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# Abbreviations

С	Confounding variable
CI	Confidence interval
d	Difference
e.g.	For example
F	F-value in analysis of variance
GAF	Global Assessment of Functioning
HSCL-10	Hopkins Symptom Checklist-10
i.e.	That is
ICD-11	International Classification of Diseases 11th Revision
IPW	Inverse-probability weights
IV	Inverse variance-weighted
М	Mediating variable
n	Sample size; number of observations
NAAHS	Norwegian Arctic Adolescents Health Study
NOK	Norwegian krone
NSSI	Non-suicidal self-injury
OR	Odds ratio
р	Probability value
r	Correlation coefficient
R/S	Religion and/or spirituality; religious and/or spiritual
RRR	Relative risk reduction
SAMINOR	The Population-based Study on Health and Living Conditions in Regions with Sámi and
	Norwegian Populations
SD	Standard deviation
SRH	Self-rated health
t	<i>t</i> -statistic in <i>t</i> -test with equal variances
US	United States of America
WHO	World Health Organization
β	Regression coefficient
φ	Mean square contingency coefficient
$\chi^2$	Pearson's chi-squared test statistic

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#### Abstract

*Objectives:* Most international studies have shown that religion and spirituality (R/S) are related to better mental health, yet the Indigenous Sámi—being more committed to R/S than the majority population in the area—have poorer mental health and are more inclined toward suicidal behavior. Laestadianism—an important R/S factor for these people and this region— is related to poorer mental health and violence exposure. Among the Sámi, mental disorders are often believed to represent punishment from God or evil spirits sent by other persons, and traditional healing is commonly used against mental health problems in this area. The current study explored the relationship between R/S, ethnicity, suicidal behavior, and non-suicidal self-injury (NSSI) in the mixed Sámi and Norwegian adult population of Arctic Norway, as well as the association between R/S and help-seeking behavior in this context.

*Methods:* This study used cross-sectional data from the population-based SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey (2012; n = 11,222; 34% Sámi affiliation; 22% Laestadian affiliation) in mixed Sámi-Norwegian areas of Mid and North Norway. The associations between R/S factors, suicidal behavior, NSSI, mental health-service use, and satisfaction were analyzed. Multivariate-adjusted regression models and mediation analyses considering sociodemographics and other risk factors were applied.

**Results:** When adjusting for Sámi ethnicity, sociodemographic, and other risk factors, religious attendance was significantly associated with no suicide ideation, NSSI, or psychological distress, whereas Laestadian family background was associated with no suicide attempts. Religious attendance was associated with no past-year use of mental health services. *Conclusions:* R/S is not associated with poorer mental health in the Sámi and Norwegian populations of Arctic Norway. On the contrary, religious participation seems to buffer psychological distress and protect against poorer mental health in these areas, and is probably connected to the effect of received or perceived social support from R/S fellowships. Also, despite Laestadianism's association with disadvantageous sociodemographic factors, like Sámi ethnicity and exposure to violence, the Laestadian family networks probably contribute to better mental health. Religious participation is associated with less use of mental health services, possibly due to alternative R/S coping methods like prayer, congregational support, guidance from clergy, or the use of traditional healers and R/S family networks.

#### Sammendrag

*Problemstilling:* De fleste internasjonale studier har vist at religion og spiritualitet er forbundet med bedre psykisk helse. Samene, som er mer religiøst engasjerte enn marjoritetsbefolkningen, har likevel dårligere psykisk helse og er mer tilbøyelige til selvmordsatferd. Læstadianismen, en viktig religiøs/spirituell faktor hos samene og i regionen, er knyttet til dårligere psykisk helse og utsettelse for vold. Blant samene er det ofte en oppfatning at psykisk lidelse er en straff fra Gud eller er forårsaket av onde ånder sendt fra andre personer. Tradisjonell helbredelse blir også ofte brukt mot psykiske problemer i dette området. Denne studien undersøkte forholdet mellom religion/spiritualitet, etnisitet, selvmordsatferd og selvskading i den blandede samiske og norske voksenbefolkningen i Nord- og Midt-Norge. Sammenhengen mellom religion/spiritualitet og hjelpsøkende atferd ble også utforsket.

