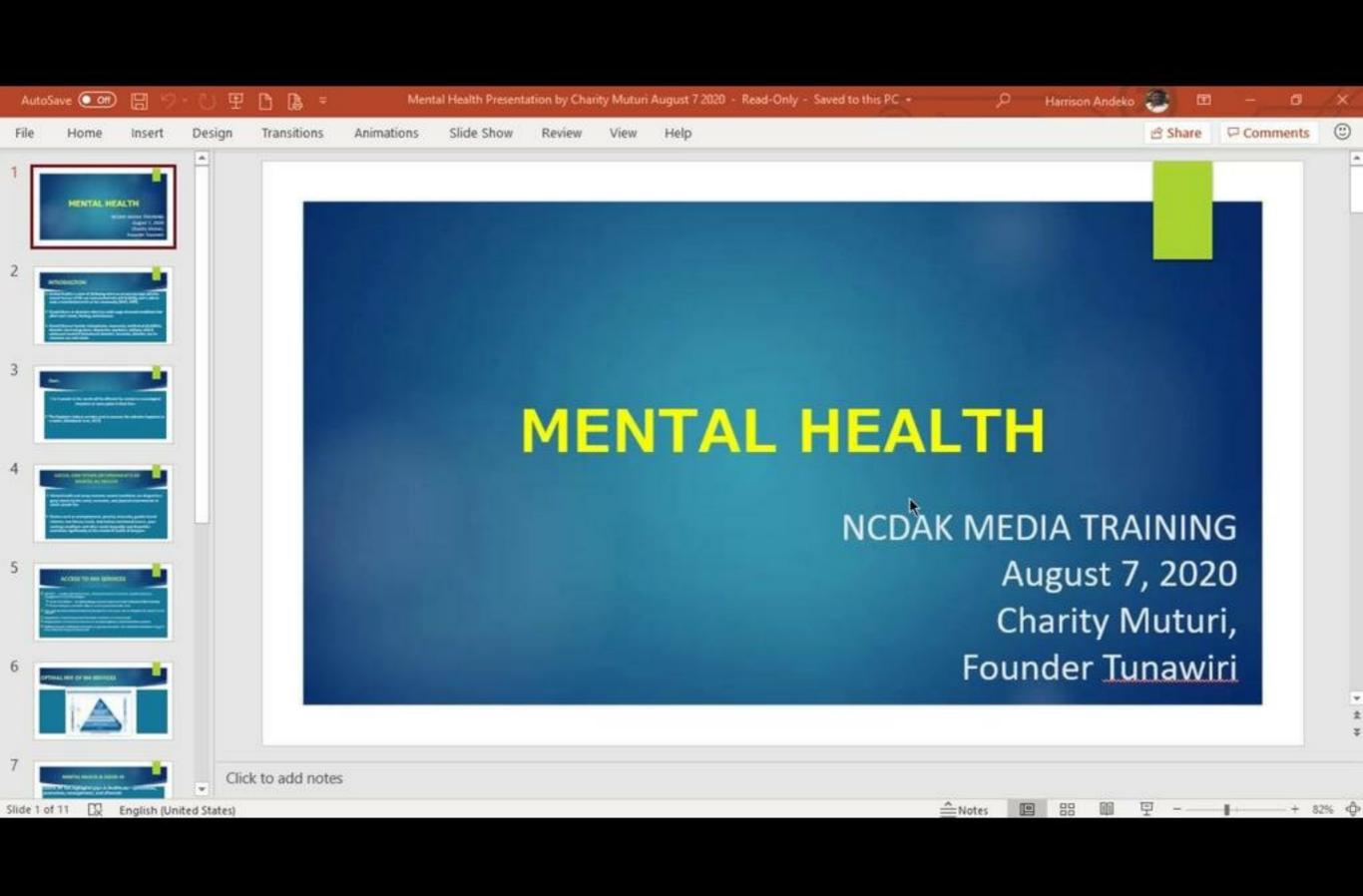


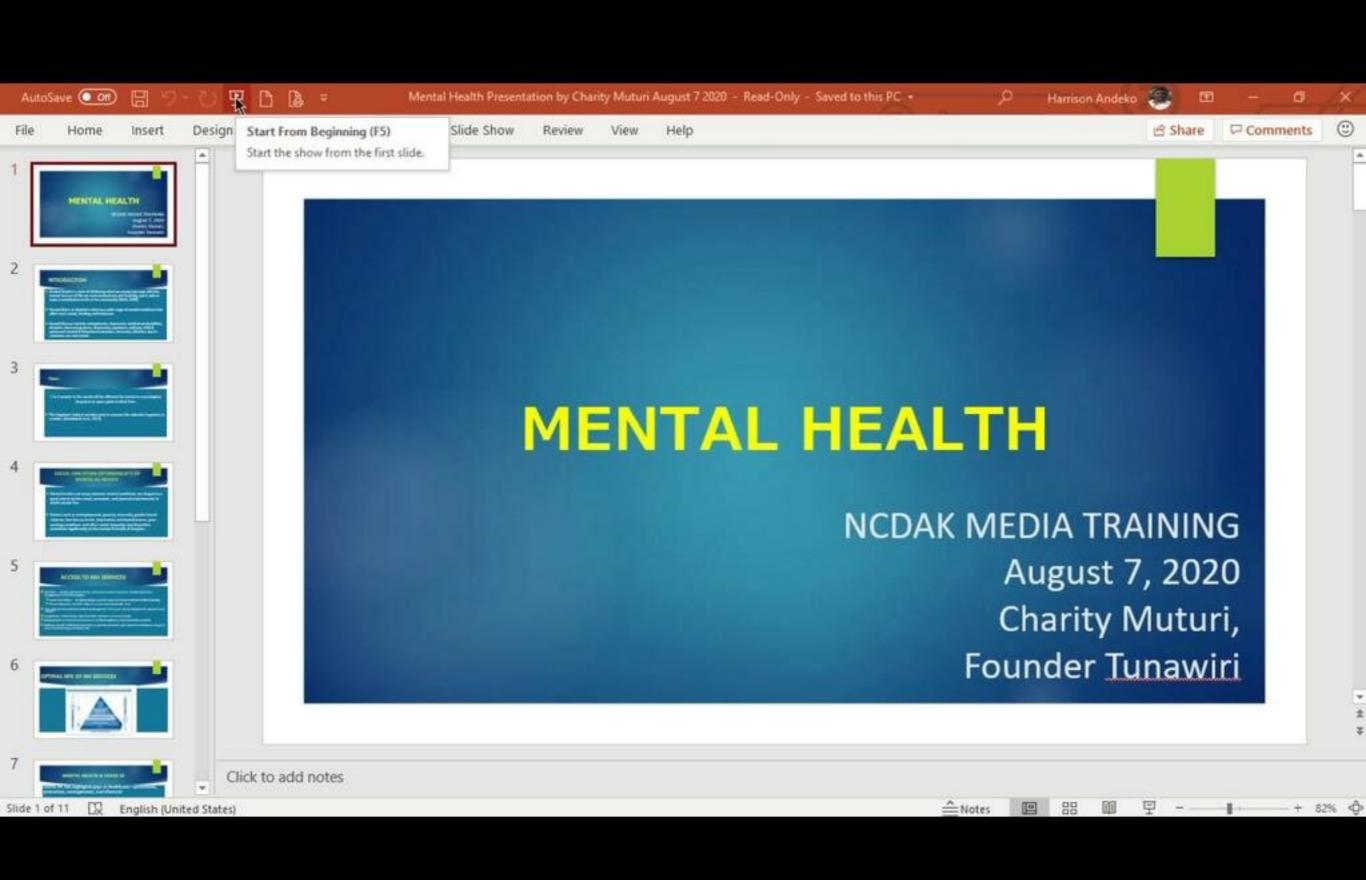


