

WG Mental Health

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- Restarted at the beginning of 2024 with 2 new coordinators: Hilde Buttiëns from Memisa and Katia Verbiest from Doctors without Vacation
- Handover with the previous coordinators and great thanks to: John De Maesschalck & Willem van de Put
- Terms of Reference defined and validated by participants to the WG

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- 2 sub-groups:
 - Operational: French-speaking, Subsaharan practitioners, Focus on operational issues (eg. Access to psychotropic medication, ...), participants from Belgium + African countries
 - Strategic: English-French with limited translation, participants from Belgium +
 African countries, focus on more strategic issues (eg. Integration of mental
 health services in the health system, ...)
- Timing: each group meets 3-4 times a year

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- Strategic group meetings: 25 april, 5 september, 5 december 2024
- Current focus: development of a policy brief on mental health (with sections for 2 target audiences: policy makers and donors)