*Metoder:* Denne studien brukte tverrsnittsdata fra den befolkningsbaserte SAMINOR 2 spørreskjemaundersøkelsen (gjennomført i 2012; 11 222 deltakere; 34 % med samisk tilknytning; 22 % med læstadiansk tilknytning) i blandede samisk-norske områder i Midt- og Nord-Norge. Man analyserte sammenhengen mellom religiøse/spirituelle faktorer, selvmordsatferd, selvskading, samt bruk av og fornøydhet med psykiske helsetjenester. Det ble brukt regresjonsmodeller som kontrollerte for sosiodemografiske og andre risikofaktorer. *Resultater:* Religiøs deltakelse var signifikant forbundet med fravær av selvmordstanker, selvskading og psykisk stress, mens læstadiansk familiebakgrunn var assosiert med fravær av selvmordsforsøk. Religiøs deltakelse var forbundet med manglende bruk av psykiske helsetjenester siste året.

*Konklusjoner:* Religion/spiritualitet er ikke forbundet med dårligere psykisk helse i den samiske og norske befolkningen i Nord- og Midt-Norge. Tvert imot synes religiøs deltakelse å fungere som en buffer mot psykisk stress og beskytte mot dårligere psykisk helse i dette området, noe som sannsynligvis er knyttet til effekten av mottatt og opplevd sosial støtte fra religiøse fellesskap. Til tross for at læstadianismen er knyttet til ugunstige sosiodemografiske forhold, som samisk etnisitet og utsettelse for vold, så bidrar sannsynligvis de læstadianske familienettverkene til bedre psykisk helse. Religiøs deltakelse er forbundet med mindre bruk av psykiske helsetjenester, sannsynligvis på grunn av religiøse/spirituelle håndteringsmetoder, som bønn, menighetsstøtte, veiledning fra religiøse ledere eller bruk av tradisjonelle helbredere og religiøse familienettverk.

# **1. Introduction**

Although most studies have shown that religion and spirituality (R/S) are related to better mental health,<sup>1-3</sup> R/S—or some of its aspects—seem associated with poorer mental health outcomes in some Indigenous populations.<sup>4,5</sup> The Indigenous Sámi of Fennoscandia are more committed to R/S than the majority population in the area<sup>6,7</sup> but are also more inclined to suicidal behavior<sup>8-10</sup> and have poorer mental health.<sup>11</sup> Also, some R/S factors in the Sámi areas seem related to poorer mental health<sup>12</sup> and violence exposure.<sup>13</sup> Furthermore, among the Sámi, mental disorders are often believed to represent punishment from God or evil spirits sent by other persons.<sup>14-17</sup> Thus, traditional healing—an ancient R/S institution among the Sámi—is commonly used to deal with mental health problems in combination with or as a substitute for professional mental health services.<sup>17,18</sup>

Knowing whether R/S is a risk or preventive factor for poor mental health or affects the use of professional mental health services in Arctic Norway and among the Sámi is crucial for preventing, assessing, and treating mental disorders in this context. Does R/S cause mental health problems in Sámi or hinder their treatment, or does it represent a social or cultural resilience factor against mental disorders among the Indigenous people of Arctic Norway? No previous study (adjusting for ethnicity) has investigated the impact of R/S on mental health and mental help-seeking behavior in this population.

### 1.1. Mental health and mental disorders: definitions

There are many divergent definitions of the concept of mental health. The term is widely used as a euphemism for 'mental disorder' or rendered absence of mental illness.<sup>19</sup> The World Health Organization's (WHO) definition of mental health extracts the main themes of the past decade's debate,<sup>19,20</sup> so mental health is not merely defined as the absence of mental disorder but is "[a] state of mental well-being that enables people to cope with the stresses of life, to realize their abilities, to learn well and work well, and to contribute to their communities."<sup>21</sup>

Mental illness is often portrayed as the antipode of mental health, either categorically or on a continuous scale.<sup>19</sup> The International Classification of Diseases 11th Revision (ICD-11) groups mental disorders with behavioral and neurodevelopmental disorders, defining them as "syndromes characterised by clinically significant disturbance in an individual's cognition, emotional regulation, or behaviour that reflects a dysfunction in the psychological, biological, or developmental processes that underlie mental and behavioural functioning. These

disturbances are usually associated with distress or impairment in personal, family, social, educational, occupational, or other important areas of functioning."<sup>22</sup>