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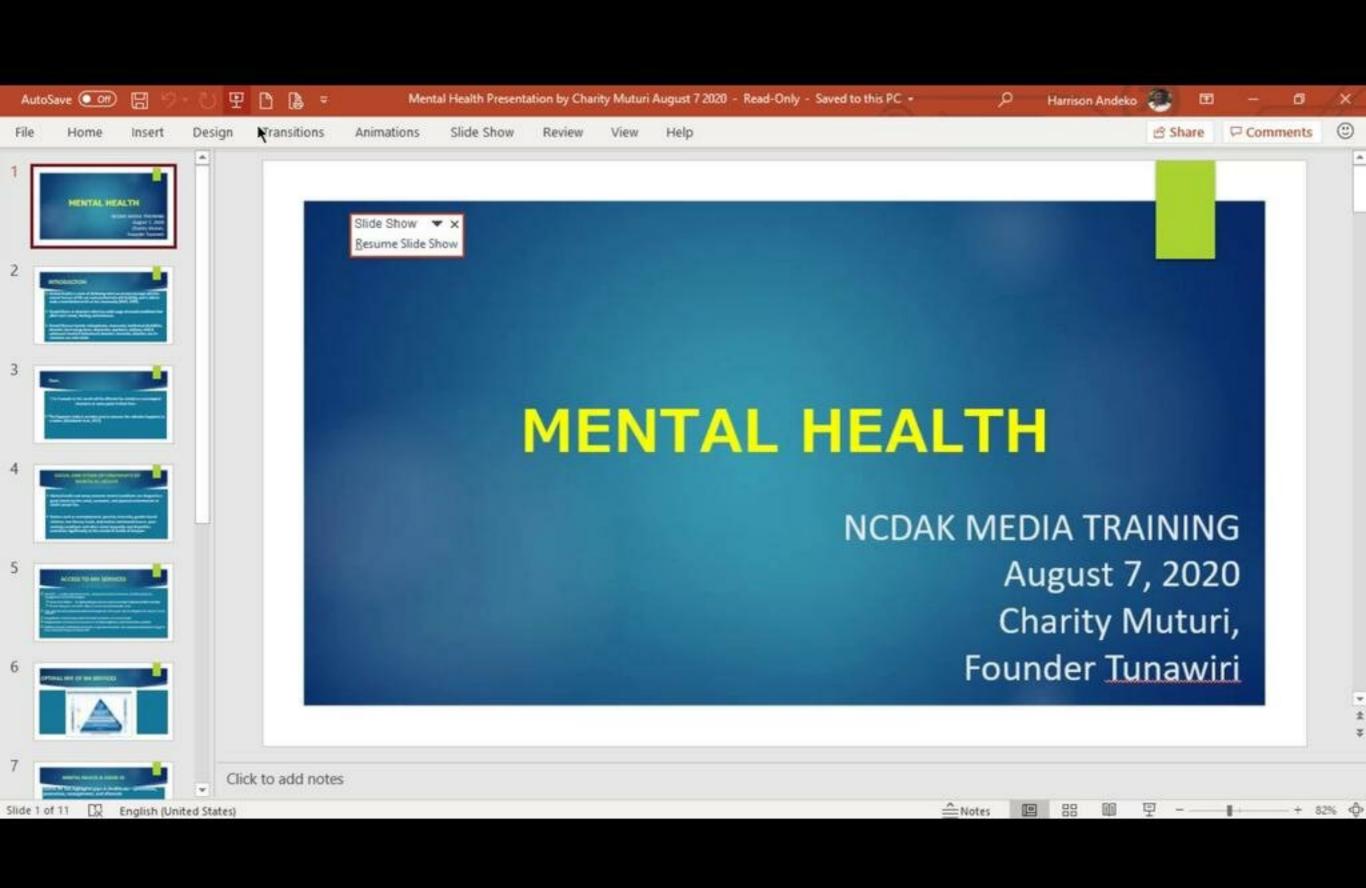




