Mental health promotion in the Netherlands

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The Netherlands

- 17.7 million people
- Ministry of Health, Welfare & Sport policy objectives related to prevention & promotion governed under the Public Health Act
- Prevention at local level is the responsibility of municipalities: **342 municipalities!**
- Mental health more on the political agenda



2020-21: Sense of urgency



- Tackle the underlying causes of mental illhealth
- Consider mental health within a broader life course approach and creating environments and settings that support mental health
- Evidence-informed decision making
- Strive for coherence in understanding, terminology, and approaches to mental health
 - National-regional-local
 - Multiple policy sectors, systems
 - Involvement of the local community

Systematic preparatory work for the national mental health plan



Action plan 'Good Mental health for All'

Why an action plan? 👂





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We aim to drive change towards a **mentally healthy Netherlands**, focused on all citizens.

A mentally healthy Netherlands, with an additional specific focus on young people and young adults, the working population and people in a vulnerable position.

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Objectives 👂



- To raise awareness and start a societal discussion about the importance of having and maintaining good mental health, focused on the individual and society as a whole.
- A greater focus on **prevention** (strengthening mental health and providing easily accessible support where required).
- To **provide people with tools** that enable them to manage their own mental health and to be alert to the mental health of others.

Five action lines 📀

- 1 Mental well-being in society 🧕
- 2 Mental well-being in the community **O**
- 3 Mental well-being at school 🧕

4 Mental well-being at work 📀

5 Mental well-being online 🤅



Knowledge-based approach 👂

We will create an efficient and effective knowledge infrastructure, in which knowledge can be efficiently exchanged.

