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General objectives

The general objective of the European network for traumatic stress (TENTS) is to develop European-wide networks of expertise on post-traumatic stress treatment for victims of natural and other disasters. TENTS will also build capacity of post-disaster mental health services in the participating regions and countries and will strengthen and reorganise them into more evidence-based and effective services. The information provided will take the form of synopses of the practices used.

Strategic relevance and contribution to the public health programme

TENTS contributes to the objectives of the public health programme by developing European-wide networks of expertise on post-traumatic stress treatment for victims of natural and other disasters and the dissemination across Europe of evidence-based practices for the assistance of victims of natural and other disasters.

Methods and means

The project will undertake a mapping of the existing services in the Member States. A systematic review of the current evidence base regarding post-traumatic stress treatment for victims of natural and other disasters and the world literature will also be conducted. Best practice guidelines will be used to develop an evidence-based model of multi-agency psychosocial response with various levels of intervention. By comparing the results of the mapping exercise to the model and guidelines, development needs will be elaborated for each area. Teaching packages will then be developed to address these, based on the model but tailored to best meet local needs.

Expected outcomes period

The results of the project will include: the results of the mapping process with a description of mental health services of provincial and district health authorities across Member States with particular emphasis on planning and delivery systems, methods of screening, assessment and treatment currently in use, and the education, training and supervision of providers; a systematic review of the current evidence base regarding post-traumatic stress treatment for victims of natural and other disasters in the Member States. Comprehensive information on screening and diagnosis, preventive interventions and curative interventions of trauma victims and for treatment of PTSD.
will also be included. Organisational issues, economic issues and how best to provide a multi-agency response will also be considered;

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a comparison of the results of the mapping process with the proposed model of care. A detailed needs assessment for each area and information on potential strengths and weaknesses regarding successful implementation of the model within mental health services of provincial and district health authorities will be provided;

results of the dissemination and implementation phase of the study and assessment of progress against the needs analysis over the course of the project. A description of the systems that have been developed to ensure sustained action and the professional associations that need to be involved in dissemination will also be provided;

European network development, local networks development, teaching materials to be produced in the different EU languages (e.g. screening instruments, treatment guidelines, working materials, posters, brochures, flyers, information videos and CD-ROMs) and evidence of the start of dissemination.
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