



‘Emerging mental health systems in low-
and middle-income countries’

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2. UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA DE MADRID, Spain
3. WHO, Geneva
4. ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY, Ethiopia
5. PUBLIC HEALTH FOUNDATION OF INDIA
6. Transcultural Psychosocial Organization, Nepal
7. College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, Nigeria
8. UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN, South Africa
9. UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL, South Africa
10. BUTABIKA NATIONAL MENTAL HOSPITAL, Uganda
11. GABO:MI GESELLSCHAFT FUR
ABLAUFORGANISATION, Germany
12. HEALTHNET INTERNATIONAL TRANSCULTURAL
PSYCHOSOCIAL ORGANIZATION, Netherlands



Emerald sites



What is the long term aim of EMERALD?

EMERALD is an international consortium of experts whose aim is to improve mental health outcomes in LAMICs through:

- Strengthened mental health systems
 - Enhanced health systems performance
- provide better care and close the mental health treatment gap in these countries

Emerald key objectives:

Objective 1: Adequate, fair and sustainable resourcing (health system inputs)

Objective 2: Integrated physical and mental health service provision (health system processes)

Objective 3: Improved coverage of care and goal attainment (health system outputs)

How did we identify the opportunity?

- Usually on the look out for possible funding
- Identifying the opportunity for EC funding for Emerald was through existing collaboration with a number of colleagues (North-South collaboration).
- Alerted by one of our senior colleagues at WHO, with whom we had worked in an earlier RPC.

How did we get involved in a consortium?

- Have track record; had been involved with other partners in another consortium earlier on, which was very successful
- It was therefore easy to identify partners and constitute a consortium.

Proposal writing

- Proposal writing was a joint effort
- Division of labour: different partners agreed to work on different sections of the proposal (work packages) based on expertise.

E.g BNH was in charge of “integration of mental health into PHC” for which we have got expertise from previous undertakings

Experience undertaking research at international level as part of a large project and plans for collaboration under Horizon 2020.

- Experience in medium size research projects for several years.
- Experience in undertaking research as part of a large project:
 - A DFID funded RPC: Mental Health and Poverty Project (MHaPP, 2006-2010)
 - A DFID funded RPC: Programme for Improving Mental health care (PRIME) 2011 – 2017
 - EC funded RPC: Emerald (2012 – 2017)