

THE **REAL** COST OF MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN SOUTH AFRICA

is not



it is



as the total annual cost in lost earnings for South Africans with mental disorders is



R29,6 Billion

compared to government spending on mental health services which is



R488 Million

This is a strong economic argument for **preventing** mental illness and **scaling up** mental health care to decrease the economic burden of these diseases

The above infographic is based on: Lund et al. Mental illness and lost income among adult South Africans. *Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology*. 2013; 48: 845 – 51.