

Partnerships for Life: Global Initiative to Prevent Suicide

A global review of national suicide prevention strategies

National and subnational strategies, policies, plans, programmes and legislation, organised by WHO region

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Introduction

In November 2023, IASP published the first comprehensive listing of standalone national and subnational suicide prevention strategies, policies, plans, programmes and legislation. The lists were developed by Professor Steve Platt with the support of Dr Camila Siebert Altavini and have since been revised and updated. This 2026 edition, produced with the input of IASP Research Assistant Sangina Khudododova, brings the national and subnational listings together in a single review.

The review covers both levels of government. It records 109 national documents across 63 countries, and 116 subnational documents across 73 jurisdictions in 6 countries. For each country, national instruments are listed first; where a country also has strategies at the level of a state, province, nation or region, these subnational instruments are listed directly beneath it in a shaded block. “Subnational” means an instrument adopted by a geographical area within a sovereign state that has the administrative authority to implement suicide prevention (for example a state in the USA or Australia, a province in Canada, or a region such as Flanders in Belgium). Lower-level units such as districts, counties and communities are excluded.

The material is organised by WHO region rather than as a single alphabetical sequence, so that countries can be read alongside their regional neighbours. Belgium appears because it has a subnational strategy for Flanders although no national strategy was identified; it is shown in its region with a note to that effect.

How to read the tables

Within each region, countries appear alphabetically. For each country the current national instrument or instruments are listed first, followed by any superseded national documents on a lightly shaded background. Where subnational strategies exist, a shaded block follows, listing jurisdictions alphabetically; within each jurisdiction, current documents precede superseded ones. Titles link to the source document.

Definitions

Strategy – a unified, structured and integrated blueprint designed to achieve a specific objective (the prevention of suicide).

Policy – a course or principle of action proposed or adopted by government or authorised by a suicide prevention agency.

Action Plan – a programme or scheme for a definite purpose (the prevention of suicide).

Programme – an inter-related set of measures or activities undertaken to achieve a long-term aim (the prevention of suicide).

Legislation – law relating to the prevention of suicide passed by the legislative branch of government.

Framework – a structure that organises and connects the components of suicide prevention (strategies, policies, plans, programmes and legislation) into a coherent whole

Act – a specific piece of primary legislation on the prevention of suicide, passed under a formal short title (for example a Suicide Prevention Act).

Abbreviations

World Bank resource level (2024): HI high • UMI upper middle • LMI lower middle • LI low • NC not classified.

Dates: NA not applicable (legislation, assumed operational indefinitely unless repealed) • NR not reported • NK not known • ND no date.

A note on jurisdictions

The four nations of the United Kingdom are listed separately at national level because suicide prevention is a devolved responsibility and each publishes its own strategy. These are editorial choices made in the interest of practical usefulness rather than strict conformity to the WHO membership framework.

Regional overview

Coverage is weighted towards the European Region and the Region of the Americas. Subnational activity is concentrated in a small number of federal states, mainly in the United States, Australia and Canada; reflecting how those countries organise suicide prevention rather than a greater intensity of effort.

WHO region	Countries	National documents	Subnational jurisdictions	Subnational documents
African Region	4	4	—	—
Americas Region	16	29	60	93
Eastern Mediterranean Region	4	4	—	—
European Region	30	53	5	6
South-East Asia Region	4	5	—	—
Western Pacific Region	9	17	8	15
Total	67	112	73	114

African Region

4 countries · 4 national

Country	Resource Level	Document title and link	Language	Published	Strategy dates
Cabo Verde	UMI	Estratégia nacional de prevenção do suicídio (National strategy for the prevention of suicide)	Portuguese	2023	2023–NR
Kenya	LMI	Suicide prevention strategy 2021–2026	English	2021	2021–2026
Namibia	LMI	National Strategic Plan on the Prevention of Suicide in Namibia 2012–2016 <i>[no public link]</i>	English	2011	2012–2016
Nigeria	LMI	National Suicide Prevention Strategic Framework	English	2025	2023–2030

