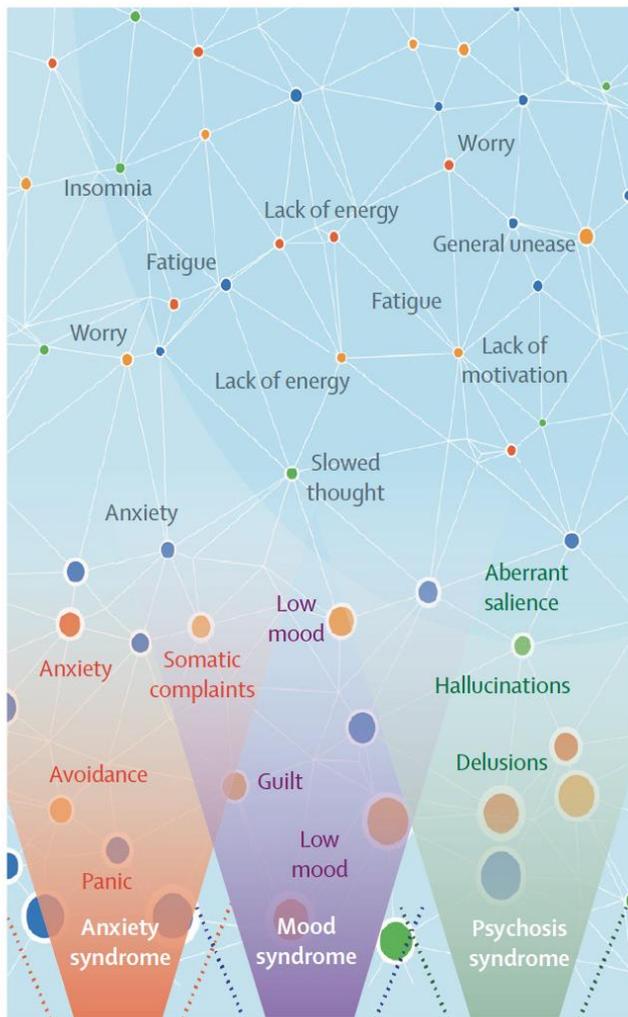
Table 16: Mental illness hits output hard
Breakdown of output losses by disease type and income category, 2010 and 2030, trillions (2010 US\$), using the VSL approach

	2010						2030					
	Cancer	Chronic respiratory disease	Cardio-vascular diseases	Diabetes	Mental Illness	Total	Cancer	Chronic respiratory disease	Cardio-vascular diseases	Diabetes	Mental Illness	Total
High Income	1.7	1.5	5.4	0.7	5.5	14.8	2.2	2.0	7.2	1.0	7.3	19.7
Upper Middle Income	0.6	0.5	1.9	0.3	1.9	5.1	1.9	1.8	6.3	0.9	6.5	17.4
Lower Middle Income	0.3	0.2	0.9	0.1	0.9	2.4	0.6	0.5	1.9	0.3	2.0	5.3
Low Income	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.4	1.0
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So we need a new youth mental
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No distress

Stage of non-specific mental distress
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Progressive treatment aligned to evidence related to specific disorders

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- Exploration of environmental modification or development of coping strategies

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Stage 2 Full defined syndrome

- First episode treatment in primary care
- Specialist care available for primary health services through properly resourced collaborative models
- Effective referral through stepped care for complex

