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STATE OF DEMENTIA CARE IN BENIN (WEST AFRICA)

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To appraise existing dementia policies and plans, and describe available healthcare facilities for people living with dementia (PWD) in Benin.

Methods

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Bibliographic review of national strategic documents, Interviews with Health system stakeholders, focus group discussions with Patients, Caregivers & Associations.

In-depth situational analysis: desk-review topic guide





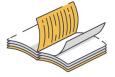


2-day seminar with the different stakeholders Identification and description of healthcare and social care facilities offering specialised services for PWD.

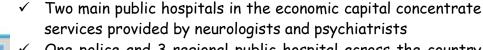
Conclusion

Even though no dementia plan or formal long-term care system exist for PWD in Benin, many healthcare and social facilities implement actions which deserve to be structured and scaled-up.

Results



- ✓ No dementia action plan existing or in preparation in Benin.
- Dementia falls under the topic mental health, which mains activities are about alcohol, tobacco and drugs abuse.
- No recent sensitisation or awareness activity on dementia \checkmark



- One police and 3 regional public hospital across the country have neurologists
- About 10 confessional and private health facilities, all located in the economic capital, provide neurologic consultations and care by part-time practitioners



- Associations for older persons exists and offer education on NCDS
- A single private organization provides residency to elders and at-home care by specialised trained formal caregivers



