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**Training programme for Medical Officers of Mental Health (MOMH)**

I was informed by the Psychiatrist attached to the Ministry of Health that the present 06 weeks of training for the MOMHS are not adequate and request the training to be increased to 03 months as

1. Some of them have not got an adequate exposure to psychiatry during their undergraduate training period.
2. Some of their working stations, there are no Consultant Psychiatrists to supervise and they have to manage their patients alone.
3. Inadequate training will later have repercussions to the Ministry of Health.

Hence I strongly recommend this training period should be 03 months in order to provide quality psychiatry services in the country.

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