Stage 3 Recurrence, persistence

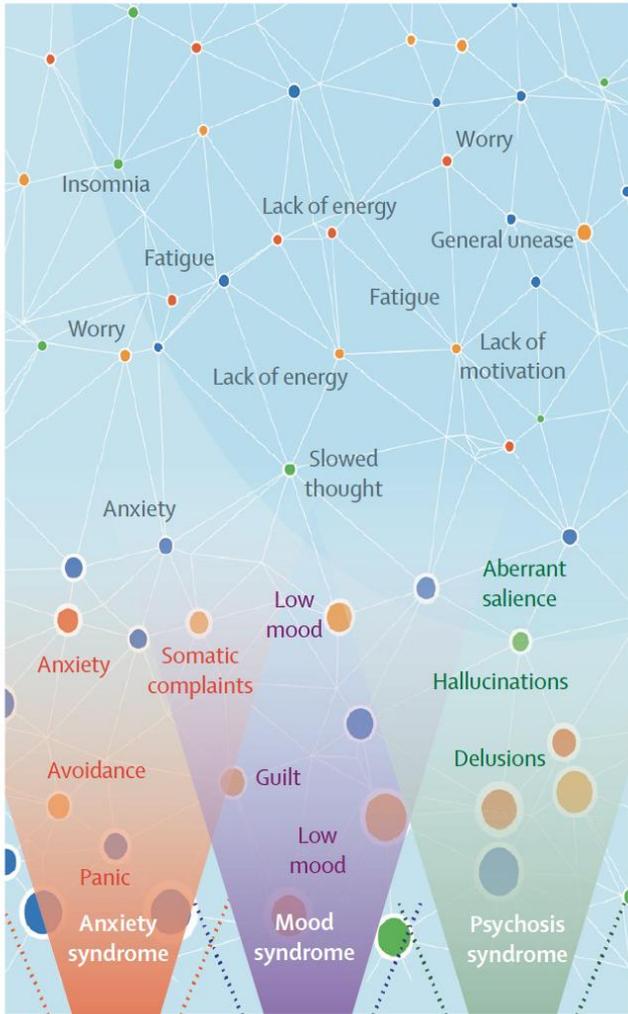
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**Youth mental health
service models
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internationally – A
snapshot**



Youth Mental Health Programs

headspace - Australia



Youth Mental Health Programs

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Youth Mental Health Programs

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YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