Americas Region

16 countries • 29 national • 94 subnational

Country	Resource Level	Document title and link	Language	Published	Strategy dates
Argentina	UMI	Ley nacional de prevención del suicidio (National law for the prevention of suicide), Decreto 603/2021	Spanish (English available)	2021	NA
		Ley 27.130 — Ley nacional de prevención del suicidio (National suicide prevention act)		2015	NA
Belize	UMI	Belize national suicide prevention plan 2024—2030	English	2024	2024–2030
Brazil	UMI	LEI nº 13.819 — institui a política nacional de prevenção da automutilação e do suicídio (Law #13.819, national policy for the prevention of self-harm and suicide)	Portuguese	2019	NA
		Superseded Agenda de ações estratégicas para a vigilância e prevenção do suicídio e promoção da saúde no Brasil 2017—2020		2017	2020
		Superseded Portaria nº 1876 — institui diretrizes nacionais para prevenção do suicídio (Ordinance #1876)		2006	NA
Subnational strategies • Brazil (3 jurisdictions)					
Distrito Federal		Plano distrital de prevenção ao suicídio 2020—2023 (Federal district plan for suicide prevention) <i>[no public link]</i>	Portuguese	2020	2020–2023
Piauí		Plano de ação para prevenção do suicídio no estado do Piauí (Suicide prevention action plan for Piauí state) <i>[no public link]</i>	Portuguese	2017	2017–2020
Rio Grande do Sul		Plano estadual de promoção da vida e prevenção do suicídio 2022—2025 (State plan for promoting life and preventing suicide)	Portuguese	2022	2022–2025
Canada	HI	The National Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2024—2027	English	2024	2024–2027
Subnational strategies • Canada (6 jurisdictions)					

Country	Resource Level	Document title and link	Language	Published	Strategy dates
Alberta		Building strength, inspiring hope: a provincial action plan for youth suicide prevention 2019–2024	English	2019	2019–2024
		Superseded Call to action: the Alberta suicide prevention strategy		2006	2006–2016
Manitoba		Reclaiming hope: Manitoba's youth suicide prevention strategy	English	2008	NR
New Brunswick		Connecting to life: provincial suicide prevention program	English	2007	NK
Nova Scotia		Preventing and reducing the risk of suicide: a framework for Nova Scotia	English	2020	2020–NR
		Superseded Nova Scotia strategic framework to address suicide		2006	2006–2016
Nunavut		Inuusivut Annirnaqtut Action Plan 2024–2029 Nunavut suicide prevention strategy action plan (Sept 2011 – March 2014)	English	2024 2011	2024–2029 2011–2014
		Superseded Nunavut suicide prevention strategy		2010	NR
Quebec		Rallumer l'espoir: Stratégie nationale de prévention du suicide 2022–2026	French/English	2022	2022–2026
		Superseded Help for life. Quebec's strategy for preventing suicide		1997	1998–NR
Chile	HI	Estrategia nacional para la prevención del suicidio 2025–2034 (National strategy for suicide prevention)	Spanish	2025	2025–2034
		Superseded Programa nacional de prevención del suicidio (National suicide prevention programme)		2021	2021–NR
		Superseded Programa nacional de prevención del suicidio (National suicide prevention programme)		2015	2015–NR
		Superseded		2013	2013–NR

Country	Resource Level	Document title and link	Language	Published	Strategy dates
		Programa nacional de prevención del suicidio: orientaciones para su implementación (Guidelines for implementation)			
Costa Rica	HI	Política nacional de salud mental 2024–2034 y plan de acción 2025–2029 pg 150–163	Spanish	2025	2025–2029
Cuba	UMI	Programa nacional de prevención y atención a la conducta suicida (National programme for prevention of and attention to suicidal behaviour) <i>[no public link]</i>	Spanish	2010/11	NR
Dominican Republic	UMI	Programa de prevención de la conducta suicida en la República Dominicana 2014	Spanish	2014	2014–2018
Guyana	HI	National mental health action plan and national suicide prevention plan for Guyana 2024–2030	English	2024	2024–2030
		Suicide Prevention Act 2022		2022	NA
Mexico	UMI	Programa nacional para la prevención del suicidio 2022–2024 https://www.conasama.salud.gob.mx/cnps/lmg/Guia.pdf?utm_	Spanish	2022	2022–2024
Nicaragua	LMI	Estrategia Nacional de Prevención del Suicidio. Plan Nacional de Promoción de Vida <i>[no public link]</i>	Spanish	2000	NR
Panama	HI	Ley 174 — marco jurídico del abordaje integral de las conductas de riesgo suicida (Law 174, legal framework for suicidal risk behaviours)	Spanish	2020	NA
		Superseded Plan para la prevención y control de la conducta suicida en Panamá 2006 <i>[no public link]</i>	Spanish	2006	NK
Paraguay	UMI	Ley N° 6.169 de prevención y atención de personas en riesgo de suicidio (Law No. 6.169)	Spanish/English	2018	NA
Suriname	UMI	Nationaal Suicide Preventie- en Interventieplan 2016–2020 (National suicide prevention and intervention plan) <i>[no public link]</i>	Dutch	2016	2016–2020
Uruguay	HI	Estrategia Nacional de Prevención de Suicidio 2021–2025	Spanish	2021	2021–2025
		Superseded		2011	2011–2015

