



THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
78TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
TANZANIA STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM

**13.2 Response to the Country Update on Mental Health and Social
Connection During Public Health Crises**

Thank you Chair; The United Republic of Tanzania aligns with the statement delivered on behalf of the African group and commends the comprehensive report on the agenda items.

Chairperson, Tanzania remains committed to strengthening mental health and social connection, particularly among elderlies, adolescents and women during public health emergencies and beyond.

Chairperson, in alignment with the global commitments, Tanzania established a joint National Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Action Plan and the Technical Working Group (TWG). The primary objectives of the TWG are to improve service accessibility, adapt global guidance, provide technical oversight, and promote intersectoral collaboration.

Chairperson, the country has continued to institute Mental Health and Psychosocial Support measures including strengthening of social connections. These efforts tap experiences from our diverse cultural practices which are rich in opportunities that promote social cohesions. They also align with the WHO Comprehensive Mental Health Action Plan 2020–2030 and reflect Tanzania's broader goal to make mental health care inclusive, accessible, and rooted in strong social connections.

Chairperson, By embedding mental health support into communities and leveraging local structures, Tanzania is building a foundation for long-term psychosocial resilience.

Chairperson, Tanzania reaffirms its commitment to advancing global mental health priorities by showcasing site-specific, people-centered interventions that promote social connection.

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