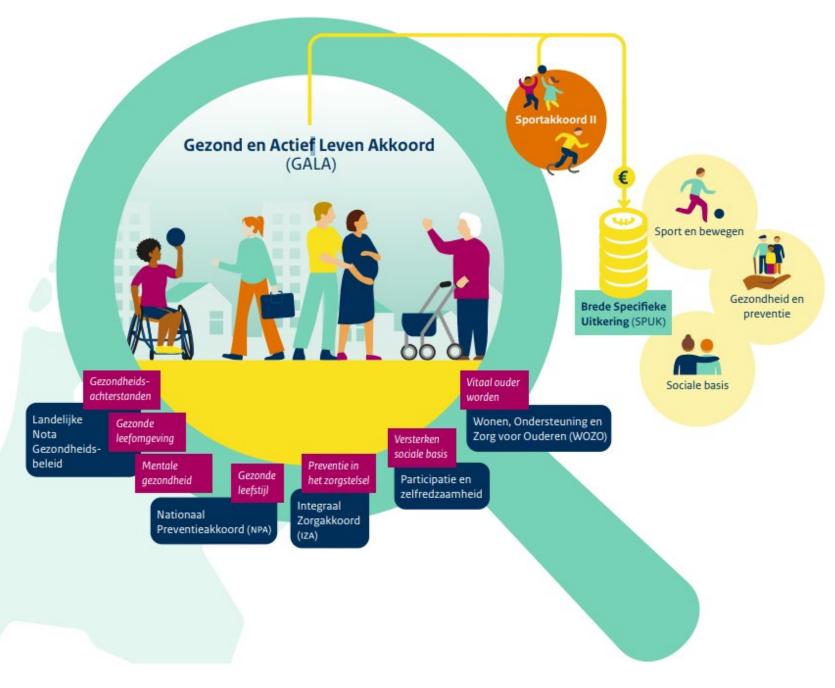
Let's get started! 📀

Are you in? mentale gezondheid

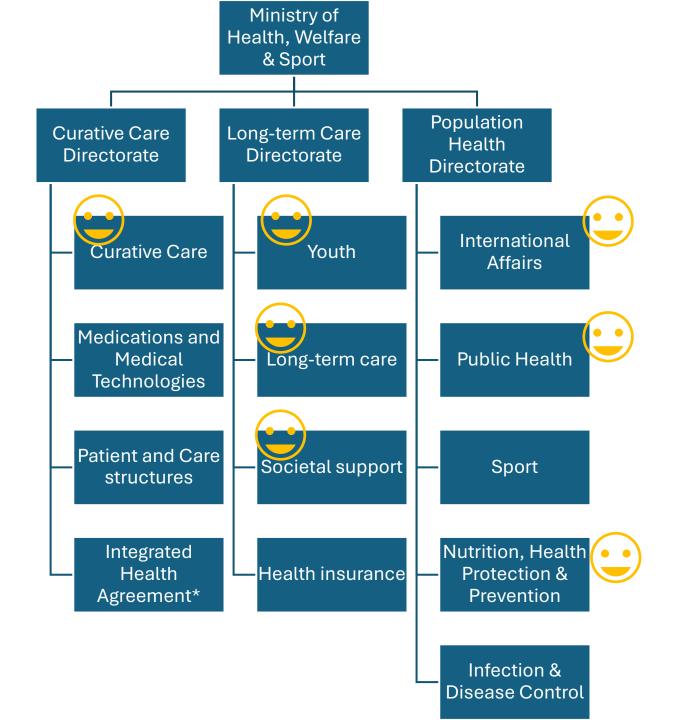
There is scope for new ideas and initiatives that arise from the field or the target groups (co-creation).

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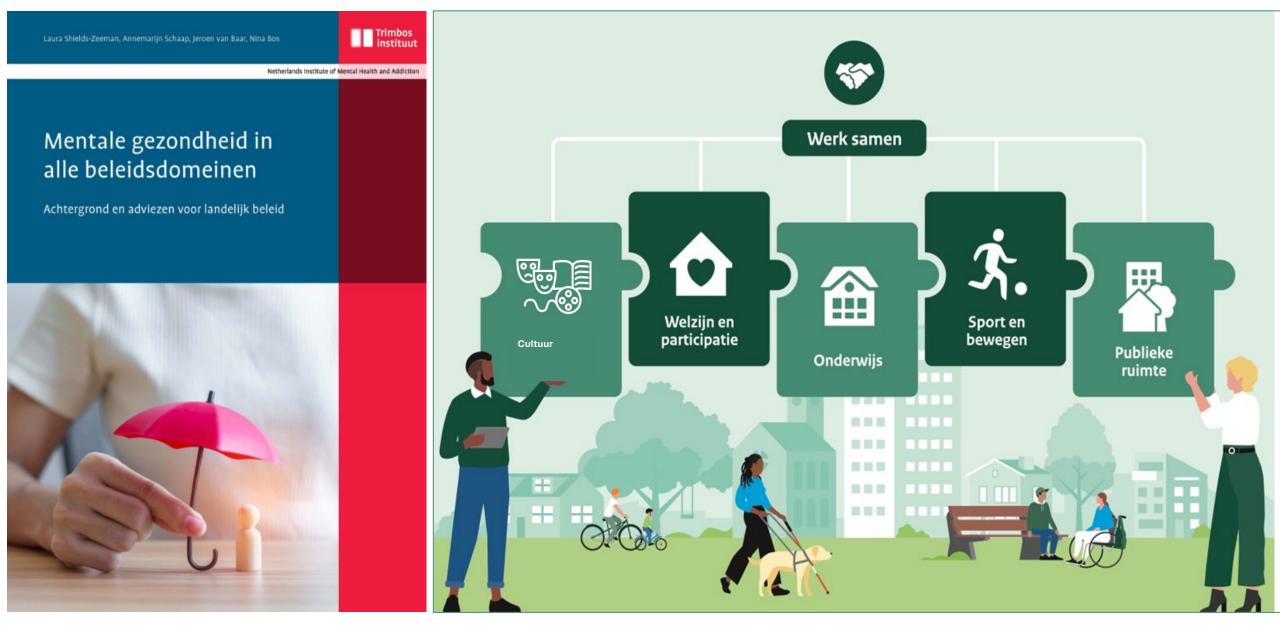
Healthy & Active Living Agreement