Country	Resource Level	Document title and link	Language	Published	Strategy dates
		Plan Nacional de Prevención del Suicidio para Uruguay 2011—2015 “Un compromiso con la vida”			
USA	HI	2024 National strategy for suicide prevention	English	2024	2024–2034
		Superseded The Surgeon General’s call to action to implement the national strategy for suicide prevention		2021	2021–2025
		Superseded National strategy for suicide prevention: goals and objectives for action — report of the U.S. Surgeon General and the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention		2012	NR
		Superseded National strategy for suicide prevention: goals and objectives for action		2001	NR
		Superseded American Indian/Alaska Native national suicide prevention strategic plan 2011–2015		2011	2011–2015
Subnational strategies • USA (51 jurisdictions)					
Alabama		Alabama state suicide prevention plan 2021–2026	English	2021	2021–2026
		Superseded Alabama suicide prevention plan		2004	NR
Alaska		Messages of hope. Alaska's statewide suicide prevention plan 2023–2027	English	2023	2023–2027
		Superseded Recasting the net: promoting wellness to prevent suicide in Alaska		2018	2018–2022
Arizona		Arizona suicide prevention action plan 2024–2026	English	2024	2024–2026
		Superseded Suicide prevention action plan 2022–2023		2022	2022–2023
Arkansas		Arkansas strategic prevention plan 2019–2023	English	2019	2019–2023

Country	Resource Level	Document title and link	Language	Published	Strategy dates
California		Striving for zero: California's strategic plan for suicide prevention 2020—2025	English	NK	2020–2025
Colorado		Colorado Office of Suicide Prevention Annual Report — Colorado Plan for Suicide Prevention	English	NK	NA
Connecticut		State of Connecticut suicide prevention plan 2020—2025	English	2020	2020–2025
Delaware		State of Delaware suicide prevention plan (July 2013 — July 2018)	English	2013	2013–2018
Florida		Florida suicide prevention interagency action plan 2020—2023	English	NK	2020–2023
Georgia		Georgia suicide prevention strategic plan 2020—2025	English	NK	2020–2025
Guam		Guam State Plan for Suicide_Prevention and Early Intervention_2016–2020	English	NK	2016–2020
Hawaii		Hawaii suicide prevention strategic plan 2018—2025 This is link to full documents	English	2018	2018–2025
Idaho		Idaho suicide prevention plan 2024—2028	English	2024	2024–2028
		^{Superseded} Idaho suicide prevention plan 2019—2023		2019	2019–2023
Illinois		Making Illinois safer 2018—2022. State strategic plan to prevent injury, violence, and suicide It includes Suicide.	English	2018	2018–2022
		^{Superseded} Illinois suicide prevention strategic plan		2020	NR
Indiana		Indiana suicide prevention plan 2021—2023	English	2021	2021–2023
Iowa		Iowa plan for suicide prevention 2022—2027	English	2022	2022–2027
Kansas		Kansas suicide prevention plan 2026–2030 Kansas suicide prevention plan 2021—2025	English	2026 NK	2026–2030 2021–2025
Kentucky		Kentucky strategy for suicide prevention 2013—2018	English	NK	2013–2018
Louisiana		Louisiana suicide prevention plan	English	2021	NR
Maine		Maine suicide prevention program strategic plan 2020—2025	English	2021	2020–2025

Country	Resource Level	Document title and link	Language	Published	Strategy dates
Maryland		Maryland Suicide Prevention Plan 2022–2024	English	2025	NR
Massachusetts		Massachusetts strategic plan for suicide prevention	English	2015	2015–2020
Michigan		Michigan suicide prevention plan: a systems-level approach to preventing suicide 2024–2027	English	2024	2024–2027
		Superseded Michigan Suicide Prevention Plan 2024 2024 National Strategy for Suicide Prevention		2024 2024	2024–2027 NR
Minnesota		Minnesota department of health state suicide prevention plan 2023–2027	English	NK	2023–2027
		Superseded Minnesota state suicide prevention plan: goals and objectives for action, 2015–2020		2015	2015–2020
Mississippi		The Mississippi suicide prevention plan 2024–2027	English	NK	2024–2027
		Superseded Mississippi suicide prevention plan 2020–2022		NK	2020–2022
Missouri		Missouri suicide prevention plan 2024–2028	English	2024	2024–2028
		Superseded Missouri suicide prevention plan 2021–2024		NK	2021–2024
Montana		Suicide prevention strategic plan 2025	English	2025	NR
		Superseded Suicide prevention strategic plan 2023		2023	NR
		Superseded Suicide prevention strategic plan 2021		2021	NR
		Superseded Suicide prevention strategic plan 2019		2019	NR
Nebraska		Nebraska statewide suicide prevention plan 2022–2025	English	2022	2022–2025
Nevada		Nevada office of suicide prevention action plan 2017–2019	English	2017	2017–2019