In contrast with the conditions of so-called somatic or physical medicine, the disease concept does not apply well to mental disorders. According to the disease model, a disease suggests a worked-out etiology giving rise to symptoms through a common pathogenic pathway.<sup>23</sup> For instance, Mycobacterium tuberculosis is the only causal agent of tuberculosis, a disease leading to specific symptoms, such as chronic and bloody cough, fever, and weight loss. Assessment by X-rays and microbiological tests is relatively easy, and after the eradication of the mycobacteria using antibiotics, the patient no longer has tuberculosis.

Mental disorders, on the other hand, are highly complex systems with multiple causal factors and appear as syndromic clusters of symptoms or features, leading to symptom- rather than etiology-based psychiatric diagnoses. Also, as different mental disorders typically share several symptoms, comorbidity is a considerable challenge in psychiatry.<sup>24</sup>

Contemporary psychopathological research no longer views the symptoms of a mental disorder simply as passive indicators or effects of a single latent common cause but as possible agents causing and affecting each other.<sup>25</sup> For example, the delusion that others can read one's mind may generate paranoia, leading to social isolation. The lack of correction from a social environment sustains and exacerbates the delusion in a feedback loop or vicious circle.<sup>23</sup> Other examples of mental disorders as self-sustained systems after removing the original external triggering factor are the lasting effects of childhood abuse long after the cessation of maltreatment or post-traumatic stress disorder enduring after the traumatic event itself has ended.<sup>23</sup>

The use of the network approach to psychopathology has grown exponentially among researchers during the past decade to better acknowledge the highly complex features of mental disorders.<sup>25-27</sup> The network model or theory assumes that mental disorders arise from the causal interaction between symptoms in a network or systems of networks.<sup>23,28</sup> Biological, psychological, sociological, and cultural conditions influencing symptoms in the network from the outside represent the system's external field—e.g., genetics, childhood adversities, abnormal brain functioning, substance abuse, traumas, chronic pain, or social factors.<sup>23</sup> Here, comorbidity results from the influence or activation of interconnected networks due to shared symptoms between networks of different mental disorders.<sup>28</sup>

According to network theory, during a state of low symptom activation, a network structure exhibiting high connectivity will represent a silent disorder or a vulnerability predisposing the individual to the onset or recurrence of the relevant mental disorder. Any

activation within such a system will rapidly cascade into a psychopathological state. This harmful and stable state of elevated symptom activation that endures even after the cessation of the external stressor is what we call a mental disorder. On the other hand, a weakly connected network represents a resilient and healthy system protecting the person from developing the mental disorder in question and giving only transient symptoms in the case of a time-limited external stressor.<sup>25</sup>

As expressions and measures of poor mental health, this study specifically examines suicide attempts, suicide ideation, and non-suicidal self-injury (NSSI), which are common maladaptive behavioral responses to psychological distress during a mental disorder. A suicide attempt is defined as the self-initiated sequence of behaviors by an individual who, at the time of initiation, expected that the set of actions would cause their death.<sup>29</sup> Suicide ideation is thoughts about self-harm, with deliberate consideration or planning of possible methods of causing one's death.<sup>29</sup> Here, suicide attempts and ideation will collectively be called suicidal behavior. NSSI is defined as the direct, deliberate, and socially deviant destruction of one's body tissue in the absence of lethal intent.<sup>29</sup> Suicide is the hardest endpoint of poor mental health, suicide ideation and attempts are on the road leading to suicide, whereas NSSI is one of the strongest predictors of suicidal behavior.<sup>30,31</sup> Typically, NSSI functions as a regulator of internal emotions, thoughts, or sensations, as self-punishment or expression of distress.<sup>32</sup>

