



Partnerships for Life is a flagship initiative established by the International Association for Suicide Prevention that aims to expedite efforts globally to reduce the incidence of suicide and suicidal behaviour.



## GLOBAL STRATEGY

Promote the sharing of expert knowledge, skills and experience, across all borders, which will contribute to the effective planning, implementation and evaluation of national suicide prevention strategies.

## RATIONALE

National suicide prevention strategies provide a structural framework to support the delivery of a comprehensive and integrated national response to suicide and suicidal behaviour.

## AIM

To establish an international collaboration of experts supporting the development of a comprehensive, strategic approach to suicide prevention at national level.

## EXPECTED OUTCOME

Increase in the number of nations worldwide committed to the planning, implementation, and evaluation of a comprehensive, strategic approach to suicide prevention.

## KEY DELIVERABLE

IASP has established six regional networks to support evidence-informed national approaches to suicide prevention strategies, programmes, and actions, and evaluated the added value of their contribution to the central mission of the organisation.



## OBJECTIVES

- 1** To share experience in, knowledge and learning about, national and sub-national suicide prevention programmes in all regions.  
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- 2** To promote a strategic, cross-sectoral and evidence-informed approach to national and sub-national suicide prevention in countries within all regions.  
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- 3** To develop collaboration and coordination between countries within all regions with respect to the planning, implementation and evaluation of national and sub-national suicide prevention programmes.  
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- 4** To raise global awareness about the importance and potential impact of a comprehensive national strategic approach to suicide prevention.  
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- 5** To promote learning and provide mentorship between countries with established suicide preventions strategies and countries which are at an earlier stage of suicide prevention strategy development.

## RESOURCES

- Steering Group of global advisors and Regional Coordinators for each of the six regions: Africa, Americas, Eastern Mediterranean, Europe, South East Asia and Western Pacific.
- Regional teams offering expertise and commitment in each region.
- IASP central office providing coordination and support.
- Funding being sought to build capacity globally and in all regions.

**Initial Timeframe | 2021–2025**

## FACTS

Over 700,000 people lose their life to suicide every year.



Reducing the global suicide mortality rate by one third by 2030

is both a target and indicator in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and in WHO's Mental Health Action Plan 2013–2030.



The development of National Suicide Prevention Strategies

has been identified as a proven, systematic, evidence-based response to preventing suicide that combines both community-based approaches and government policy.



To date, an estimated 40 countries are known to have developed a national suicide prevention strategy.



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