Table S1: Themes, Sub-Themes and Codes

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| Themes  | Sub-themes  | Codes  |
| Experience of involvement in mental health System | No involvement in mental health system | No experience of involvement Understood at individual level |
| Limited involvement in mental health system | Limited involvementConcern about value of researchConcern about research procedure |
|  Barriers to involvement in mental health system  | Alien to the involvement concept  | Difficulty conceptualizing concepts of involvement New about involvement Lack of /no expectation of involvementInvolvement as assigned roleLack of model /structure of involvement Lack of participatory approach |
| Stigma and mental health status  | Ascribed patient role Health statusDoubt about service user involvement Lack of prioritization Lack of acceptance Lack of community support Lack of opportunityPaternalistic caregiversPerceived lack of capacityPerceived negative effectStigma(attitude)Stigma(discrimination)Stigma(knowledge problem)Stigma(self)Stigma(structural) |
| Lack of resource and empowerment  | Lack of ability to articulate Lack of association/organization Lack of SU/CG representation/sayLack of empowerment Lack of resource Lack of opportunity Low education/knowledge/awarenessLow self-esteem/capacity |
| Poor access to mental health care  | Lack /Unavailability of accessible servicePower imbalance Reluctant to criticize Issues about medicineIssues to be improved in serviceConcern about competence /behavior of service providersMedicine only services and concern about asking moreTime off work |
| Potential benefits of involvement | Advocacy , fighting exclusion and improving service quality | Advocacy role Budget allocation and controlDemand creationDemand for right to be involved Make service accessible /service expansionDemand for services more than medicine Experiential supportUnique lived experienceFighting stigmaPatient protectionImprove serviceKnowledge/information sourceImprove providers behavior  |
| Awareness raising and service promotion | Awareness creation Case finding Mental health promotion |
| Need for capacity building  | Mental health advocacy and stakeholder empowerment | Advocacy to overcome mental health stigmaEmpowering stakeholders to involveNeed to equip with training |
| Need for SU/CG mobilization and empowerment  | Need for SU/CG organization and representationsSpace and structure for involvement Treatment and more services in addition to medicine |
|  | Enabling community structures and past experience  | Existing social structure for awareness raising Experience from other health care userExperience from other healthcare user associationsExperience of public involvement in health systemRight to be involvedValue  SU/CG  lived /experiential knowledgeValuing SU/CG involvement |
|  | Mental health advocacy  | Advocacy to overcome mental health stigmaEmpowering stakeholder to involveNeed to equip with training |
|  | Service user and caregiver mobilization and empowerment | Challenges to organize and select representativeCriteria to select representativeSpace and  structure for involvementSU/CG Organization and representationTreatment & more service in addition to medicine |