Country	Resource Level	Document title and link	Language	Published	Strategy dates
New Hampshire		New Hampshire state suicide prevention plan 2025—2029	English	2025	2025–2029
		Superseded New Hampshire suicide prevention plan 2021—2024		NK	2021–2024
New Jersey		New Jersey strategy for youth suicide prevention 2015	English	NK	2015–NR
		Superseded New Jersey adult suicide prevention plan 2014—2017		NK	2014–2017
New York State		New York state's strategy for suicide prevention 2026—2030 <i>[no public link]</i>	English	NK	2026–2030
		Superseded 1,700 too many. New York state's suicide prevention plan 2016—17		2016	2016–2017
North Carolina		North Carolina suicide prevention action plan 2026–2030 North Carolina suicide prevention action plan 2021—2025	English	2022	2021–2025
North Dakota		North Dakota suicide prevention plan 2017—2020	English	NK	2017–2020
Ohio		The suicide prevention plan for Ohio 2024—2026	English	NK	2024–2026
Oklahoma		Oklahoma strategy for suicide prevention 2015—2020	English	NK	2015–2020
		Superseded Oklahoma state Youth Suicide Prevention Plan		NK	NR
Oregon		Adult suicide intervention and prevention plan 2023—2027 Youth suicide intervention and prevention plan 2021—2025	English	N2023 NK	2023–2027 2021–2025
		Superseded Youth suicide intervention and prevention plan 2016—2020		NK	2016–2020
Pennsylvania		Pennsylvania statewide suicide prevention plan 2020—2024	English	2020	2020–2024
Puerto Rico		Strategic Plan 2024—2027 — Multisectoral Alliance for Suicide Prevention in Puerto Rico	Spanish	2024	2024–2027
Rhode Island		Rhode Island suicide prevention strategic plan 2023—2030	English	2023	2023–2030
		Superseded		NK	2019–2023

Country	Resource Level	Document title and link	Language	Published	Strategy dates
		Rhode Island violence & injury prevention state plan 2019—2023: suicide/suicide attempt prevention section			
South Carolina		South Carolina strategy for suicide prevention 2018—2025	English	NK	2018–2025
		Superseded South Carolina strategy for suicide prevention state plan 2022		2022	NR
South Dakota		South Dakota state suicide prevention plan 2025—2030	English	2025	2025–2030
		Superseded South Dakota suicide prevention plan. 2024 priority strategies		2024	NR
Tennessee		Tennessee strategy for suicide prevention	English	2021	NR
Texas		Texas state plan for suicide prevention 2023—2028	English	NK	2023–2028
Utah		Utah suicide prevention state plan 2022—2026	English	NK	2022–2026
		Superseded Utah LGBTQ+ suicide prevention plan 2020—2023		NK	2020–2023
Vermont		Vermont state strategic plan for suicide prevention 2024—2029	English	NK	2024–2029
		Superseded Vermont suicide prevention platform. Working to prevent suicide across the lifespan (3rd ed., 2023)		2023	NR
		Superseded Vermont suicide prevention platform. Working to prevent suicide across the lifespan (2nd ed., 2015)		2015	NR
Virginia		Suicide prevention across the lifespan. A 2023 plan for the commonwealth of Virginia	English	2023	NR
		Superseded Suicide prevention across the lifespan plan for the commonwealth of Virginia (2021)		2021	NR
		Superseded Suicide prevention across the lifespan. Plan for the Commonwealth of Virginia (2016)		2016	NR

Country	Resource Level	Document title and link	Language	Published	Strategy dates
		Superseded Youth suicide prevention plan. Report of the Virginia Commission on Youth (2001)		2001	NR
Washington		Washington state suicide prevention plan 2025	English	2025	2025–2034
		Superseded Washington state suicide prevention plan 2015		2015	NR
West Virginia		West Virginia strategic plan for suicide prevention 2021–2024	English	NK	2021–2024
Wisconsin		Wisconsin suicide prevention plan. Strategies for action & hope (2025)	English	2025	NR
Wyoming		Wyoming state suicide prevention plan 2024–2028	English	NK	2024–2028
		Superseded Preventing suicide in Wyoming. State suicide prevention plan 2017–2021		NK	2017–2021

Eastern Mediterranean Region

4 countries · 4 national

Country	Resource Level	Document title and link	Language	Published	Strategy dates
Afghanistan	LI	National suicide prevention strategy	English	2019	2018–2022
Iran	UMI	National suicide prevention program	Persian/English	2010	2010–NR
Iraq	UMI	الاستراتيجية الوطنية للوقاية من الانتحار في العراق (2023–2030)	Arabic	2024	2023–2030
Tunisia	LMI	Plan National Multisectoriel d’actions en Santé Mentale pg 66–83	French	2024	NR