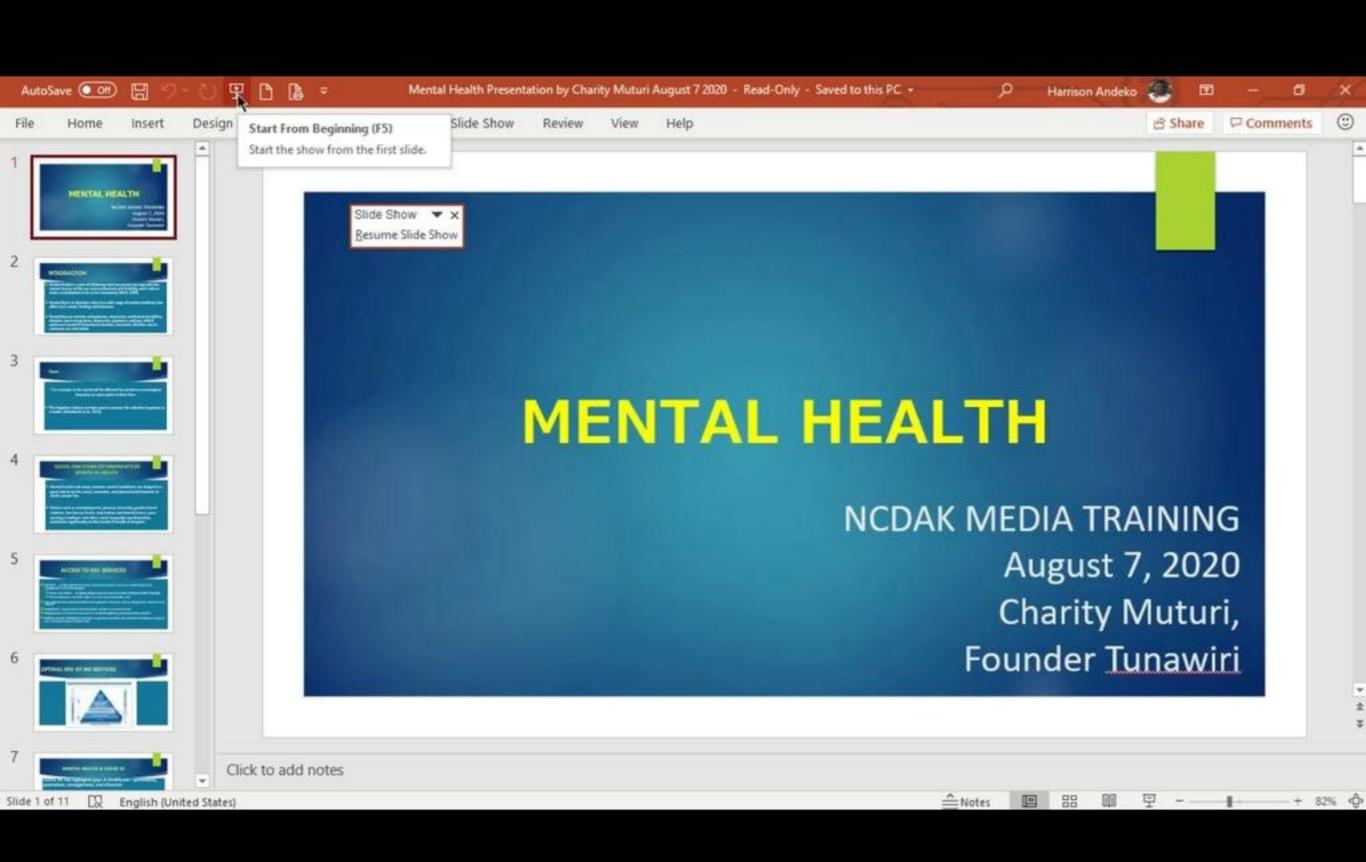








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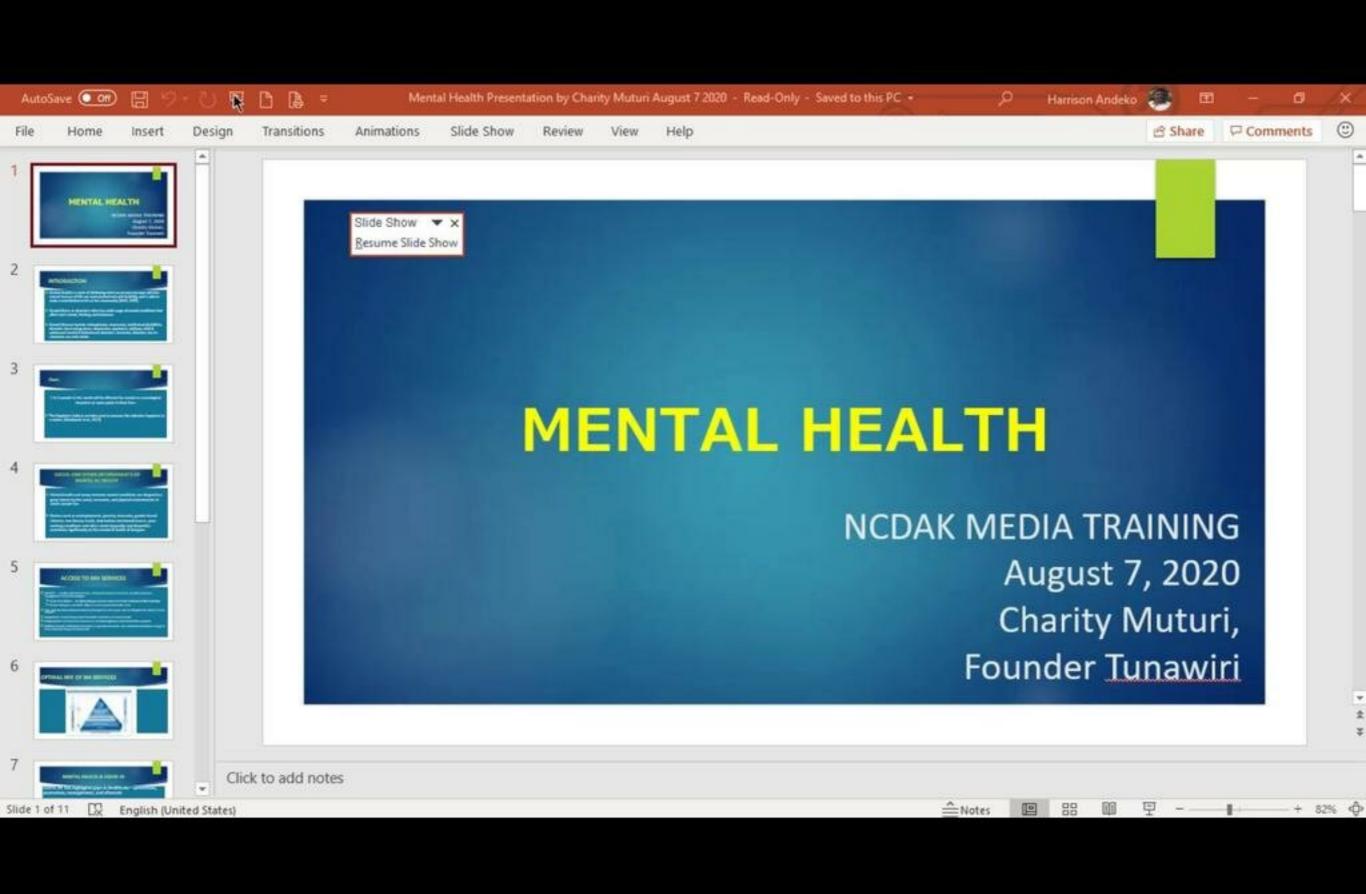
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