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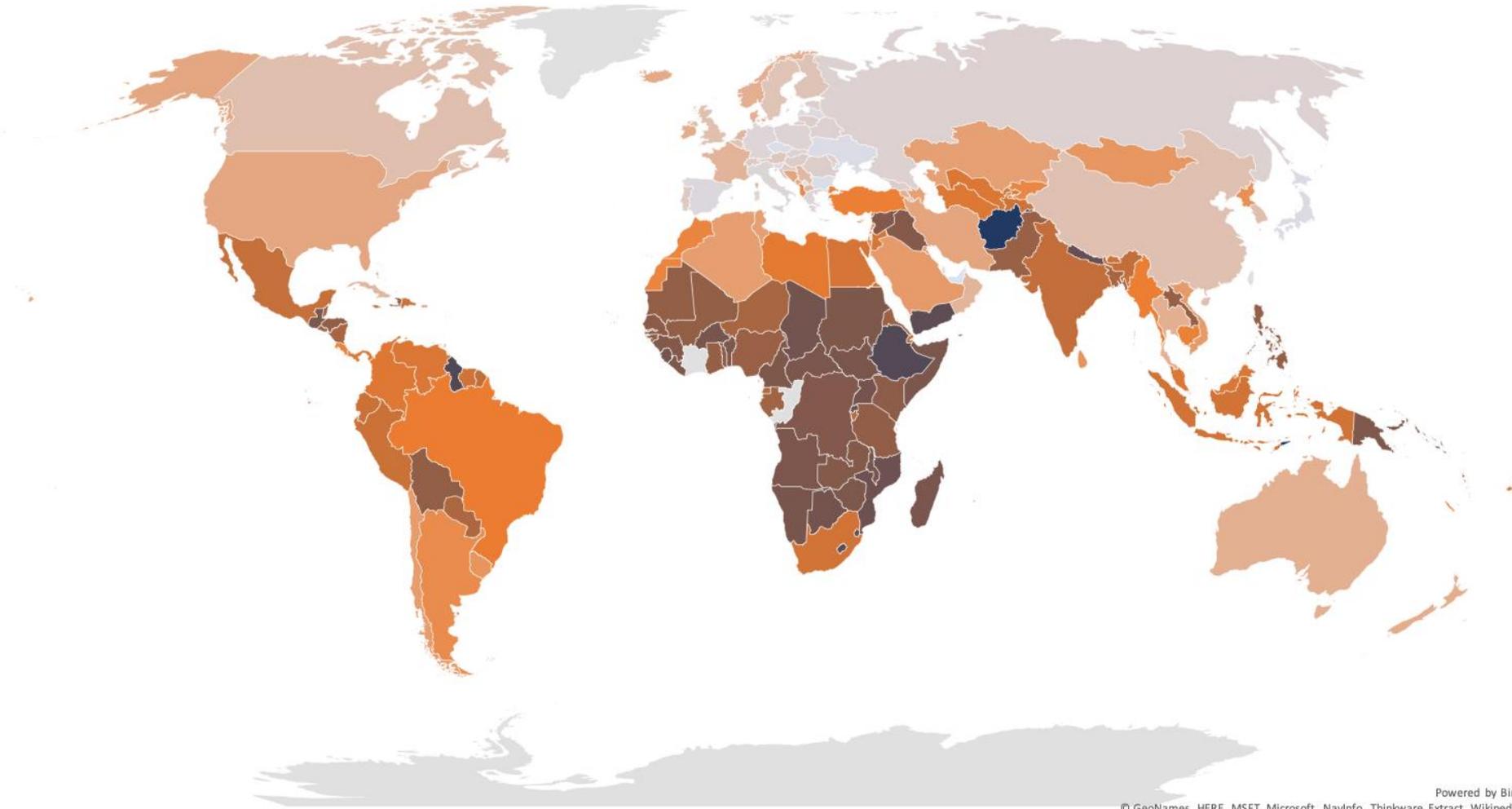
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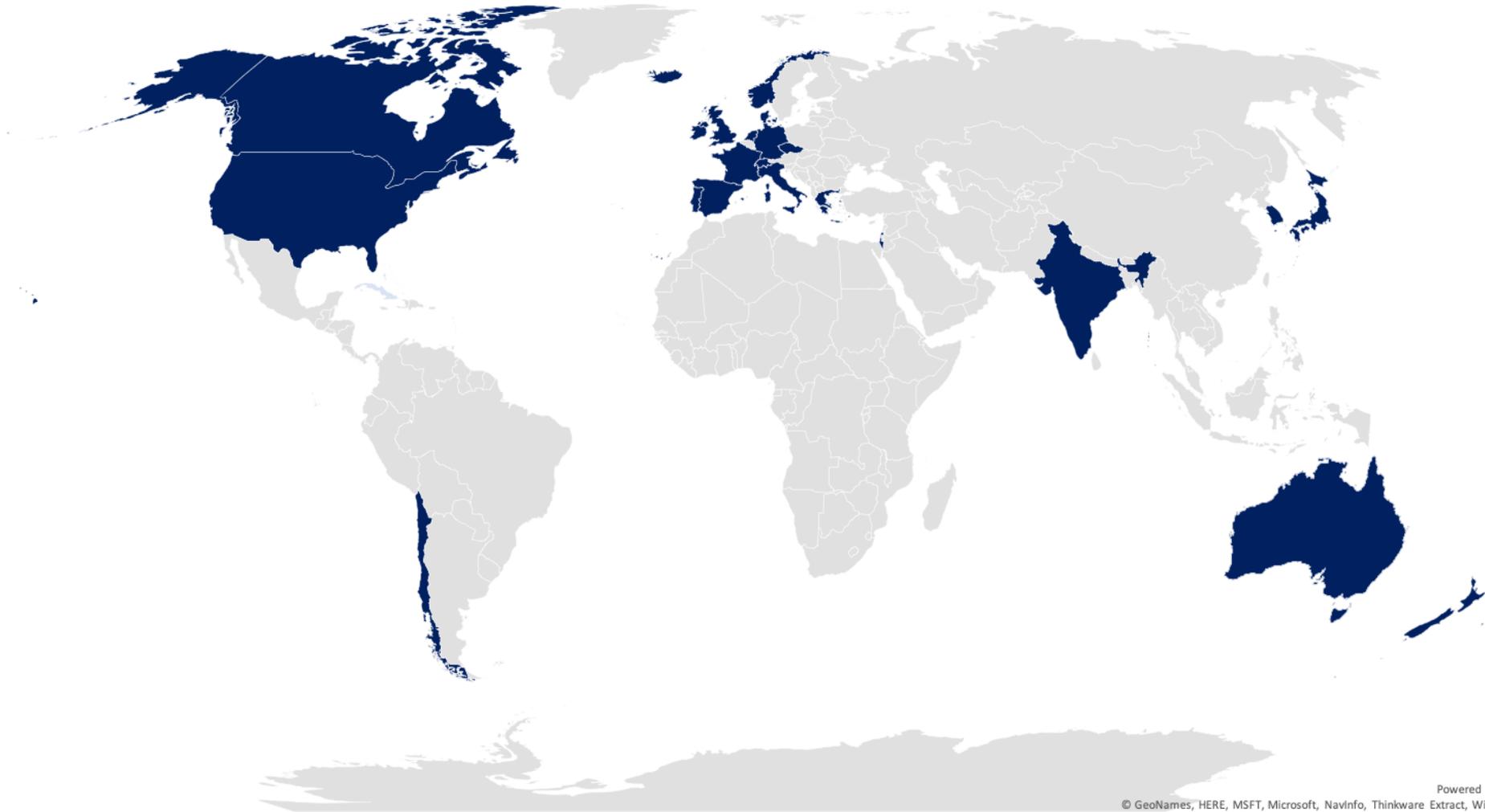