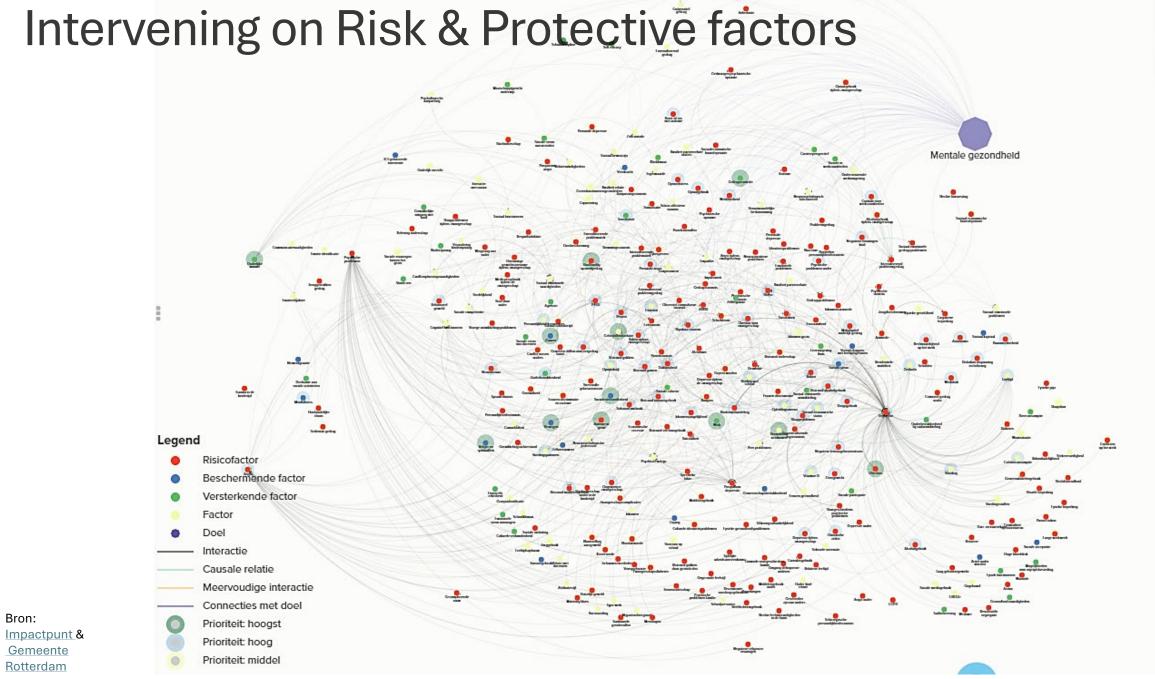
Source: Gezond en Actief Leven Akkoord



Mental health for & in all policies



Complex & busy intervention landscape



Gemeente Rotterdam





National & local mental health data

Monitor Mentale Gezondheid

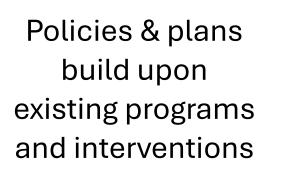
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- Peilstationsonderzoek
- HBSC
- MBO(-HBO) monitor
- Monitor Middelen Gebruik en Mentale gezondheid bij Zwangeren (MMGZ)
- Monitor Middelen en Mentaal welzijn Studenten (MMMS)
- Grote Uitgaansonderzoek
- Montor Woonvormen Dementie
- Monitor Meerjaren-programma Depressiepreventie
- Nationale Drug Monitor (NDM)

Conceptueel model Monitor Mentale gezondheid

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Successes & Enablers



Extensive scoping phase to make sure national approach based on needs and evidence Inter-ministerial attention for mental health Many organisations working in mental health & contributing

Challenges

- **Population** approach vs. focus on **individual** factors & interventions
- Formulating concrete goals & evaluation
- Working in a bottom-up consensusbased landscape
- **Long-term** strategic planning for mental health
- **Fragmentation**: stakeholders & interventions
 - National knowledge network MH
- Planting a vegetable garden vs. picking low hanging fruits

Thank you!

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