



**THE VIET NAM NATIONAL PROGRAMME
ON COMMUNITY-BASED SOCIAL ASSISTANCE AND REHABILITATION
FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL PROBLEMS, 2011-2020**

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MINISTRY OF LABOUR, INVALIDS AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, VIET NAM**





Viet Nam Situation

1. The Government of Viet Nam has issued many policies and plans on social support for social protection targeted groups including people with mental illnesses.
2. Up to now, about 10,000 people with severe mental illnesses are living in 26 social protection centers in 20 provinces and cities.







3. Over 200,000 people with severe mental illnesses living in families and community have provided with monthly financial support.





Some main emerging issues:

1.

- Social assistance policies for people with mental health problems are still inadequate and inappropriate for supporting the stable and quality life for people with mental illness.

2.

- There is an urgent need for strengthening and promotion of intersectoral cooperation between Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs and Ministry of Health in mental health care

3.

- The health care and social services delivery systems are outdated and inadequate.





4.

- There are significant shortages in mental health workers at all levels

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- The general awareness of the community about issues related to assistance, care and rehabilitation for people with mental health problems is still limited.


6.

- The mental health care systems operated by either MOLISA or the MOH have only given attention to psychotic disorders but it ignores such things as depression, anxiety, post traumatic stress disorder, disorders due to alcohol abuse or substance abuse, and particularly those mental disorders which are common in pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, children and adolescents.



The Prime Minister of Vietnam has issued Decision No. 1215/2011/QĐ-TTg dated 22 July 2011 approving **the national programme on community-based social assistance and rehabilitation for people with mental problems for 10 year period from 2011 – 2020.**





The programme is specific and clear evidence about humanity and assurance for human right in social security policies. The programme has four main components:

1. To strengthen social protection centers to provide care and rehabilitation for people with mental health problems

2. To establish community based facilities for the prevention and treatment of people with mental disorders

3. To develop human resources for community-based social assistance and rehabilitation of people with mental health problems

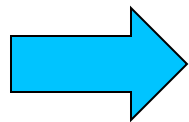
4. To improve public awareness on mental health.



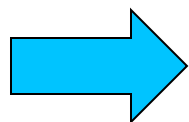


The priority tasks:

1- Strengthening cooperation and intersectoral coordination, especially between health sector and the sector of labour, invalids and social affairs.

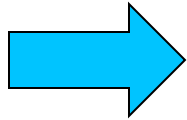


The Ministry of Labour Invalids and Social Affairs and the Ministry of Health need to agree upon the development of a National Action Framework on Mental Health that maximizes capacity, efficiency, and effectiveness of the mental health system;

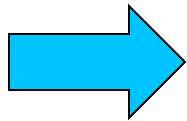


Developing the inter-agency cooperation mechanism, guidelines and creating legal basis for the integration of health care and social services in all levels;