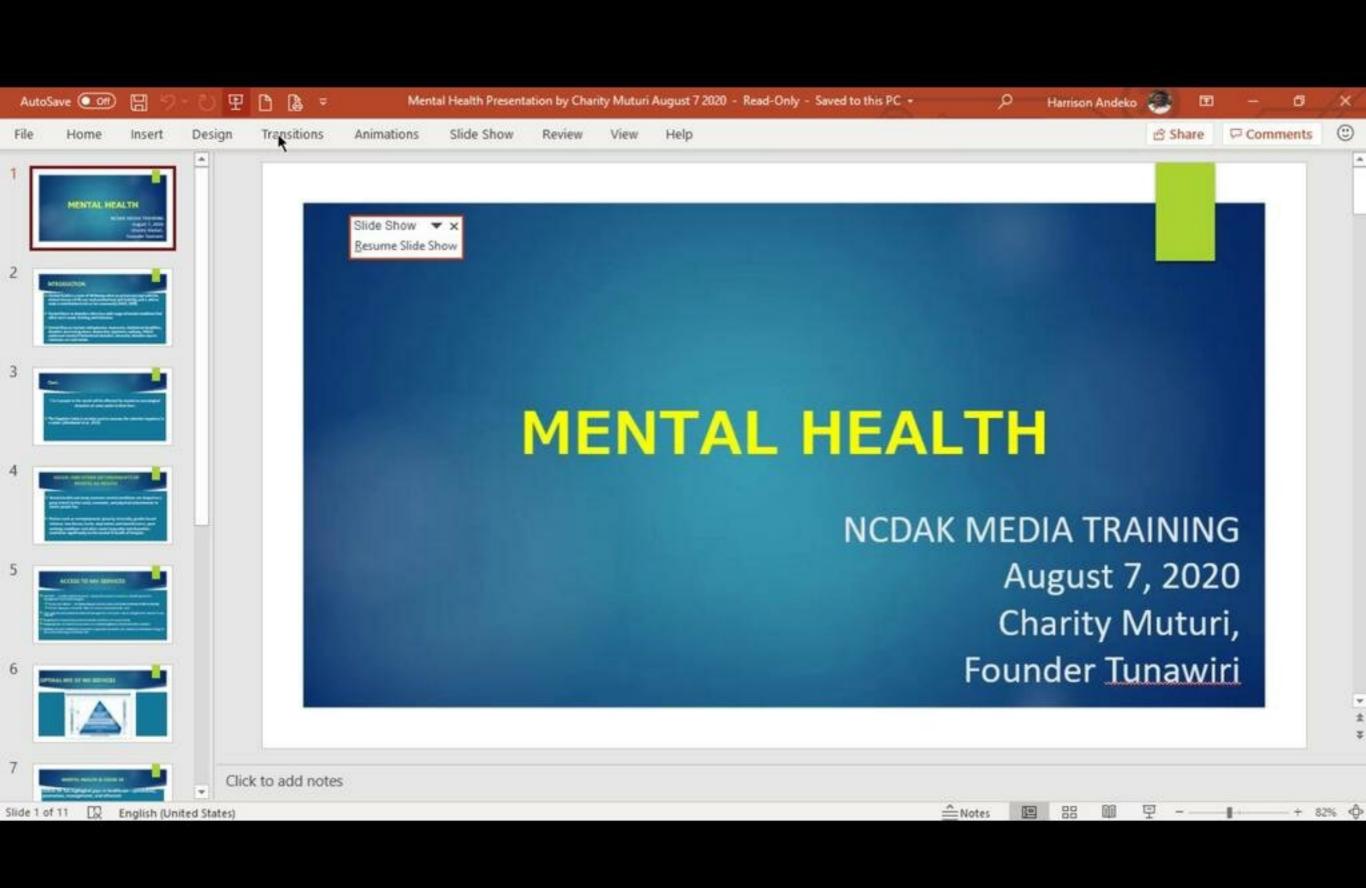
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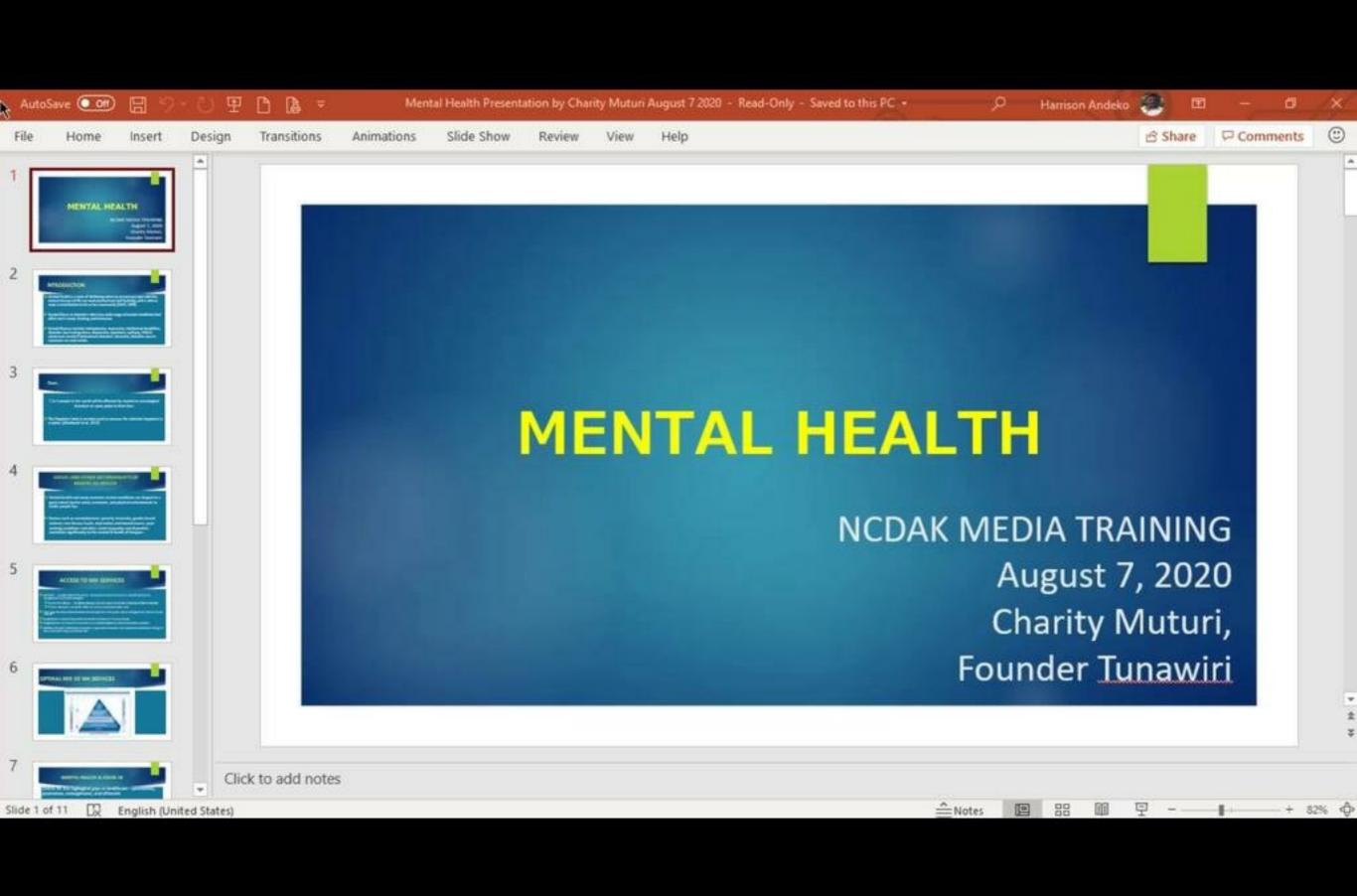
