

COMMONWEALTH CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

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Mental health: a legislative framework to empower, protect and care

A Review of Mental Health Legislation in Commonwealth Member States



2013: Mental health

Universal health coverage: the potential contribution of hybrid funding strategies
Review of Commonwealth Mixed Public-Private Funding Models



2015 and 2016
Universal health coverage



2012: Culture connects
Linking communicable and non-communicable disease



2011: Prevention of NCDs
children and young people



2010: The role of health professionals
in achieving the MDGs



2009: Climate change and health
survey

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2017: PROCESS

- Establishment of a working group facilitated by the Commonwealth Foundation.
- Members of the working group were: Commonwealth Foundation; Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance; the Third World Network; and the International Community of Women Living with HIV Eastern Africa.
- Twelve meetings by Skype teleconference.

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2017: METHODOLOGY

- Deciding on the topics for discussion.
 - * **Funding models for financing universal health coverage**
 - * **The politics of wellbeing**
 - * **Structural violence and its impact on women's health**
- Development of policy briefs on the three topics.
- Online survey to encourage input on the topics from broader civil society across the Commonwealth.
- Presentation of the policy briefs and their recommendations by the authors for discussion at the 2017 Civil Society Policy Forum.
- Presentation of recommendations to Commonwealth Health Ministers.

Male = 35

Region
Commonwealth
Foundation



Africa = 33

Asia = 20

Caribbean & Americas = 38

Europe = 14

Other = 2

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2017: RESULTS OF THE ONLINE SURVEY

- 107 responses
- 72 female respondents; 35 male respondents
- 33 responses from the Africa region; 20 from Asia; 38 from the Caribbean and Americas; 14 from Europe; 2 'other'
- The survey asked a number of questions in relation to universal health coverage; the politics of wellbeing; and the effects of structural violence on women's health with space for respondents to make comment and explain their response to each question.

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FUNDING MODELS FOR FINANCING UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

Question 1.1: Do you support the following recommendation: *"To inform policy decisions on optimal financing of UHC, Commonwealth Health Ministers request the Commonwealth Secretariat to systematically and critically evaluate the funding models of Commonwealth countries that have achieved UHC, including those Commonwealth countries that use hybrid funding models, and make recommendations as to how this evidence and the lessons learned from these models can be transferred to other Commonwealth countries as appropriate; and that the Commonwealth Secretariat report their findings to the 2018 Commonwealth Health Ministers' meeting."*

YES: 97

YES WITH REVISION: 8

NO: 2

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Question 1.2: Do you support the following recommendation: *“That Commonwealth Health Ministers in pursuing the goal of achieving or improving UHC in their countries, involve civil society in decisions to be made about how UHC is to be provided and financed.”*

YES: 96

YES WITH REVISION: 9

NO: 2

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THE POLITICS OF WELLBEING

Question 2.1: Do you support the principle that governments should use measures of progress that are focused on wellbeing as well as economic growth e.g. GDP?

YES: 95

YES WITH REVISION: 9

NO: 3

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THE POLITICS OF WELLBEING

Question 2.2: Do you support the following recommendation:
"Commonwealth Health Ministers should lobby for their national statistics institutes to include internationally harmonised wellbeing questions in large-scale regular official surveys, and to report data in a timely fashion."

YES: 93

YES WITH REVISION: 12

NO: 2

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THE POLITICS OF WELLBEING

Question 2.3: Do you support the following recommendation:
"Commonwealth Governments should commit to using a 'wellbeing impact policy tool' to quantify the overall subjective wellbeing impact of all policies, and disaggregate policy impacts for different demographic groups."

YES: 96

YES WITH REVISION: 8

NO: 2

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THE IMPACT OF STRUCTURAL VIOLENCE ON WOMEN'S HEALTH

Question 3.1: Do you support the principle that women and girls experience structural violence resulting from unjust social, political and economic systems that prevent them from reaching their full potential?

YES: 94

YES WITH REVISION: 8

NO: 5

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THE IMPACT OF STRUCTURAL VIOLENCE ON WOMEN'S HEALTH

Question 3.2: Do you support the following recommendation: *“That Commonwealth governments make a declaration to end all forms of violence, identify and commit to instituting mechanisms to address both interpersonal and structural violence around a clear and coherent agenda, ensuring social cultural systems, laws and policies are preventing violence and influencing violence free systems and communities”.*

YES: 99

YES WITH REVISION: 8

NO: 0

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Question 3.3: Do you support the following recommendation: *“That Commonwealth Ministers of Health work with their governments and remove all financial barriers to accessing health with a special focus on women and girls”.*

YES: 91

YES WITH REVISION: 16

NO: 2

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Question 3.4: Do you support the following recommendation: *“That Commonwealth governments ensure there is substantial investment in primary health care, that will result in: continuous availability of essential drugs; prevention services for endemic diseases; immunisation services; treatment of communicable and non-communicable diseases; maternal and child health services; nutritional services; health education; and water and sanitation services”.*

YES: 96

YES WITH REVISION: 11

NO: 0