



Strengthening Policy Implementation: A Practice Model for 72-hour Assessments of Involuntary Mental Health Care Users

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Table S1. Demographic profile of empirical phase participants [Menta Health Care Practitioners (MHCPs)].

Demographic Details of Participants			
FGD 1- NCP MHCPs Participants			
Participant	Age in Years	Occupation in MHCPs	Gender
Participant A	32	Medical Doctor	M
Participant B	32	Professional Nurse	F
Participant C	52	Professional Nurse	F
Participant D	33	Social Worker	F
Participant E	36	Professional Nurse	F
Participant F	29	Professional Nurse	F
Participant G	53	Medical Doctor	M
FGD 2- NWP MHCPs Participants			
Participant A	46	Professional Nurse	F
Participant B	46	Professional Nurse	F
Participant C	40	Clinical Psychologist	F
Participant D	46	Clinical Psychologist	F
Participant E	44	Medical Doctor	F
Participant F	54	Medical Doctor	M
FGD 3- GP MHCPs Participants			
Participant A	46	Professional Nurse	F
Participant B	53	Professional Nurse	F
Participant C	59	Professional Nurse	F
Participant D	37	Clinical Psychologist	F
Participant E	33	Clinical Psychologist	F
Participant F	29	Medical Doctor	F

Total Participants- 19 MHCPs.

Table S2. Demographic characteristics of empirical phase participants.
Thirteen MHRB members (Table 1) participated in the three FGDs of this study. The participants comprised of; six MHCPs, four Community Representatives (CR), and three Legal Representatives (LR).

Demographic Details of Participants			
FGD 1- NWP 06 MHRB Members Participated			
Participant	Age in Years	Occupation in MHRB	Gender
Participant A	60	MHCP	M
Participant B	47	CR	M
Participant C	62	CR	M
Participant D	43	LR	M
Participant E	71	MHCP	F
Participant F	77	LR	M
FGD 2- NCP 03 04 MHRB members Participated			
Participant A	63	MHCP	F
Participant B	71	MHCP	F
Participant C	57	CR	F
Participant D	57	CR	M
FGD 3- GP 03 MHRB members Participated			
Participant M	57	LR	F
Participant N	56	MHCP	F
Participant P	79	MHCP	F

Total Participants- 13 MHRB members.