### Mental

MH@work

Put your own oxygen mask on first



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### Mental health in the workplace: The coming revolution

"There is a coming revolution in the way companies and organizations have to think, talk about and deal with the mental health and well-being of employees.

Mental health in the workplace is becoming one of the most important issue in business today."

# The Mental approach

#### 1.Clear vision



A clear vision, goals and strategy that provides a framework and ensures effective ways to support employee well-being

2.Actions



Training and actions to prevent and deal with employee well being

3.Results



Implementation, measurement and maintenance of results

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# Mental health on the agenda!

Here and now - and every day

### Do we dare?

### The stigma

- Taboos and myths
- Mental stigma persist
- Our own prejudice

# The mental – physical health disparity

- Physical visibility is favored
- Being sick is ok but not being ok is not ok

# The price of silence

- Untreated employee mental health often leads to costly challenges:
  - Absence / sick leaves
  - Lower productivity
  - High employee turnover
  - Increased HR costs

Mental health in the workplace needs to be considered before crises arise

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# Our own mental health

Ho can I be the mentally healthy leader?

#### The mental health continuum



#### Crisis

Very anxious
Very low mood
Absenteeism
Exhausted
Very poor sleep
Weight loss



#### Struggle

Anxious
Depressed
Tired
Poor performance
Poor sleep
Poor appetite

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#### Survive

Worried
Nervous
Irritable
Sad
Trouble sleeping
Distracted
Withdrawn

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#### **Thrive**

Positive
Calm
Performing
Sleeping well
Eating normally
Normal social
activity

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#### **Excel**

Cheerful
Joyful
Energetic
High performance
Flow
Fully realising
potential

# The manager and MH

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# Our very own recipe Ingredients for good mental health

### Self awareness

Know your symptoms



#### **Self Compassion**

Dare to be vulnerable



#### Empathy Starts Within:

- Reflecting on Self-Care & Empathy
- Focusing on your own well-being

#### Breaking the Cycle of Sacrifice:

- Shifting to Self-Preservation
- Challenging Overwork & Burnout Glorification

# Self prioritization

Practical strategies for leadership

- Revise current self care practices
- Establishing boundaries
- Nurturing physical health
- Cultivating emotional wellness
- Engaging in hobbies and interests
- Seeking support

# My own MH recipe

A very personal take on self care



# What's your recipe?

Your serotonin building blocks?





Takk!

Thank you!

Gracias!

Shukran!

Merci!

Asante!

Arigatou

Dziękuję

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