

SUCCEED - Sierra Leone Communication and Uptake Team

Quarterly Report

Duration: This report covers the months of October, November, and December 2022.

The World Mental Health Day – Sierra Leone

The Research team held a session with the stakeholders of Kabala Town in Koinadugu District to raise awareness on the key elements of successful referral of mental health cases in the country. Through the conduction of a workshop, discussions were based on identifying pathways to social behavioral change communication at community level. This year's mental health day was held on the 10th of October 2022 with the theme " Make Mental Health and well-being for all a global priority ". The session with the stakeholders was aired live on Facebook, recording is over the following link (<https://fb.watch/iHCucu89y2/>). Following the workshop, a live discussion discussion was held at Bintumani Radio on the evening of the 10th October 2022, recording is over the following link (<https://fb.watch/g4ZwERLyEb/>). A TV story was additionally shared on the SUCCEED Sierra Leone Facebook page (<https://fb.watch/iHCn0mUL I/>). This program was aired in Krio (the most commonly spoken language). The program was interactive, hosting calls from audience and responding live to enquiries.

The National Mental Health Conference

Our country team jointly organized this year's National Mental Health Conference in collaboration with the Sierra Leone Mental Health Coalition. The conference was held on the 16th and 17th of November 2022. Photos of the conference were shared on our Facebook page. All work streams were present throughout the two days' conference in Kabala Town, Koinadugu District and a few presentations were done by SUCCEED SL team members to share the main programme objectives and popularize co-production in intervention development and delivery.

Many stakeholders of Mental Health across the country attended the conference. page. (<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=216360980768762&set=pb.100071845845064.-2207520000>) An article for the conference was put together by the team. The article was published in the MHIN website (https://www.mhinnovation.net/find?search_api_views_fulltext=national+mental+health+conference&sort_by=search_api_relevance_1).

The public lecture series proposal

In December a proposal on a lecture series was presented to the country team. The country manager Shaza Dous and the Project PI were consulted on the need to raise awareness on the project in universities across the country. The country team suggested we put together a proposal for this activity. This is taking the project to university students across the country.