# **1.2. Religion and spirituality: defining the concept**

Typically, R/S describes the antithesis of the secular, rational, or scientific, for instance, the things related to what the modern Western individual often calls the sacred, transcendent, divine, or supernatural. However, the number of efforts made throughout history to define the concepts of religion and spirituality is countless. The essentialist conception of religion—the idea of an innate, pure, and universal religious experience common to all humanity through all history and cultures—is perhaps best known through Schleiermacher's 1799 speeches on religion.<sup>33</sup> The religious evolution theory is a related view, even claimed by some contemporary scholars of R/S, for instance, Stausberg's idea of spiritual development from so-called primitive, less organized worldviews through the institutionalized real religions of the axial civilizations to secularization.<sup>34</sup> Sociology's approach to religion—being interested in the social systems of religions at the sacrifice of personal religious phenomena—also presupposes religion as institutional. The idea of religion as an essential experience is non-sociological, as social science denies any experience unmediated by culture and society.<sup>35</sup>

Thus, according to Beyer, religion is like any other global social system, constituting itself by distinguishing between members and non-members through rules, roles, communication, and apparent social boundaries.<sup>36</sup>

The postcolonial critique of the concept of religion claims it is biased by white ethnocentrism and Western imperialism and thus unjustly deployed on non-Western cultures.<sup>35</sup> Nongbri argues that the religious–secular division evolved in Europe from the mid-15<sup>th</sup> century, and the modern Western concept of religion began in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries with the European colonization of the World and evangelization of non-Christian peoples.<sup>37</sup> Thus, Europeans call non-Western worldviews and beliefs religions according to their similarities with European church-based Christianity—typically Protestantism—in the English-speaking world.<sup>35</sup>

Much research has tried to uncover the neuroscientific foundations of R/S experience using neuroimaging.<sup>38</sup> However, efforts to isolate the phenomena of religious visions from non-religious hallucinations have so far failed.<sup>39</sup> Studies on meditating and praying subjects converge with a focus on limbic structures and the prefrontal cortex as the seats of R/S experience.<sup>38</sup> However, these studies are burdened by several problems,<sup>38</sup> and this review only mentions three. First, they presuppose the contested existence of a universal R/S experience that is different from all other perceptions or encounters. Second, the methods depend heavily on the chosen definition of an R/S experience. Finally, the conclusion of relating R/S to certain parts of the brain remains unclear.<sup>38</sup>

When delimitating the subject of religion, R/S scholars draw its borders with culture and politics differently. Stausberg's definition is comparatively narrow, whereas other scholars require a broad conception of religion, like Ninian Smart's remaking of religion as the larger concept of beliefs.<sup>40</sup> Woodhead lists five main groups of the most applied meanings behind the term religion used in contemporary research: culture (including belief, meaning, values, and tradition), identity, relationship, practice, and power.<sup>35</sup> Smart's multidimensional definition encompasses eight dimensions of belief: ritual/practical, doctrinal/philosophical, mythic/narrative, experiential/emotional, ethical/legal, organizational/social, material/artistic, and political.<sup>40</sup> Zinnbauer and Pargament, the psychologists of R/S, describe the phenomena of religiousness and spirituality as multilevel constructs: biological, affective, cognitive, moral, relational, personality/self-identity, social, cultural, and global.<sup>41</sup>

The construct of spirituality, once designating the ideal religiosity of faith traditions, has become a central part of the research field of religion in the past decades. In its religious sense, the word spiritual derives from the Latin translation (*spiritualis*) of the Greek

 $\pi v \varepsilon v \mu \alpha \tau i \kappa \delta \varsigma$ , used by the apostle Paul to describe the man possessing and influenced by the divine spirit, as opposed to the  $\psi v \chi i \kappa \delta \varsigma$ , the man who has nothing more than his ordinary human soul (1 Cor 2:14–15<sup>42</sup>). Although the Latin term *spiritualitas* first appeared in 5<sup>th</sup>-century Christian literature (Alcim. Ep. 12<sup>43</sup>), spirituality today describes phenomena in any religious context.

However, the meanings of religion and spirituality have changed over the past century. At the millennial shift, there emerged a more restricted definition of the former construct, which typically connotes the external, organized, and institutional components of the faith traditions, in opposition to the latter, often designating the internal and personal aspects of faith outside traditional and organized religion.<sup>44</sup> Zinnbauer and Pargament (2005)<sup>41</sup> offered a review of the use of religion and spirituality terms in contemporary research in the psychology of R/S. They presented the polarization of these constructs through five aspects or dimensions:

• Substantive religion vs. functional spirituality: Religion refers to the visible elements of formal, traditional, and institutionalized beliefs, whereas spirituality refers to the invisible elements of connecting with the transcendent and searching for meaning and universal truth.

