

2412 records identified through database searching

PubMed: N=508,
PSYCHINFO via OVID: N=282,
African Index Medicus/ Eastern
Mediterranean Index Medicus/ African
Journals OnLine/ Web of Knowledge:
N=1622

12 records identified
through reference
lists of retrieved
articles and authors
personal collections
(HH, SB, DG)

146 records manually selected for more detailed evaluation

Reasons for
exclusion:

Duplicates,
not relevant

100 excluded

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Subgroups of the population (e.g.
adolescents/inpatients/HIV
patients), focused on a specific
method (e.g. poisoning), no
quantitative data on suicide
attempts or deaths, full text not
available, duplicate data from
the same sample source

N.B some publications were
excluded for multiple reasons

46 publications included in the review

With data on either suicide or suicide attempts in Africa
(including incidence, methods, or risk factors)