Global youth mental health?

Proportion of Population aged 15-24, 2020



Countries with some youth mental health services



The framework

THIS PROJECT WILL PRODUCE



Global youth mental health framework

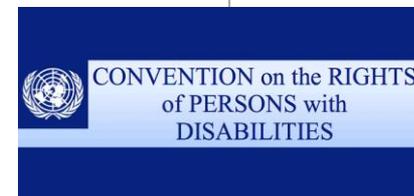
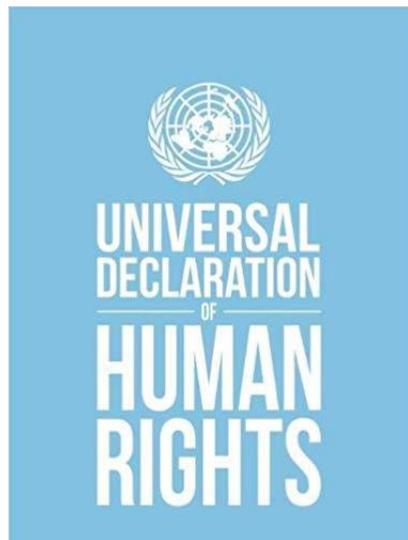
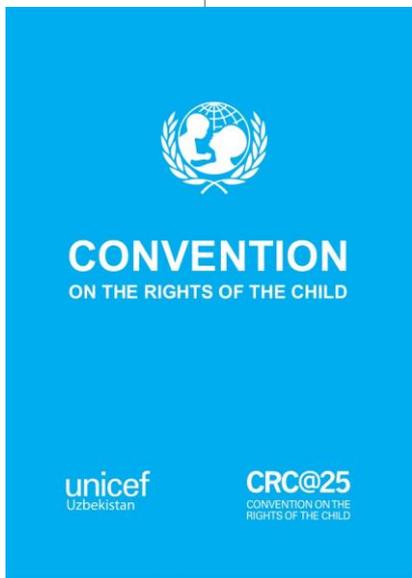


Investment case for youth mental health



Advocacy toolkit

The youth mental health framework assumes an environment in which it is safe to seek help for mental illness. Such an environment is likely to be consistent with the principles and goals of the following:
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Early intervention