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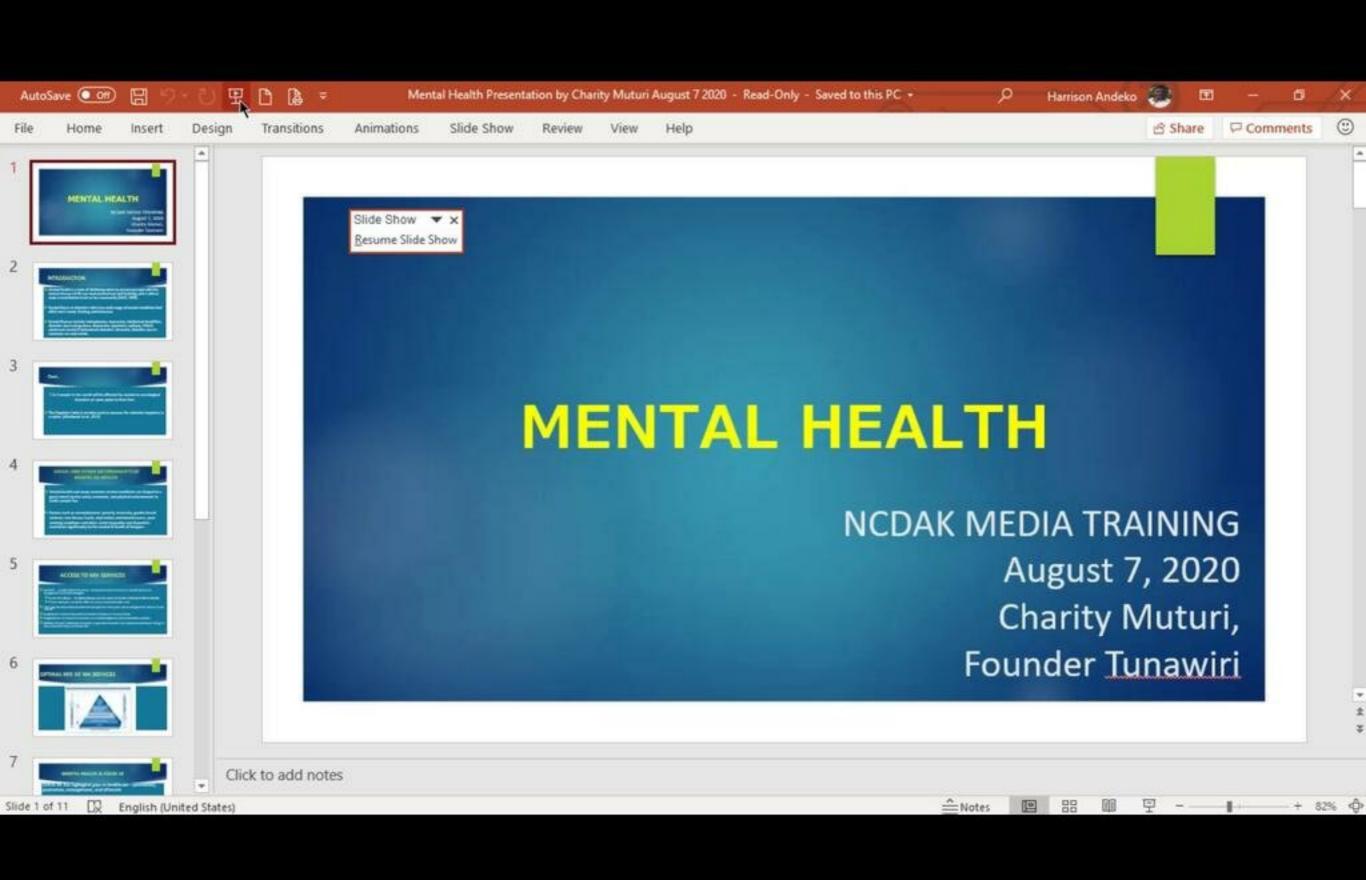
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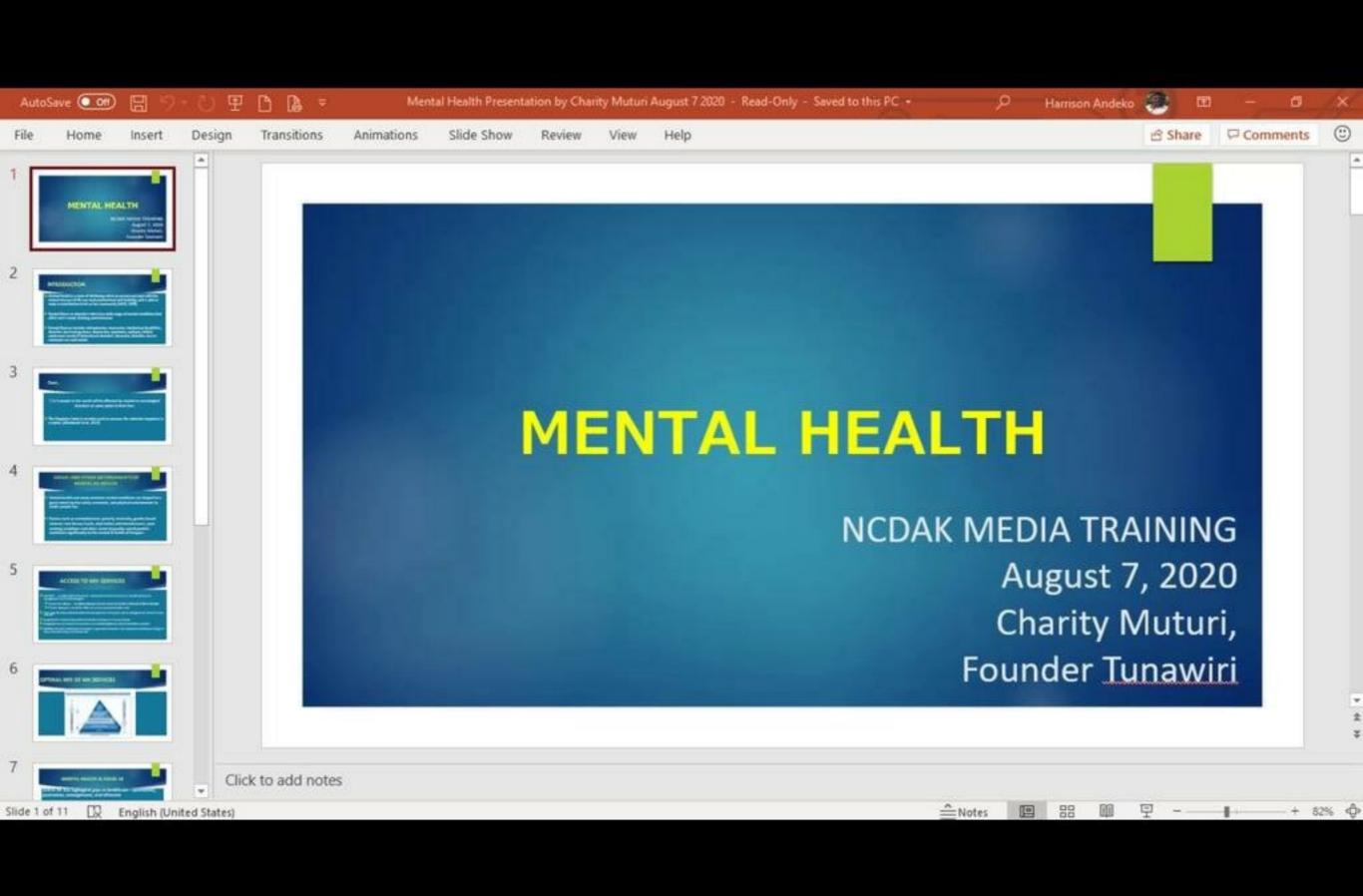