European Region

30 countries • 53 national • 6 subnational

Country	Resource Level	Document title and link	Language	Published	Strategy dates
Austria	HI	Nationale Suizidpräventionsstrategie / Aktionsplan SUPRA 2025—2030	German	2025	2025–2030
		Superseded SUPRA (Suicide Prevention Austria) Handbook		2022	NR
		Superseded Suizidpräventionsplan (Suicide Prevention Plan)		2011	NR
Belarus	UMI	Order No. 1352 of the Ministry of Health — “On the prevention of suicides in the provision of medical care” (11 Nov 2025)	Russian	2025	NA
		Superseded Order No. 480 of the Ministry of Health — “Measures to optimize the prevention of suicides in the Republic of Belarus” (22 Apr 2020)		2020	NA
		Superseded Order No. 575 — “Measures for the prevention of suicide and assisting persons who have attempted suicide”		2007	NA
Belgium	HI	No national strategy identified; subnational strategies are listed below.			
Subnational strategies • Belgium (1 jurisdiction)					
Flanders No strategy for Belgium as a whole; Flanders only.		Vlaams actieplan suïcidepreventie III (2022—2030) (Flemish suicide prevention action plan)	Flemish	2022	2022–2030
Bulgaria	HI	National programme for prevention of suicide in the Republic of Bulgaria 2013—2018 <i>[no public link]</i>	Bulgarian	2013	2013–2018
Croatia	HI	Program prevencije samoubojstava kod djece i mladih 2011—2013 (Suicide prevention programme for children and youths)	Croatian	2011	2011–2013
Czech Republic	HI	Národní akční plán prevence sebevražd 2020—2030 (National suicide prevention action plan)	Czech	2020	2020–2030

Country	Resource Level	Document title and link	Language	Published	Strategy dates
Denmark	HI	Action Plan for Enhanced Prevention of Suicide and Suicide Attempts	Danish	2024	2024
Estonia	HI	Eesti suitsiidiennetuse tegevuskava (SETK) 2025–2028	Estonian	2024	2025–2028
Finland	HI	National mental health strategy and programme for suicide prevention 2020–2030	English	2020	2020–2030
France	HI	La stratégie nationale de prévention du suicide (National suicide prevention strategy)	French	2025	2025–NR
		Superseded Feuille de route de la santé mentale et psychiatrique, ch. 6 — prévention du suicide (Roadmap to mental and psychiatric health)		2018	2018–NR
		Superseded Programme national d’actions contre le suicide 2011–2014		2011	2011–2014
Iceland	HI	Aðgerðaaætlun til að fækka sjálfsvígum á Íslandi 2025–2030 (Action plan to reduce suicides in Iceland)	Icelandic	2025	2025–2030
		Superseded Aðgerðaaætlun til að fækka sjálfsvígum á Íslandi (Action plan to reduce suicides in Iceland)		2018	2018–NR
Ireland	HI	Ireland’s Strategy to Reduce Suicide and Self-harm, Connecting for Life: 2026–2035 Connecting for Life. Ireland’s national strategy to reduce suicide 2015–2020 [extended to 2024]	English	2026–2035 2015	2026 2015–2020 [extended 2024]
		Superseded Reach Out. Irish national strategy for action on suicide prevention		2005	2005–2014
Israel	HI	National suicide prevention program <i>[no public link]</i>	English	2013	2014–NR
Italy	HI	Piano nazionale per la prevenzione delle condotte suicidarie nel sistema penitenziario per adulti (National plan for prevention of suicidal behaviour in adult prisons)	Italian	2017	NR
Lithuania	HI	National Suicide Prevention Action Plan for 2023–2026 [sakymas dėl psichikos sveikatos strategijos įgyvendinimo ir savižudybių prevencijos veiksmų plano 2016–2020 metams patvirtinimo]	Lithuanian	2023 2016	2023–2026 2016–2020