• Static religion vs. dynamic spirituality: Religion refers to stable and unchanging belief structures and institutions, while spirituality refers to dynamic, flexible, and moving belief phenomena.

• Institutional objective religion vs. personal subjective spirituality: Religion refers to traditional group-based and organized beliefs and practices, whereas spirituality refers to the individual's personal relationship to the transcendent or a supreme transcendent being.

• Belief-based religion vs. emotional/experiential-based spirituality: Religion refers to cognitive or thought-based, dogmatic, and theological beliefs, while spirituality refers to emotional awareness of a transcendent dimension and the experience of connection to a transcendent being.

• Negative religion vs. positive spirituality: Religion refers to the negative side of outdated doctrine and institutional hindrances to human capabilities, whereas spirituality refers to the ultimate of human potential, pleasurable feelings, connectedness with the divine, and the meaning of life.

Zinnbauer and Pargament's (2005)<sup>41</sup> main criticism of this kind of polarization is that there is no spirituality without any cultural context and no major religion without any concern for personal beliefs. Both authors proposed an alternative way to define these constructs.

According to Zinnbauer, spirituality is the broader construct, the search for the sacred. Religion is spirituality within a traditional context, while Pargament holds that religion is the broader construct, defined as the search for significance in ways related to the sacred. Spirituality is the search for the sacred.

Wong and Vinsky (2008),<sup>45</sup> social work professors with non-Western immigrant and minority backgrounds, pointed to the ethnocentrism and racial dimensions behind the separation of spirituality from religion, suiting the need of people of Euro-Christian backgrounds to distance themselves from their Christian faith but not making any sense ontologically or epistemologically to many people of different historical-cultural contexts<sup>45</sup>. Although unconsciously exotifying, Indigenous peoples' native, dynamic, and emancipating traditions and practices are often described as spiritual, whereas Christian activities—usually a legacy of colonialism—in the same population are typically called religious.<sup>5</sup> The authors stated that the claimed hierarchy of a supposedly non-sectarian and pure spirituality above religion sets up a colonial othering of racialized ethnic groups often presented as more religious than spiritual.<sup>45</sup>

During the past decades, there has been an increasing use of the word spirituality, which includes non-religious and secular people,<sup>46</sup> often as an entity free of religious and social context.<sup>47</sup> This modern concept of spirituality is sometimes defined as the individual's striving for and experience of connection with the essence of life, an activity encompassing three main dimensions: connectedness with oneself, with others and nature, and with the transcendent—e.g., something beyond the physical world but not necessarily any divine being.<sup>48</sup>

# Conclusion

The terms religion and spirituality are predominantly regarded as different aspects of the same phenomenon. However, the perceptions of these two concepts and efforts to demarcate the limit between them are innumerable. Also, scholars have frequently upheld opposite definitions of so-called spiritual and religious dimensions. Thus, the terms are often entirely interchangeable and synonymous. For simplicity, many researchers have denoted the subject by the combined name religion/spirituality (R/S) or spirituality/religiousness (S/R).<sup>1,44,49</sup> Accordingly, the current author holds a pragmatic stand and does not take any strict position regarding the delimitation of R/S, the definition of religion and spirituality, or their common boundary. Nevertheless, R/S is acknowledged as a multilevel and multidimensional phenomenon, but R/S will not differentiate between any spiritual or religious aspects unless

otherwise specified. When appropriate, R/S denotes the plural religion and spirituality or religious and spiritual, or the singular religion/spirituality or religious/spiritual.

# **1.3.** The association of religion/spirituality with mental health and mental healthseeking behavior: a summary of the literature

#### 1.3.1. Challenges in the study of religion/spirituality and mental health issues

Due to the concept's multidimensional and multilevel characteristics, the enterprise of measuring R/S in research is not straightforward. Also, the method depends heavily on the chosen definition of and theory about R/S, the research question at hand, and the theoretical assumptions behind the given hypotheses. Historically and still today, this has led separate parts of academia to use different approaches to R/S. For example, R/S sociologists and psychologists typically have different positions concerning the causes and effects of R/S. According to Durkheim's classical sociological view, R/S originates in people's social needs, like intimacy and belonging.<sup>50</sup> Thus, to sociologists, measuring the social aspects of R/S is paramount. On the other hand, the traditional psychological viewpoint since Freud has perceived R/S as a result of the human psychological need for comfort and meaning.<sup>51</sup> Hence, psychologists are more interested in assessing personal R/S experiences.