Youth partnership

Family engagement
and support

Continuous improvement

Prevention

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No referral required

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Low or no cost barriers

Low stigma setting

Create awareness of service

Mapping of referral pathways

Simple means of contact

Youth specific care

Holistic care including functional recovery

Guidelines for youth practice with consideration of developmental stage

Evidence informed, individually tailored interventions

Broad consideration of individual's context

Youth specific services

Consultation with youth about service environment

Developmentally appropriate transitions into and out of care

Inclusive environment

Shared decision making

Utilising technology

Awareness, engagement and integration

Stakeholder mapping and engagement

Develop relationships with stakeholders

Education of community

Education of referrers

Integration across services and systems

Anti-stigma measures

Advocacy

Cross sector partnerships

Early intervention

Development and use of screening tools

Active community partnerships

High-risk group awareness

Community outreach

Training

Community setting

Community education

Crisis intervention for suicide risk

Youth partnership and engagement

Youth empowerment

Youth advisory group

Shared decision making

Workforce training

Co-design

Peer workers

Family engagement and support

Psychoeducation

Family therapy

Family support

Self-care

Family peer workers

Continuous improvement

Workforce development and training

Supervision

Needs-based programs

Auditing systems

Young person and family feedback

Clinical governance

Change management

Evaluation informing improvement

Utilise technology

Map needs before developing program

Prevention

Health promotion

Anti-stigma measures

Suicide prevention

High-risk group focus

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LOCALLY OPERATIONALISED YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH MODEL

(consistent with principles, ambitious and innovative within the resources available)

YOUTH FACING AGENCIES

PRIMARY CARE

SPECIALIST CARE



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT



Two young people appointed to Project Steering Group – Nataya and Maddi.



Youth Partnerships Facilitator – Ella Gow.



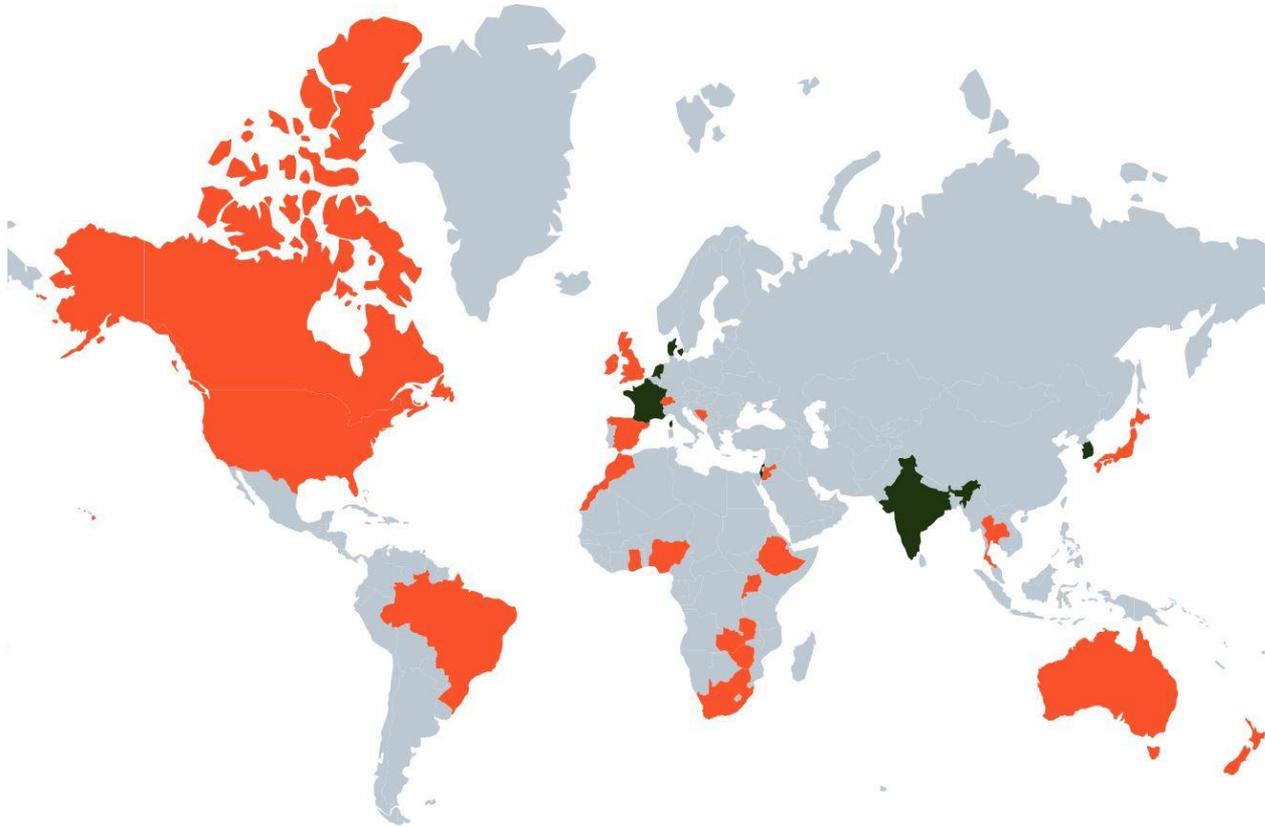
Working with the Forums Global Shapers Network to engage young people from a range of different countries and contexts.