Country	Resource Level	Document title and link	Language	Published	Strategy dates
Luxembourg	HI	Plan national de prévention du suicide Luxembourg 2015—2019	French	2014	2015–2019
Malta	HI	National suicide prevention strategy for Malta 2025—2030	English	2025	2025–2030
Netherlands	HI	Vierde Landelijke Agenda Suïcidepreventie 2026—2030 (Fourth National Suicide Prevention Agenda 2026—2030) Derde landelijke agenda suïcidepreventie 2021—2025 (Third national agenda on suicide prevention)	Dutch	2026 2020	2026–2030 2021–2025
		Superseded Landelijke agenda suïcidepreventie 2018—2021 (National suicide prevention agenda)		ND	2018–2021
Norway	HI	Handlingsplan for forebygging av selvmord 2020—2025 (Action plan for the prevention of suicide)	Norwegian	ND	2020–2025
		Superseded Handlingsplan for forebygging av selvmord og selvskading 2014—2017 (Action plan for the prevention of suicide and self-harm)		ND	2014–2017
Poland	HI	Program zapobiegania zachowaniom samobójczym (National suicidal behaviour prevention programme)	Polish	2021	2021–2025
Portugal	HI	Plano Nacional de Prevenção do Suicídio 2013—2017 (National Plan for Suicide Prevention)	Portuguese	2013	2013–2017
Slovenia		MirA for Mental Health – National Mental Health Programme	English	2020	2018–2028
Spain	HI	Plan de acción para la prevención del suicidio 2025—2027 (National suicide prevention action plan)	Spanish	2025	2025–2027
Subnational strategies • Spain (4 jurisdictions)					
Andalusia		Programa de prevención de la conducta suicida en Andalucía 2023—2026 (Suicide prevention programme in Andalusia)	Spanish	2023	2023–2026
		Superseded Recomendaciones sobre la detección, prevención e intervención de la conducta suicida (Recommendations on detection, prevention and intervention)		2010	NR

Country	Resource Level	Document title and link	Language	Published	Strategy dates
Basque Country (Euskadi)		Estrategia de prevención del suicidio en Euskadi (Suicide prevention strategy in the Basque Country)	Spanish	2019	NR
Catalonia		Pla de prevenció del suïcidi de Catalunya 2021–2025 (Catalonia's suicide prevention plan)	Catalan	2021	2021–2025
Valencia		Plan de prevención del suicidio y manejo de la conducta suicida (Plan to prevent suicide and manage suicidal behaviour)	Spanish	2017	NK
Sweden	HI	Nationell strategi för psykisk hälsa och suicidprevention 2025–2034 (Regeringens skrivelse 2024/25:77)	Swedish / English	2024	2025–2034
		SUPERSED Det handlar om livet — nationell strategi inom området psykisk hälsa och suicidprevention 2025–2034 (It's About Life — National Strategy for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention 2025–2034) Support in suicidal crises: the Swedish national programme to develop suicide prevention		2025 1995	2025–2034 NK
		Superseded Regeringens proposition 2007/08:110, kap. 8: Självordsprevention (A renewed public health policy, ch. 8: Suicide Prevention)		2007/08	NA
Switzerland	HI	Suizidprävention in der Schweiz. Ausgangslage, Handlungsbedarf und Aktionsplan (Suicide prevention in Switzerland: initial situation, need for action and action plan)	German / English	2020	2020–NK
UK – England	HI	Suicide prevention strategy for England: 2023 to 2028	English	2023	2023–2028
		Suicide prevention in England: 5-year cross-sector strategy		2023	2023–2028
		Suicide prevention strategy: action plan		2023	2023–2028
		Superseded Suicide prevention: cross-government plan		2019	2019–2023
		Superseded Preventing suicide in England. A cross-government outcomes strategy to save lives		2012	2012–NR

Country	Resource Level	Document title and link	Language	Published	Strategy dates
UK – Northern Ireland	HI	Protect Life 2 — A strategy for preventing suicide and self-harm in Northern Ireland 2019–2024 [extended to 2027], with Action plan and Implementation plan 2025–2027	English	2019	2019–2027
		Superseded Protect Life — A shared vision. The Northern Ireland suicide prevention strategy 2012 — March 2014		2012	2012–2014
UK – Scotland	HI	Creating Hope Together: Scotland’s suicide prevention strategy 2022–2032	English	2022	2022–2032
		Creating Hope Together: Scotland’s suicide prevention action plan 2022–2025 It’s Updated in the previous line		2022	2022–2025
		Superseded Suicide prevention action plan “Every Life Matters”		2018	2018–2022
		Superseded Suicide prevention strategy 2013–2016		2013	2013–2016
		Superseded Choose Life: a national strategy and action plan to prevent suicide in Scotland		2002	2003–2013
UK – Wales	HI	Understanding: Suicide prevention and self-harm strategy	English	2025	2025–2035
		Suicide prevention and self-harm delivery plan 2025–2028		2025	2025–2028
		Superseded Talk to me 2. Suicide and self harm prevention strategy for Wales 2015–2020 [extended to 2022]		2015	2015–2020 [ext. 2022]
		Superseded Talk to me 2. Suicide and self-harm prevention action plan for Wales 2015–2020 [extended to 2022]		2015	2020 [ext. 2022]
		Superseded Talk to me 2: suicide and self harm prevention strategy for Wales 2015 to 2022		2015	2015–2022
Uzbekistan	LMI	Strategy on suicide prevention in Uzbekistan 2010–2020	Uzbek	2010	2010–2020

