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Summary

Ghana Somubi Dwumadie (Ghana Participation Programme) is a four-year disability programme in Ghana, with a specific focus on mental health. This programme is funded with UK aid from the UK government. The programme is run by an Options' led consortium, which also consists of BasicNeeds-Ghana, Kings College London, Sightsavers International and Tropical Health.

Programme objectives

- Promoting stronger policies and systems that respect the rights of people with disabilities, including people with mental health disabilities.
- Scaling up high quality and accessible mental health services.
- Reducing stigma and discrimination against people with disabilities, including mental health disabilities.
- Generating evidence to inform policy and practice on the effectiveness of disability and mental health programmes and interventions.

Key activities

- Providing technical assistance to the Government of Ghana to strengthen its capacity for policy, planning, implementation and monitoring.
- Supporting coordination across Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), civil society organisations (CSOs) and multi-lateral agencies.
- Providing technical assistance to organisations of persons with disabilities to build their capacity for representation, advocacy, use of evidence, and holding the Government to account.
- Developing demonstration sites for mental health, accessibility and learning.
- Providing grants and capacity building support to CSOs in rights, participation, advocacy, accountability and stigma reduction.
- Conducting globally-recognised operation research with a focus on community-based rehabilitation
- Ghana Somubi Dwumadie is also undertaking a range of activities to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on people with disabilities, including mental health disabilities.

Expected results

- Stronger policy, leadership, resources and governance systems that respect the rights of people with disabilities, including people with mental health disabilities.
- Scaled-up quality, integrated, disability inclusive community-based and recovery-oriented mental health and social services.
- Reduction in negative and discriminatory attitudes, behaviours and norms against people with disabilities, including mental health disabilities.
- Evidence generated that informs policy, and practice, and to create an enabling environment.

Stakeholders

The consortium is working with other civil society organisations and state institutions to deliver the programme's activities at the national, regional and district level. They include:

- Ministry of Health (MoH)
- Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MoGCSP)
- Mental Health Authority (MHA)
- National Council on Persons with Disabilities (NCPD)
- Mental Health Society of Ghana (MEHSOG)
- Ghana Federation of Disability Organisations (GFD)



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