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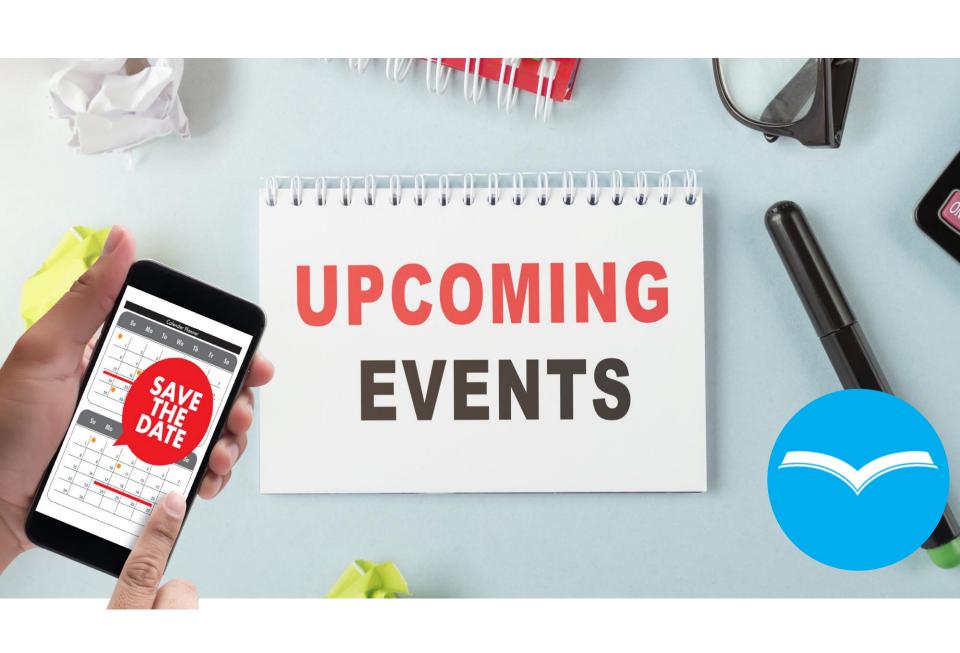
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MENTAL WELLNESS THEME PARK

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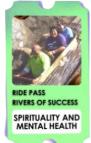
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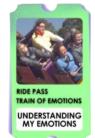












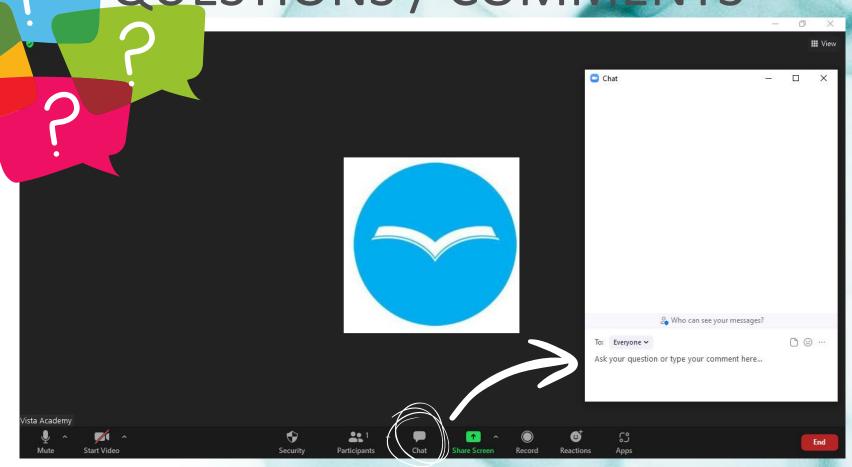




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Mental Illness Reality



STIGMA

A mark of disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person.

THE COST OF MENTAL ILLNESS



Depression costs South Africa more than **R232 billion** or **5.7% of GDP** due to lost productivity either due to absence from work or attending work while unwell.

The London School of Economics and Political Science 2016 IDEA study. PsychMG

FACT: Mental and substance use disorders are the leading cause of disability worldwide (The #1 disability cause)

About **23%** of all years lost because of disability is caused by mental and substance use disorders.

"Limited data regarding the epidemiology of MDD in SA is available, however studies conducted from 2008-2014, showed a **41% increase in the** incidence of mental disorders."



FACT: Depression is the leading cause of disability worldwide and the leading disease burden for women

- Globally, more than 320 million suffer from depression.
- More women are affected by depression than men.
- Depression is the leading cause of disability worldwide
- Depression following childbirth, affects 20% of mothers



FACT: About 700 000 people commit suicide every year

- Over 700 000 people die due to suicide every year.
- For each adult who died of suicide there may have been more than 20 others attempting suicide.
- **75% of suicides** occur in low- and middle-income countries.
- The strongest risk factor for suicide is a previous suicide attempt.



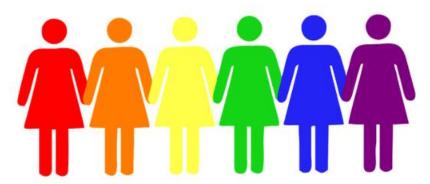
FACT: Suicide occurs throughout the lifespan and was the fourth leading cause of death among 15-29 year-olds globally in 2019.

"We know that poor mental health may negatively impact sexual and reproductive health outcomes, and vice versa. Today, *depression is the leading cause of disability in girls aged 10-19*, and suicide is the leading cause of death among girls aged 15-19. It is our failure when a girl sees self-harm as the only way

to deal with a situation..."

