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## **Foreword**

I personally felt mental health's deep-rooted importance when I returned home to Rwanda in 1996, just after my people were traumatized by the 1994 Tutsi genocide. At a time when we needed mental health services the most, there was only one psychiatrist in the entire country. In an act to survive and rebuild, we turned to our communities for healing. Giving a voice to the people and collectively finding a solution to the mental health challenges that we faced at that time has helped Rwanda to resiliently move forward on a path toward recovery.

This volume of *Disease Control Priorities*, third edition (*DCP3*), is thus a welcome call to action for augmenting the response needed to address the growing challenge of mental, neurological, and substance use (MNS) disorders. Such illnesses lurk in the shadows. Although they account for 10 percent of the global disease burden, they are left underestimated and unsupported worldwide.

In the pages that follow, the world has in its hands a series of evidence-based approaches, cost-effective strategies, and implementation guidelines for MNS disorders. This comes at an opportune time. Changing epidemiological and social determinant health profiles show the world's readiness for sustainable development goals (SDGs) to aim for universal health coverage. We, as global leaders, have a moral obligation to advocate for comprehensive, effective services backed by human-rights-oriented legal frameworks to protect those living with MNS disorders as part of this quest toward meaningful universal health coverage. Prioritizing the *supply* of quality MNS services at the community level while also improving the *demand* for such services must come with this advocacy effort.

Although these steps may seem daunting, there is reason for hope. We can build on the lessons from the world's 15-year fight against HIV/AIDS. Across low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) in the 1990s, both supply and demand for HIV/AIDS services were absent because there were no delivery platforms. No money or support was given to create a delivery structure. No laws were written to protect the human rights of those stigmatized by HIV/AIDS.

Today, it is a drastically different story. Progress against HIV/AIDS for the past 15 years tells us that no evidence-based, multisectoral, holistic, and rights-based approach is too sophisticated for LMICs. It demonstrates that specialized referral service systems are possible, even for one of the most complicated and stigmatized of conditions. It illustrates that as bidirectional supply and demand is created, the much-needed link between patients' needs and an effective global care response will grow stronger.

I challenge global leaders to build upon these lessons learned from the HIV/AIDS response and apply it positively to the challenge of MNS disorders. We must no longer overlook the deleterious effects that the lack of quality MNS services has upon our communities. We should strive to build universal health care systems specifically recognizing MNS disorders' genetic, biological, and cultural roots. And as a global community, I implore us to create enabling environments to address the social determinants of health affecting MNS disorders.

This call to action need not be answered alone; let us work together as a global team to change the status quo and demand health equity for all.

> Agnes Binagwaho, MD, MPed, PhD Minister of Health, Rwanda

# **Preface**

Mental, neurological, and substance use (MNS) disorders contribute approximately 10 percent of the global burden of disease. They often run a chronic course, are highly disabling, and are associated with significant premature mortality. Moreover, beyond their health consequences, the impact of these disorders on the social and economic well-being of individuals, families, and societies is enormous.

Despite this burden, MNS disorders have been systematically neglected in most of the world, particularly in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), with pitifully small contributions to prevention and treatment by governments and development agencies. Systematically compiling the substantial evidence that already exists to address this inequity is the central goal of volume 4 of Disease Control Priorities, third edition (DCP3). The evidence presented in this volume will help to build an evidence-based perspective on which policies and interventions for addressing MNS disorders should be prioritized in resource-constrained settings. These recommendations will be of relevance to ministries of health and—given the intersectoral nature of the interventions and impacts of MNS disorders—to ministries of health and social welfare, as well as to institutions and donors concerned with sustainable development. Reaching a broader audience of academics, research organizations, and public health practitioners is another goal of this effort.

MNS disorders include a large number of discrete health conditions, each with its own epidemiological characteristics and interventions for prevention and care. These disorders, like most chronic noncommunicable diseases, are caused by complex interactions among genetic, biological, social, and psychological determinants. In this volume, we chose to address only

those conditions that are associated with a significant global burden. In doing so, we address the majority of the burden associated with these disorders. We have organized these heterogeneous groups of disorders into five groups: adult mental disorders, child mental and developmental disorders, neurological disorders, alcohol use disorders, and illicit drug use disorders. The volume also addresses suicide and self-harm, which are strongly associated with MNS disorders.

In addition to providing an up-to-date synthesis of the burden, prevalence, determinants, and interventions for prevention and care of the selected disorders, the volume offers a number of novel contributions to the policy-relevant evidence on MNS disorders.

- First, we present a systematic analysis of the excess mortality associated with these disorders, enhancing our understanding of the true burden of disease attributable to them.
- Second, the discussion of interventions embraces a health system perspective, such that, after a review of the effective interventions for specific disorders, these are then organized according to how they might be delivered across three distinct and complementary platforms: population, community, and health and social care. This approach allows us not only to reflect on how interventions are planned and delivered in health systems, but also to highlight the potential opportunities, synergies, and efficiencies for resource allocation.
- Third, in addition to a review of the recent evidence for cost-effectiveness, the efforts to scale up the community-based services for mental health in selected LMICs—India and Ethiopia—have been examined through the lens of extended cost-effectiveness

analysis to consider the distribution of costs and outcomes, as well as the extent to which policies offer financial protection to households.