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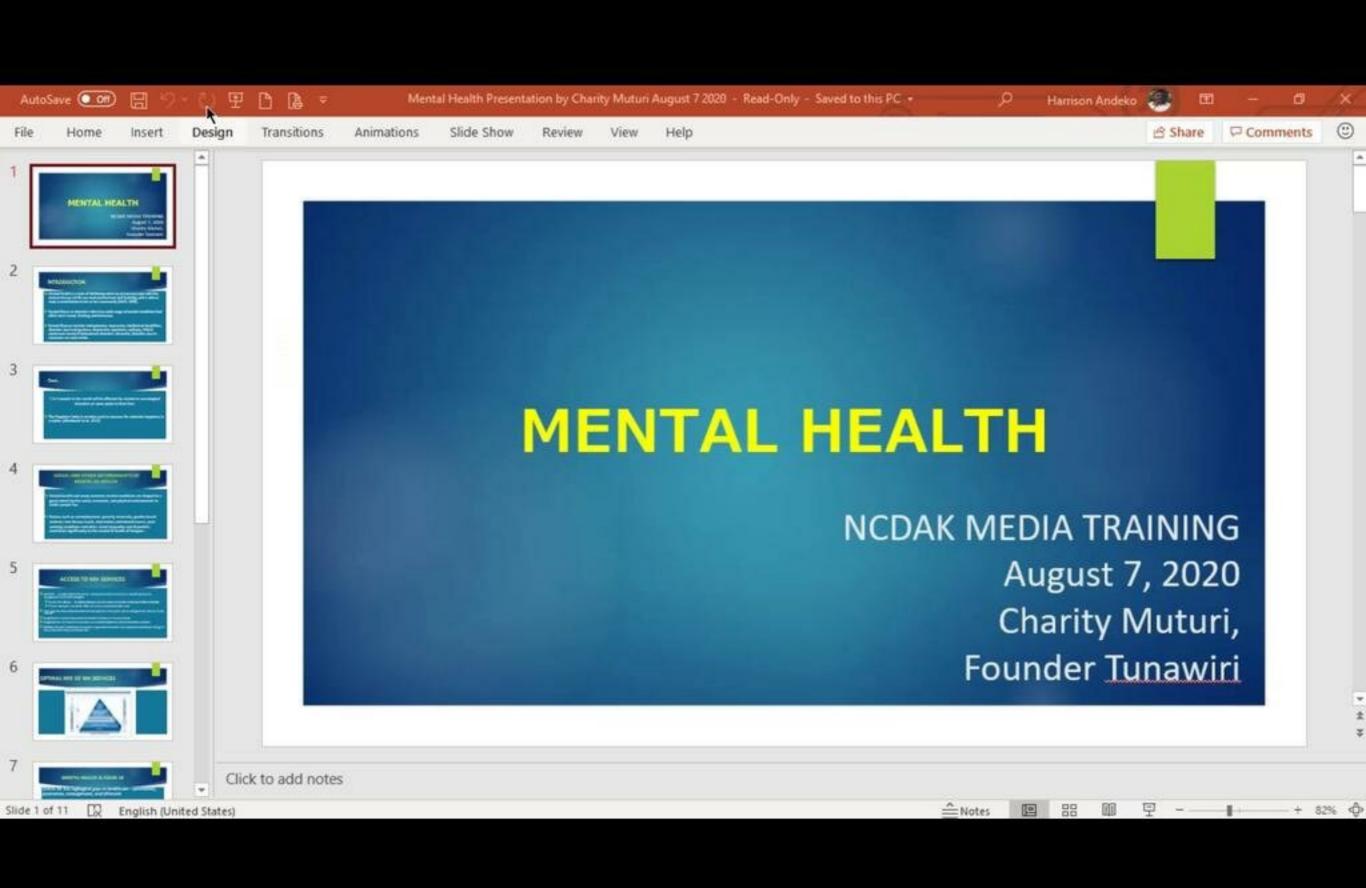
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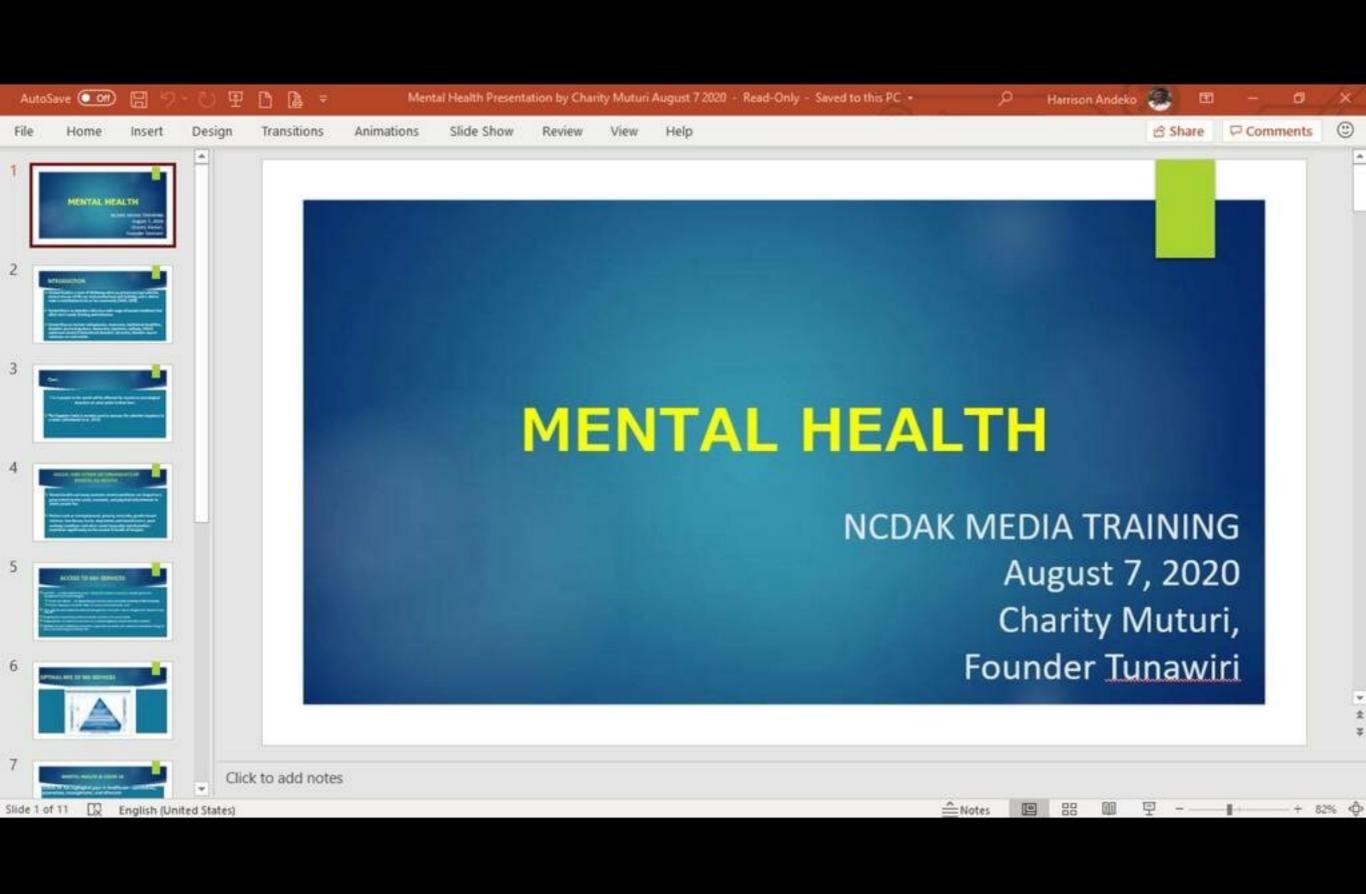