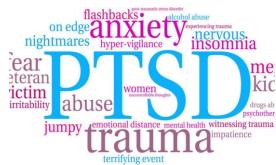
Source: Flavia Bustreo, Assistant Director-General

- Family, Women's and Children's Health: WHO



FACT: War, disasters and social trauma have a large impact on mental health and psychosocial well-being

 Rates of mental disorder tend to double after emergencies / trauma.



- Violence, poverty, sexual abuse, humiliation and feeling devalued can increase the risk of developing mental health problems.
- Girls are more likely than boys to suffer from discrimination and sexual abuse.

FACT: Human rights violations of people with mental and psychosocial disability are routinely reported in most countries

- These include physical restraint, seclusion and denial of basic needs and privacy.
- Few countries have a legal framework that adequately protects the rights of people with mental disorders.



FACT: Mental disorders are important risk factors for other diseases, as well as unintentional and intentional injury

 Mental disorders increase the risk of getting ill from other diseases such as HIV, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and vice-versa.



CRAZY stigma

Stigma surrounding mental illness is a key barrier that discourage

people from seeking treatment

Stigma associated with the word "Crazy"





ONE IN THREE

South Africans suffer from mental illness.



An estimated
350 MILLION

people worldwide suffer from depression

75%

75% of South African mental illness sufferers do not get any help



More **WOMEN** are diagnosed with mental illness than men

STIGMA

Just pray it away

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Just sleep

Lazy

Stop feeling sorry for yourself

Get a grip

Stop looking for attention

What is **CRAZY**?

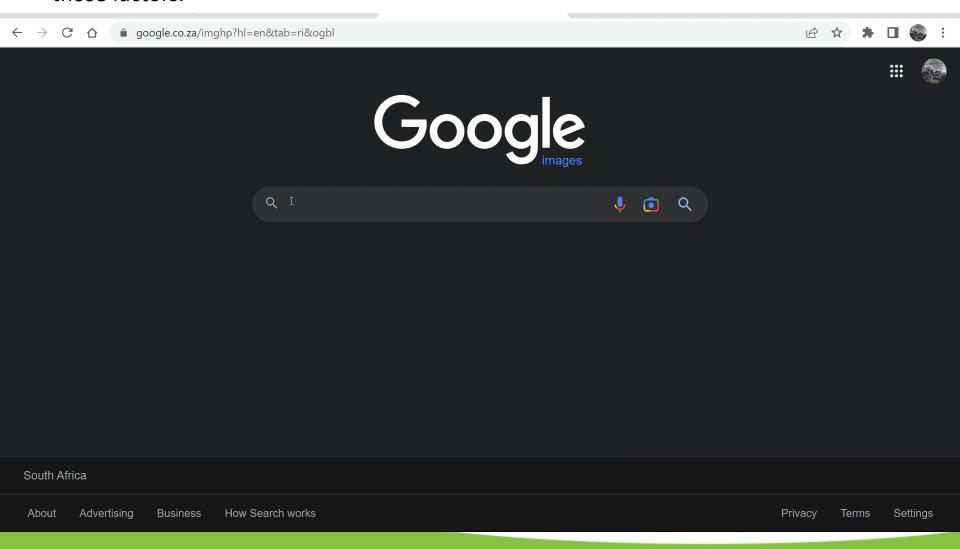


FIGHTING the CRAZY STIGMA



Why is STIGMA a thing?

Stigma often comes from lack of understanding or fear. Inaccurate or misleading media representations of mental illness contribute to both those factors.





What does STIGMA cause?

A reluctance or refusal to seek assistance

- Reduced hope
- Lower self-esteem
- Increased psychiatric symptoms (Irrational thoughts)
- Difficulties with social relationships
- •Reduced likelihood of staying with treatment
- More difficulties at work

A 2017 study involving more than 200 individuals with mental illness over a period of two years found that greater self-stigma was associated with poorer recovery from mental illness after one and two years.

What does STIGMA cause?

- Social isolation
- Lack of understanding by family, friends, coworkers, or others
- Fewer opportunities for work, school or social activities or trouble finding housing
- Bullying, physical violence or harassment
- The belief that you'll never succeed at certain challenges or that you can't improve your situation

What can be done about STIGMA?

- •Talk openly about mental health, such as sharing on social media.
- •Educate yourself and others respond to misperceptions or negative comments by sharing facts and experiences.
- •Be conscious of language remind people that words matter.
- •Encourage equality between physical and mental illness draw comparisons to how they would treat someone with cancer or diabetes.
- •Show compassion for those with mental illness.
- •Be honest about treatment normalize mental health treatment, just like other health care treatment.

Language about STIGMA matters

Do Say "Thanks for opening up to me." "Is there anything I can do to help?" "I'm sorry to hear that. It must be tough." "I'm here for you when you need me." "I can't imagine what you're going through." "People do get better." "Oh man, that sucks." "Can I drive you to an appointment?" "How are you feeling today?"

Don't Say

"It could be worse."

"Just deal with it."

"Snap out of it."

"Everyone feels that way sometimes."

"You may have brought this on

yourself."

"We've all been there."

"You've got to pull yourself together."

"Maybe try thinking happier thoughts."

FIGHTING the CRAZY STIGMA



Walk for a cause with your family and friends at the **Pretoria** National **Botanic** al Gardens Sunday 9 October 2022 between 07:00 & 13:00





Mental Wellness - Happiness HELPS





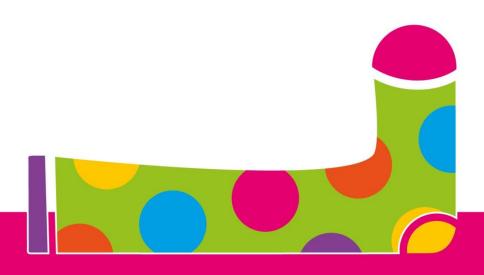
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