The phenomenon's complexity has given concern about the widespread use of singleitem measures of R/S in research on mental health. Such single items, for instance, "How often do you attend church" or "How often do you pray?" should only be assessed if theorized as impacting mental health. However, too often, researchers use responses to such questions to infer a general effect of R/S on human well-being.<sup>52</sup> To solve the generalization problem, many studies have used composite measures combining several aspects of R/S. This also avoids multiple testing, increases sensitivity, and makes the studies cheaper. However, a disadvantage of using composite measures is that they complicate the comparison of studies.<sup>3</sup>

An often-used R/S measure is the frequency of R/S attendance or participation at social R/S activities—e.g., meetings and services. However, two individuals can attend church equally as often but for different reasons. Several non-R/S factors impact R/S attendance: somatic and mental health conditions—e.g., disabilities and social anxiety—family and job responsibilities, church location, and relationships with other members.<sup>47</sup> Also, changes in these factors may result in compensating involvement in noninstitutional forms of R/S.<sup>52</sup> Not accounting for such underlying factors may obscure the impact and role of R/S attendance on people's lives.<sup>47</sup>

The modern use of the word spirituality in a sense that includes non-religious and secular people encompasses characteristics like purpose and meaning of life, connectedness with others (including quality of social support), peacefulness, harmony, hope, and well-being.<sup>46</sup> Thus, the instruments measuring spirituality in research also reflect a conceptual overlap between spirituality and subjective well-being and good mental health.<sup>46,48</sup> Such overlap eliminates the possibility of identifying spiritual circumstances associated with poor mental health.<sup>46</sup> Accordingly, although spiritual well-being predicts less depression in most prospective studies,<sup>3</sup> the finding is tautological and probably meaningless.<sup>46,53</sup>

Inversely related to the spiritual well-being problem is the use of another R/S measure called religious and spiritual struggles (previously called negative religious coping), encompassing divine/demonic, interpersonal, and intrapsychic struggles.<sup>54</sup> Examples of divine/demonic struggles are anger at God, feeling punished by God, or feeling tormented by evil spirits or the devil. Interpersonal R/S struggles are disagreements about R/S or negativity toward organized religion. Intrapsychic R/S struggles encompass doubts about one's faith, struggles to follow moral principles, and concerns about whether there is a deeper, ultimate meaning to one's life.<sup>54</sup> Such struggles are closely associated with personality traits like neuroticism, affecting psychological well-being and contributing to a vulnerability to depression. Moreover, these struggles may represent signs or symptoms of depression.<sup>3</sup>

Religious affiliation is a dimension of R/S that researchers have been measuring since Durkheim (1915).<sup>50</sup> However, the term religious affiliation can have a range of meanings, for instance, (1) being an active member of a specific, physical, and living R/S fellowship, (2) being a passive or former member of a religious denominational organization, (3) sharing R/S beliefs with a particular denomination, (4) sharing some or more cultural elements with a religious denomination, or (5) having a family background in any of these four categories. This lack of precision makes it unclear what is being measured by the term religious affiliation and may complicate the interpretation of the research findings. A recent review by Lucchetti, Koenig, and Lucchetti (2021)<sup>1</sup> found sparse evidence for any association between R/S affiliation and mental health. Also, recent extensive systematic reviews and meta-analyses on R/S and mental health have not treated religious affiliation as an independent dimension of R/S.<sup>2,3</sup>

The meaning and significance of research findings on R/S depend on clear and precise measurements based on its operational definitions that are conceptualized and theoretically grounded.<sup>47</sup> Relevant measures of R/S are clear, uncontaminated, nonoverlapping, and differentiate between deeply religious, non-deeply religious, and secular persons.<sup>49</sup> Also, R/S

research should consider measures that take into account the dynamic processes of moving toward or away from R/S.<sup>49</sup>