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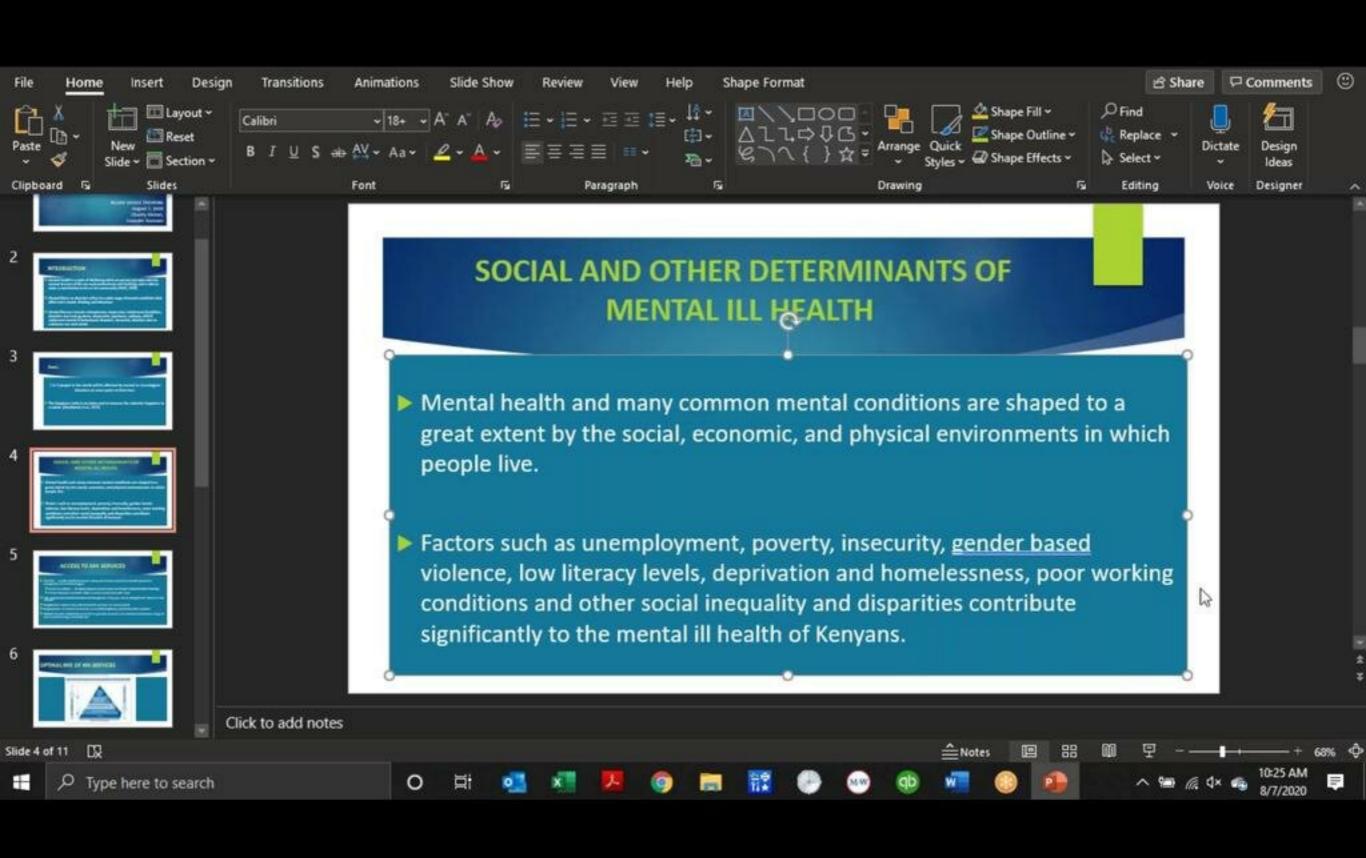
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ACCESS TO MH SERVICES