We thank the large international group of authors who have contributed to the development of the volume for their time, effort, and thoroughness and for presentation of the evidence succinctly. We hope readers will find that the exhaustive information the authors have synthesized is presented in a manner that is clear and engaging. We thank the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for providing funding support to the DCP3, the Institute of Medicine for coordinating the peer-review process, and the World Bank staff who coordinated the publication of the volume. We are grateful to the DCP3 secretariat, in particular, Dean Jamison and Rachel Nugent, for their expert inputs on various chapters. In addition, we thank Brianne Adderley, Kristen Danforth, and Elizabeth Brouwer for their unstinting support, and Rachana Parikh for coordinating the volume.

The findings of this volume make an emphatic case for a substantially increased investment in the prevention of and care for MNS disorders. We document highly cost-effective strategies for the prevention of some MNS disorders and affordable models of care for the delivery of treatment interventions in routine health care platforms through nonspecialist health workers. Such investments make economic sense for two reasons: the interventions we recommend are cost-effective, and the impact of these interventions on social and economic outcomes is immense. The counterfactual situation of not doing enough, which prevails in most populations, is leading to enormous loss of human capital and will hinder the ambition of sustainable development. The evidence in this volume can be translated into practice only with strong political will and commitment from the governments and developmental agencies who now have to make the necessary investments in their scale-up.

We have the evidence to act. There is a moral case to act. The time to act is now.

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# **Abbreviations**

ACE Assessing Cost-Effectiveness

ADHD attention deficit hyperactivity disorder

AEDs anti-epileptic drugs

AIDS acquired immune deficiency syndrome

AIMS Assessment Instrument for Mental Health Systems

APA American Psychiatric Association ATS amphetamine-type stimulants

AUDs alcohol use disorders
BAC blood alcohol concentration

BBV blood-borne virus

BMT buprenorphine maintenance treatment

BPSD behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia

BZP N-benzylpiperazine

CBI cognitive behavioral interventions CBT cognitive behavioral therapy

CD conduct disorder

CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CEA cost-effectiveness analysis
ChEI cholinesterase inhibitors
CHW community health worker

CHOICE Choosing Interventions that are Cost-Effective

CI confidence interval CoD cause of death

CRA comparative risk assessment
CSG Consejo de Salubridad General
DALYs disability-adjusted life years
DARE Drug Abuse Resistance Education

DCP2 Disease Control Priorities in Developing Countries, 2nd ed.

DCP Disease Control Priorities
DOH Department of Health

DFID Department of International Development

DSH deliberate self-harm DNA deoxyribonucleic acid

DSM-5 Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th ed.

DW disability weight

ECT electroconvulsive therapy

ECEA extended cost-effectiveness analysis

EEG electroencephalogram EOD early-onset dementia

ES effect size

FAS Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

FASD Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorders

FRP financial risk protection
GBD Global burden of disease

GBD 2010 Global Burden of Disease Study 2010

g/dl grams per deciliter
GDP gross domestic product
GHE Global Health Estimates
GNI gross national income

GRADE Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation

HCV hepatitis C

HICs high-income countries

HIV/AIDS human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency syndrome

HIV human immunodeficiency virus HMT heroin maintenance treatment

HR hazard ratio

IASC Inter-Agency Standing Committee
ICD International Classification of Diseases
ICT information and communications technology

IHD ischemic heart disease

IHME Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation

IMAI Integrated Management of Adult and Adolescent Illness

IOM Institute of Medicine IQs intelligence quotients

INCB International Narcotics Control Board

IOM Institute of Medicine IQR interquartile range LICs low-income countries

LMICs low- and-middle-income countries

MCH maternal and child health

MDMA 3,4-methylenedioxy-N-methylamphetamine

MDPV methylenedioxypyrovalerone MHaPP Mental Health and Poverty Project mhGAP Mental Health Gap Action Programme

MICs middle-income countries

MMT methadone maintenance treatment MNS mental, neurological, and substance use

MOH medication-overuse headache

MSIC Medically Supervised Injecting Centre

NIAAA National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

NCD noncommunicable disease

NICE National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

OCD obsessive-compulsive disorder

ONDCP Office of National Drug Control Policy

OOP out-of-pocket OR odds ratio

OST opioid substitution treatment PAF population attributable fractions

PC101 Primary Care 101

PHC primary health care

PRIME Programme for Improving Mental health carE

PSST problem-solving skills therapy PTSD post-traumatic stress disorder

QA quality assurance QALYs quality-adjusted life years QI quality improvement

RR relative risk

RCT randomized controlled trial
SAPS South African Police Service
SAR Special Administrative Region
SDG sustainable development goal
SEL social emotional learning
SHR sustained headache relief
SIFs supervised injecting facilities

SMART Self-Management and Recovery Training

SMDs severe mental disorders SMR standardized mortality ratio

SNRIs serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors

SSRIs selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors

TC therapeutic community
TCA tricyclic antidepressant

TPO Transcultural Psychosocial Organization

TTH tension-type headache

TQ Ten Question

UHC universal health coverage UI uncertainty interval

UMICs upper middle-income countries

UNDCP United Nations International Drug Control Programme

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

UPF universal public finance
WHO World Health Organization
WMH World Mental Health

WONCA World Organization of Family Doctors

YLDs years lived with disability

YLLs years of life lost