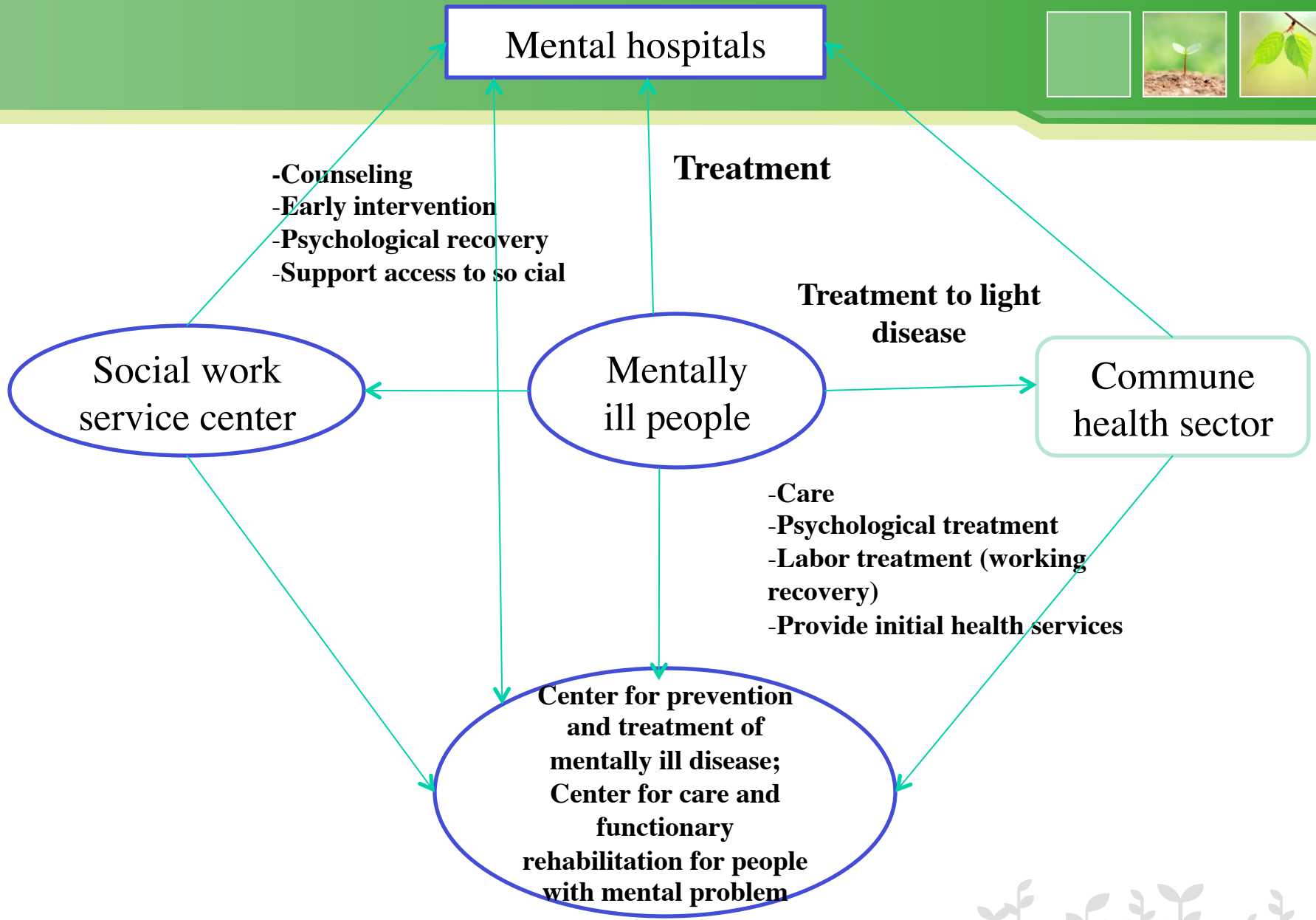


Developing community based rehabilitation and comprehensive health care models for people with mental problems and mental disorders;



Establishing community teams/groups of social workers and medical staff for the community based mental health care.





Community-based functionary rehabilitation map for people with mental problems



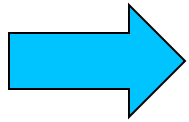
2- Reviewing the existing social assistance policies for people with mental health problems and mental disorders towards:

- Protection of human rights
- Mobilizing the participation of the community and families

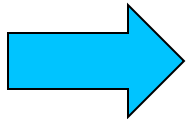




3- Building mental health humane resources including social workers, psychologists, mental doctors and nurses



Develop and improve training and re-training programs for mental health care staff in both health and social sectors.

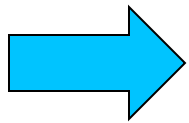


Increase human resources of social work, especially in the community in order to improve the community-based prevention, detection, early intervention, rehabilitation and community integration for people with mental health problems and mental disorders.

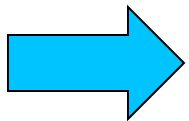




4- Paying attention on mental health care for women and children.



Strengthen and improve specialized mental health care services for women and children.



Develop prevention, early detection and intervention services for children with mental health problems in school.





5- Provide guidance for provincial People's Committees on building and implementing the plan of programme 1215 at localities;

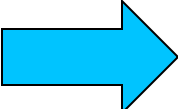
6- Coordinate with mass media agencies to:

- Raise awareness of personnel working in the field of mental health care;
- Improve accessibility and utilization of health and social services;
- Eliminate stigma and discrimination against people with mental health problems and mental disorders.

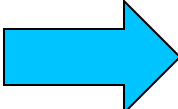




7- Strengthening the international cooperation in mental health care

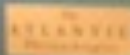


Coordinate with international partners to pilot and replicate community-based rehabilitation and care models and services for people with mental issues and mental disorders.



Develop and implementing pilot models on community based comprehensive model for both medical and social services in some selected.





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Thank You!