Engage young people in consultations in their community, to provide input into the model and advocacy toolkit being developed.

YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED IN CONSULTATIONS TO DATE

Australia
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Brazil
Canada
Denmark
England
Ethiopia
Ghana
Ireland
Jordan



Morocco
New Zealand
Nigeria
Nigeria
Scotland
South Africa
Thailand
Uganda
USA
Zambia
Zimbabwe

WHAT DOES MENTAL HEALTH LOOK LIKE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA?

- Family connections and childhood experiences - impact of parental separation and divorce
- Financial issues
- Pessimism about the future (individual prospects of staying in Bosnia & the potential for another war)*
- *Greater optimism in rural areas – instead, concerned about finishing school and getting into university
- Perception of injustices and other political concerns
- Negative consequences of drug use



WHAT WOULD A GOOD RESPONSE TO YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH IN BOSNIA LOOK LIKE?

- Address issues of stigma and judgement as a priority.
- Focus on education and awareness in the community and among young people.
- Build peer support – people who have been through similar issues who can provide advice or friendship networks.
- Build trust between outside organisations and schools/students.
- Provide a phone line for someone to talk to could be useful.



WHAT DOES MENTAL HEALTH LOOK LIKE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEW ZEALAND?

- Strong reliance on whānau to support each other
- Increased academic pressure causing stress
- Negative impact of technology and social media
- Experiences of bullying impacting mental health



“When one of us stands up, we all stand up behind them”

WHAT WOULD A GOOD RESPONSE TO YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH IN NEW ZEALAND LOOK LIKE?

- Strengthening the capacity for young people to support each other
- Saw a strong support role for schools and teachers to build trusting relationships and care (not in a clinical sense)
- Supporting young people to connect to their culture and history through song, dance, language



WHAT DOES MENTAL HEALTH LOOK LIKE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN SOUTH AFRICA?

- Increasing awareness/knowledge, but still not widely talked about
- Significant stigma, especially in parents generation
- Seen to be a ‘white person’s illness’
- Often not a priority against immediate needs
- Many manage MH through participation in exercise, sport, community activities and recreation; rather than accessing services or other supports



WHAT WOULD A GOOD RESPONSE TO YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH IN SOUTH AFRICA LOOK LIKE?

- More informal spaces to have discussions; such as schools, sporting clubs, the beach
- Greater education on what mental health and mental illness is among the community
- Provision of school-based supports and services, educate teachers to support students
- More young people to provide peer support
- Develop local responses that are culturally relevant and consider impact of trauma



WHAT DOES MENTAL HEALTH LOOK LIKE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN IRELAND?

- Greater awareness of mental health, but it's not well understood by the community
- Ongoing stigma in parent's generation, not as much for young people now
- Services are not integrated and often don't work together e.g.: mental health & drug and alcohol services
- Irish culture of self-deprecation impacts mental health, but is improving



WHAT WOULD A GOOD RESPONSE TO YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH IN IRELAND LOOK LIKE?

- More funding for youth engagement activities
- Expand youth engagement activities & incorporate peer support workers into service model
- Target and work with parents to improve mental health education and awareness
- Make sure there are no barriers for people from different cultural groups such as asylum seekers



WHAT WOULD A GOOD RESPONSE TO YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH IN CANADA LOOK LIKE?

