

UNAFRI at the Launch of the In-Service Training Manual for Mental Health Care, Kampala, Uganda.

At the invitation of the Mental Health Care authorities in Kampala, UNAFRI witnessed the launch of an in-service training manual for mental health workers in Uganda on August 20, 2008.

This specific training arose from the widespread mysteries and lack of professional understanding of the nature of mental disorders. Several cases of mental sickness have for a long time lacked adequate management even by the health care providers.

Mr. Patrick Mwaita, Programme Officer, Research and Training, who represented the Director/ Head of Mission UNAFRI, said the Institute welcomes the approach of the mental health service providers which was revised to incorporate in their schedule of treatment, the essential network of partners and players to meet the comprehensive ingredients required in the care for people living with mental disability.

He said it is satisfying that the health care package as proposed in the training manual will highlights safeguards for the respect of the rights of people with mental disability and call for the commitment of the communities as vital partners in the primary mental health care.

The Programme Officer further enhanced the search for collaboration with other organizations and explored opportunities for the realization of mutually benefiting activities for the advancement of mental health care and respect for the rights of patients, in the overall mechanism for crime prevention.

The launching ceremony was also another opportunity to consolidate the existing relationship between UNAFRI and the medical professionals in Uganda.