South-East Asia Region

4 countries · 5 national

Country	Resource Level	Document title and link	Language	Published	Strategy dates
Bhutan	LMI	Suicide prevention in Bhutan. A five year action plan (2018—2023)	English	2018	2018–2023
		Superseded Suicide prevention in Bhutan. A three year action plan (July 2015—June 2018)		2015	2015–2018
India	LMI	National suicide prevention strategy	English	2022	2022–2030
Sri Lanka	LMI	Control of Pesticides Act 1980 (amended 1994 and 2023)	English	1980	NA
Thailand	UMI	Guidelines for enhancing suicide prevention measures 2020—2021	Thai	2020	2020–2021

Western Pacific Region

9 countries • 17 national • 15 subnational

Country	Resource Level	Document title and link	Language	Published	Strategy dates
Australia	HI	National Suicide Prevention Strategy 2025—2035	English	2025	2025–2035
		Superseded National mental health and suicide prevention plan		2021	NR
		Superseded The fifth national mental health and suicide prevention plan (with implementation plan)		2017	2017–2022
Subnational strategies • Australia (8 jurisdictions)					
Australian Capital Territory (ACT)		ACT Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Regional Plan	English	2025	2025–2030
		Mental health workforce strategy 2023—2033		2023	2023–2033
		Superseded Office for mental health and wellbeing work plan 2019—2021		2019	2019–2021
New South Wales (NSW)		Shifting the landscape for suicide prevention in NSW 2022—2027	English	2022	2022–2027
		Superseded Strategic framework for suicide prevention in NSW 2018—2023		2018	2018–2023
Northern Territory (NT)		Keeping everyone safe. Northern Territory suicide prevention implementation plan 2023—2028	English	2023	2023–2028
		Superseded Northern Territory suicide prevention: strategic framework 2018—2023		2018	2018–2023
Queensland		Every Life: The Queensland suicide prevention plan 2019—2029	English	2019	2019–2029
South Australia		South Australian suicide prevention plan 2023—2026	English	2023	2023–2026
		Superseded		2017	2017–2021

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		South Australian suicide prevention plan 2017—2021			
Tasmania		Tasmanian suicide prevention strategy 2023—2027: compassion and connection	English	2022	2023–2027
		Superseded Youth Suicide Prevention Plan for Tasmania 2016—2020		2016	2016–2020
Victoria		Victorian suicide prevention and response strategy 2024—2034	English	2024	2024–2034
		Superseded Victorian suicide prevention framework 2016—2025		2016	2016–2025
Western Australia		Western Australian suicide prevention framework 2021—2025	English	2021	2021–2025
Cook Islands	NC	Cook Islands National suicide prevention strategy 2016—2021	English	2016	2016–2021
Fiji	UMI	Fiji National mental health and suicide prevention policy 2015 <i>[no public link]</i>	English	2015	2015–2020
Japan	HI	The general principles of suicide countermeasures policy	English/Japanese	2022	NA
		Superseded The general principles of suicide prevention policy — realizing a society in which no one is driven to take their own life (Cabinet decision, 25 July 2017)		2017	2017–NR
		Basic law on suicide countermeasures		2016	NA
		Superseded The general principles of suicide prevention policy toward the creation of a society where no one is driven to suicide (Cabinet decision, 28 August 2012)		2012	2012–2017
		Superseded Comprehensive suicide prevention principles (Cabinet decision 8 June 2007, partially revised 31 Oct 2008, abolished 28 Aug 2012)		2007	2007–2012
Malaysia	UMI	National strategic plan for mental health 2020—2025	English	2020	2020–2025
Mongolia	UMI	On the Approval of the 2024—2027 Mental Health Action Plan			

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New Zealand	HI	Suicide prevention action plan 2025—2029	English	2025	2025–2029
		Every life matters — He tapu te oranga o ia tangata: Suicide prevention strategy 2019—2029 and action plan 2019—2024		2019	2019–2029 (plan 2019–2024)
		Superseded New Zealand suicide prevention strategy 2006—2016		2006	2006–2016
South Korea	HI	Act on the prevention of suicide and the creation of culture of respect for life	Korean/English	2011 (amended by later Acts)	NA
Taiwan, China	HI	Suicide Prevention Act 2019N/S/NY <i>[no public link]</i>	Chinese	2019	NA

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An alphabetical index of every national country and subnational jurisdiction in this review.

