

The Initiative



THE IMPACT OF THE COVID-19
PANDEMIC ON PEOPLE WITH
SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS AND ON
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE
PROVISION IN SOUTH
ASIA(IMPASS)



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WP 1/5:
Survey of SMI patients

WP2: In-depth interviews with selected survey participants, families, healthcare workers

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WP4:
Interactive workshops

WP3: Surveys of mental health facilities

WP 5: Systematic review

Aims:

we aim to investigate and help mitigate the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and its response (e.g. lockdown and social distancing) on people with SMI and on mental health service provision in Bangladesh and Pakistan.

Setting/population

Adults aged 18+ years with SMI (schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, schizoaffective disorder, depression with psychosis), and secondary/tertiary level mental health services in Bangladesh and Pakistan.

Design:

Mixed methods will be used including surveys, interviews and interactive workshops in four linked work packages (WP):

WP1: Surveys of SMI patients, online quantitative survey, to be done in 3 waves over 18 months

WP2: In-depth interviews with selected survey participants, families, healthcare workers regarding impact of pandemic on daily living, health service acquisition and mental health care.

WP3: Survey of mental health facilities, online quantitative survey about the existing services before pandemic and the impact of it on service provision.

WP 4: Interactive workshops of stakeholders in mental health carers well as community advisory panel meetings, repeated quarterly over 18 months.