- ACCESS quality iinfrastructure, adequate human resource, health products, equipment and technologies.
 - ▶ Level 4 Facilities 26 (Many Kenyans are not aware and travel to Mathari NTRH in Nairobi)
 - > 75% of Kenyans are NOT able to access mental health care
- The only National Referral Mental Hospital is 110 years old & dilapidated. Needs to be rebuilt
- Implement community mental health services at County level
- Deployment of human resources i.e multidisciplinary mental health workers
- KEMSA should fulfil their mandate to provide modern and evidence-informed drugs in the essential drugs medicine list

OPTIMAL MIX OF MH SERVICES

The different levels of WHO model are illustrated in the figure below.



MENTAL HEALTH & COVID 19

COVID 19 has highlightd gaps in healthcare – prevention, promotion, management, and aftercare

- Implementation of MH Taskforce report
- ▶ Integration of Psychosocial support
- Persons with pre-existing mental health conditions experiencing challenges in accessing healthcare
- Economic hardship a likely driver for increased mental disorders and suicides in the country and globally

MULTISECTORAL ACCESS TO SERVICES

- 1. Set up a Mental Wellness and Happiness Commission
- 2. Declare mental illness a National Emergency of epidemic proportions.
- 3. Carry out a National Mental Health survey.
- 4. Creation of Mathari Teaching and Referral Hospital as a specialized institution
- 5. Implement a multisectoral approach to Mental Health challenges, (similar to that adopted in 1999 against HIV/AIDS).
- 6. Adequate financing for mental Health (Kshs. 150 per capita per annum).
- Regulate and license all institutions offering healthcare (including rehabilitation centres) through the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council.

MEDIA ASK

WELL DONE

- Reporting on mental health keeping it close to the top of our country's health agenda & priority
- Without expert guidance, you have invested resources the complexity of mental health

AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT

- ▶ Due diligence truthful, accurate, empowering, equitable and purposeful
- Do no harm manage perception and impact
- Innovative reporting catalyse change, change status quo eg?
- Educate! when death by suicide occurs avoid sensationalizing

YOU MATTER TO US! Self-care