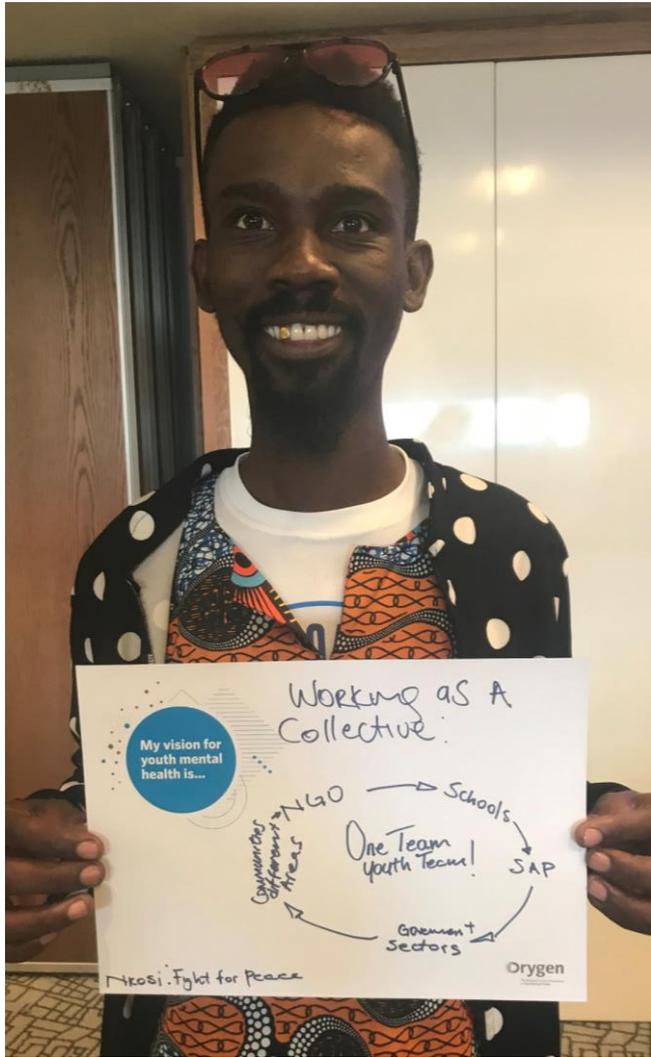
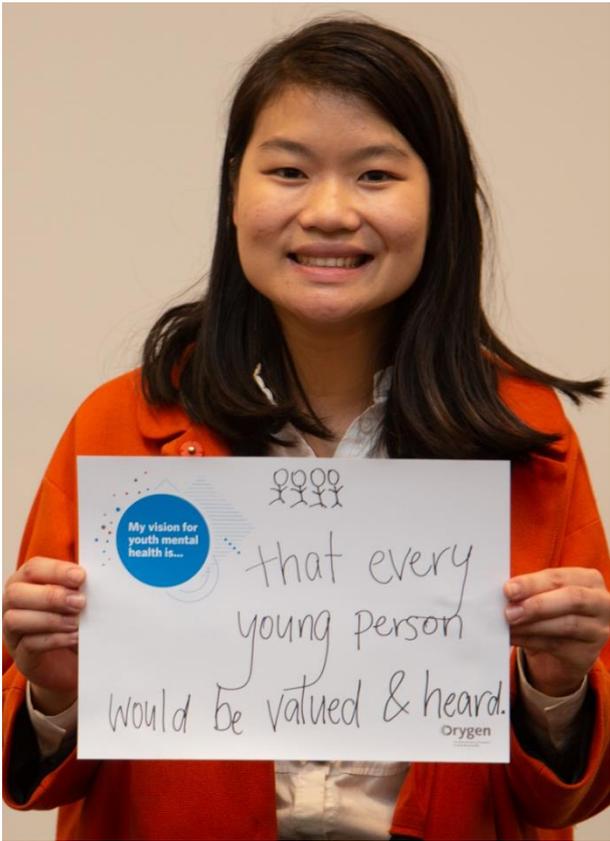
- Give young people a voice and offer options for engagement, including having youth-led teams
- Provide options for young people and honor their choices – make sure they are involved in the decision-making process
- Ensure the service environment is welcoming and accessible, including for people who are neuro-atypical
- Human connection is key to engagement.
- Need continued efforts to destigmatise mental health



ADVOCACY TOOLKIT

- Aims to support local advocates to engage the public and private sectors and increase investment in youth mental health supports and services
- Key themes from consultations:
 - Safety and support
 - Engaging key decision-makers
 - Key facts and stats
 - Templates and tools
 - Stories of success
 - Images, infographics, online and shareable
- Being co-produced with an international working group of young people





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