



R E S O L U T I O N

REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
THE WESTERN PACIFIC

COMITE RÉGIONAL DU
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MENTAL HEALTH

The Regional Committee,

Recalling resolutions WPR/RC52.R5 on *the Regional Strategy for Mental Health*, WHA65.4 on the global burden of mental disorders and the need for a comprehensive, coordinated response from health, social and other sectors at the country level, and WHA66.8 on the *Mental Health Action Plan 2013–2020*;

Recognizing the urgent need to provide equitable access to effective programmes and integrated health-care interventions for mental health;

Acknowledging the social dimensions of mental health and the need for inclusive whole-of-government approaches and multisectoral action;

Recognizing the importance of national strategies and plans for the prevention of suicide;

Concerned that social, political, economic and environmental factors, such as natural disasters and public health emergencies, contribute to increased risk of and vulnerability to mental health problems,

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1. ENDORSES the *Regional Agenda for Implementing the Mental Health Action Plan 2013–2020 in the Western Pacific*;
2. URGES Member States:
 - (1) to *include* mental health in national health plans;
 - (2) to develop and strengthen national mental health programmes using the *Regional Agenda for Implementing the Mental Health Action Plan 2013–2020 in the Western Pacific* for guidance, according to national circumstances;
 - (3) to work with partners and stakeholders to improve mental health in the Region;
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
 - (1) to provide technical support to Member States for the development and implementation of national mental health strategies, policies, plans and programmes;
 - (2) to promote regional collaboration and partnership for mental health;
 - (3) to report periodically to the Regional Committee on progress in the implementation of the *Regional Agenda for Implementing the Mental Health Action Plan 2013–2020 in the Western Pacific*.