

Understanding Notions of Community for Wellbeing and Mental Health Support: An Overview

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Dr. K. V. Kishore Kumar is a psychiatrist by profession, trained at the Fazakerley Hospital in Liverpool (UK). He began his career at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore, heading the Community Health Services in the Department of Psychiatry.



He has served as an advisor to the Government of India for the National Mental Health Policy and District Mental Health Program. Additionally, he worked with the Government of Karnataka in the Committees for prevention of corporal punishment and destitute relief centers.

Previously, Dr. Kishore has acted as an advisor for the World Health Organization (WHO) addressing mental health services in Somalia and has conducted psychosocial interventions in disaster zones across India including Orissa, Gujarat and Jammu & Kashmir.

Since 2013, Dr Kumar has been engaging with "The Banyan" an NGO based in Chennai that is working to fill an important gap in the system of mental health care in India. For over two decades, he has been supporting the organization as its Director focusing on implementing community-based programmes that address the complex needs at the intersection of mental health and homelessness.

His areas of special interests cover a wide spectrum and include:

Community mental health services, research and training, Mental healthcare in primary care settings, Mental healthcare and psychosocial rehabilitation of the homeless and mentally ill, life skills education for adolescents in school, psychosocial care and disaster management and mental health care in conflict zones, to name a few.