

# Mental Health Australia



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Mentally healthy people,  
mentally healthy communities

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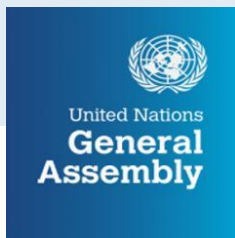




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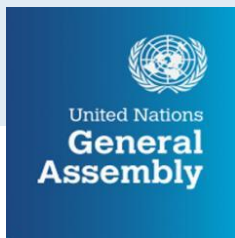
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**Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.**

*“Despite clear evidence that there can be no health without mental health, nowhere in the world does mental health enjoy parity with physical health in national policies and budgets or in medical education practice.”*

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*“States must devote the maximum available resources to the right to health, yet globally, spending on mental health stands at less than 10 per cent of spending on physical health.”*

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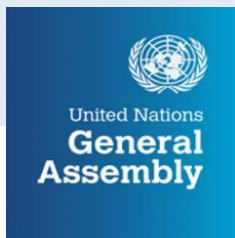


## Budget 2017

- Mental health spending seems stuck at about 5% of total Health Budget
- But about 12% of disease burden
- And about 24% of years of life lost to disability







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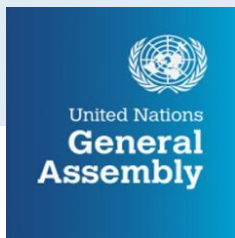
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*“Psychosocial interventions, not medication, should be the first-line of treatment options for the majority of people who experience mental health issues.”*

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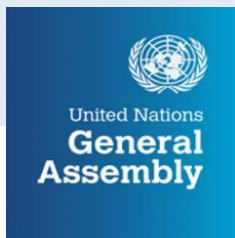
**Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.**

*“Discrimination and inequality are both a cause and consequence of poor mental health, with long term implications for morbidity, mortality and societal well-being.”*

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*“We need little short of a revolution in mental health care to end decades of neglect, abuse and violence,”*

Mr. Dainius Pūras

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