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Afghanistan	EMR	National	1
Alabama (USA)	AMR	Subnational	2
Alaska (USA)	AMR	Subnational	2
Alberta (Canada)	AMR	Subnational	2
Andalusia (Spain)	EUR	Subnational	2
Argentina	AMR	National	2
Arizona (USA)	AMR	Subnational	2
Arkansas (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
Australia	WPR	National	3
Australian Capital Territory (ACT) (Australia)	WPR	Subnational	3
Austria	EUR	National	3
Basque Country (Euskadi) (Spain)	EUR	Subnational	1
Belarus	EUR	National	3
Belgium	EUR	National	0
Belize	AMR	National	1
Bhutan	SEAR	National	2
Brazil	AMR	National	3
Bulgaria	EUR	National	1
Cabo Verde	AFR	National	1
California (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
Canada	AMR	National	1

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Catalonia (Spain)	EUR	Subnational	1
Chile	AMR	National	4
Colorado (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
Connecticut (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
Cook Islands	WPR	National	1
Costa Rica	AMR	National	1
Croatia	EUR	National	1
Cuba	AMR	National	1
Czech Republic	EUR	National	1
Delaware (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
Denmark	EUR	National	1
Distrito Federal (Brazil)	AMR	Subnational	1
Dominican Republic	AMR	National	1
Fiji	WPR	National	1
Finland	EUR	National	1
Flanders (Belgium)	EUR	Subnational	1
Florida (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
France	EUR	National	3
Georgia (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
Guam (USA)	AMR	Subnational	2
Guyana	AMR	National	2
Hawaii (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
Iceland	EUR	National	2
Idaho (USA)	AMR	Subnational	2
Illinois (USA)	AMR	Subnational	2

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India	SEAR	National	1
Indiana (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
Iowa (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
Iran	EMR	National	1
Ireland	EUR	National	2
Israel	EUR	National	1
Italy	EUR	National	1
Japan	WPR	National	5
Kansas (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
Kentucky (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
Kenya	AFR	National	1
Lithuania	EUR	National	1
Louisiana (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
Luxembourg	EUR	National	1
Maine (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
Malaysia	WPR	National	1
Malta	EUR	National	1
Manitoba (Canada)	AMR	Subnational	1
Maryland (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
Massachusetts (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
Mexico	AMR	National	1
Michigan (USA)	AMR	Subnational	2
Minnesota (USA)	AMR	Subnational	2
Mississippi (USA)	AMR	Subnational	2
Missouri (USA)	AMR	Subnational	2

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Mongolia	WPR	National	1
Montana (USA)	AMR	Subnational	4
Namibia	AFR	National	1
Nebraska (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
Netherlands	EUR	National	2
Nevada (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
New Brunswick (Canada)	AMR	Subnational	1
New Hampshire (USA)	AMR	Subnational	2
New Jersey (USA)	AMR	Subnational	2
New South Wales (NSW) (Australia)	WPR	Subnational	2
New York State (USA)	AMR	Subnational	2
New Zealand	WPR	National	3
Nicaragua	AMR	National	1
Nigeria	AFR	National	1
North Carolina (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
North Dakota (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
Northern Territory (NT) (Australia)	WPR	Subnational	2
Norway	EUR	National	2
Nova Scotia (Canada)	AMR	Subnational	2
Nunavut (Canada)	AMR	Subnational	2
Ohio (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
Oklahoma (USA)	AMR	Subnational	2
Oregon (USA)	AMR	Subnational	3
Panama	AMR	National	2
Paraguay	AMR	National	1

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Pennsylvania (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
Piauí (Brazil)	AMR	Subnational	1
Poland	EUR	National	1
Portugal	EUR	National	1
Puerto Rico (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
Quebec (Canada)	AMR	Subnational	2
Queensland (Australia)	WPR	Subnational	1
Rhode Island (USA)	AMR	Subnational	2
Rio Grande do Sul (Brazil)	AMR	Subnational	1
South Australia (Australia)	WPR	Subnational	2
South Carolina (USA)	AMR	Subnational	2
South Dakota (USA)	AMR	Subnational	2
South Korea	WPR	National	1
Spain	EUR	National	1
Sri Lanka	SEAR	National	1
Suriname	AMR	National	1
Sweden	EUR	National	3
Switzerland	EUR	National	1
Taiwan, China	WPR	National	1
Tasmania (Australia)	WPR	Subnational	2
Tennessee (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
Texas (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
Thailand	SEAR	National	1
UK – England	EUR	National	5
UK – Northern Ireland	EUR	National	2

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UK – Scotland	EUR	National	5
UK – Wales	EUR	National	5
Uruguay	AMR	National	2
USA	AMR	National	5
Utah (USA)	AMR	Subnational	2
Uzbekistan	EUR	National	1
Valencia (Spain)	EUR	Subnational	1
Vermont (USA)	AMR	Subnational	3
Victoria (Australia)	WPR	Subnational	2
Virginia (USA)	AMR	Subnational	4
Washington (USA)	AMR	Subnational	2
West Virginia (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
Western Australia (Australia)	WPR	Subnational	1
Wisconsin (USA)	AMR	Subnational	1
Wyoming (USA)	AMR	Subnational	2

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