

**Table 1 Summary of mental and social health policies across countries of World Health Organization regions and in Saudi Arabia: 2006**

Theme	% of countries							Saudi Arabia
	World	Africa	Americas	Eastern Mediterranean	Europe	South-East Asia	Western Pacific	
Mental health policy	59.5	47.8	64.5	68.2	67.3	70.0	48.1	Yes
Substance abuse policy	69.4	52.2	71.0	81.0	85.7	80.0	53.8	Yes
National mental health programme	69.7	73.9	80.6	86.4	55.1	80.0	59.3	Yes
Mental health legislation	75.3	71.1	67.9	57.1	91.7	70.0	76.0	Under development
Programmes for special populations								
Children	59.9	37.8	74.2	68.2	77.1	60.0	42.3	Under development
Elderly	47.8	17.8	66.7	54.5	62.5	60.0	38.5	Under development
Annual reporting system	72.9	52.3	67.7	75.0	89.9	90.0	74.1	Yes