# 1.3.2. Religion/spirituality and mental health

#### The overall effect of R/S on mental health

The past several decades have seen the emergence of a considerable research body on R/S and mental health from social sciences, clinical epidemiology, and psychiatry.<sup>1-3</sup> Luchetti, Koenig, and Lucchetti<sup>1</sup> found substantial evidence for a favorable impact of R/S on mental health, especially depression, suicidality, and substance use disorder. Also, R/S seemed to buffer post-traumatic stress. However, the results were mixed concerning anxiety. Regarding the relationship between R/S and psychotic disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and eating disorders, the evidence has been weaker, and the studies have been few and have had mixed results<sup>1</sup>. A recent meta-analysis by Hodapp and Zwingmann (2019),<sup>2</sup> based on 67 studies including diverse R/S aspects and mental health outcomes from the German-speaking world found that R/S is minimally but significantly associated with better mental health (weighted mean effect size r+ = 0.03 [95% CI 0.01–0.05], a positive score indicating better mental health). However, the authors' analyses confirmed R/S as a multidimensional construct with both positive and negative effects on mental health.

Based on a systematic review of 138 prospective studies on the effect of R/S on depression (religious struggle and spiritual well-being were excluded due to potential confounding with depression), Braam and Koenig  $(2019)^3$  found that about half of the studies reported fewer depressive symptoms over time. In contrast, 40% found no significant effect, and about 10% showed more depression. The mean effect size was absent to small in favor of less depression but with considerable variation (d = -0.18; median -0.18; SD 0.28; range -1.15 to 0.61). The authors found R/S attendance and importance as the R/S factors likeliest to predict a decrease in depression over time, whereas the effect of positive religious coping was weaker. Furthermore, R/S was more protective (little to moderately) among persons with psychiatric symptoms (median d = -0.37) and less protective in younger samples and among somatic patients. Also, the review found that studies from the US and Canada are likelier to report significantly less depression over time than European or East Asian studies. Finally, the authors found that linear regression and advanced longitudinal models yielded smaller effect sizes than logistic regression and other models.

#### *R/S* attendance or participation

Based on 10 effect sizes, Hodapp and Zwingmann's  $(2019)^2$  meta-analysis found the effect of church attendance on mental health to be in general small but favorable (r = 0.09 [95% CI 0.04–0.14]). Braam and Koenig  $(2019)^3$  reviewed 69 prospective studies on the effect of R/S attendance on depression. Being the most common measure of R/S among the studies, R/S attendance was the R/S factor that most likely predicted a decline in depression, with 44% of the studies showing significantly less depression, 1% finding more, and 55% having non-significant results. However, less evidence has been seen of the effect of R/S attendance on anxiety disorders. In a representative sample of 1,071 US adults, R/S attendance did not affect the odds of developing any anxiety disorders in a 10-year follow-up.<sup>55</sup>

Several extensive longitudinal studies have shown that R/S attendance not only protects against suicide ideation<sup>56</sup> and attempts<sup>55</sup> but also against completed suicides.<sup>57-59</sup> In VanderWeele et al.'s (2016)<sup>58</sup> study following 89,708 US female nurses over 17 years, attendance at religious services once per week or more yielded a five-fold lower suicide risk compared with no attendance (hazard ratio 0.16 [95% CI 0.06–0.46]), adjusted for sociodemographic factors. The effect was also independent of social integration, depressive symptoms, and alcohol consumption.

In their meta-analysis of studies on adolescents, Kelly et al.  $(2015)^{60}$  found a weak inverse relationship between R/S attendance and behaviors like alcohol use (overall average correlation based on 23 studies, r = -0.19 [95% CI -0.25--0.14]) and drug use (overall average correlation based on 18 studies, r = -0.22 [95% CI -0.28--0.16]).

#### *R/S attitudes, coping, belief, and importance*

Whereas R/S attendance clearly distinguishes itself as social aspects and dimensions of R/S, the private, personal, attitudinal, or psychological sides of R/S are diverse, overlapping, and challenging to treat logically as one or more disparate entities. Among the most investigated areas of these R/S aspects are (1) the importance of R/S, (2) positive R/S coping, (3) positive relationship with the divine, (4) intrinsic religiosity, (5) R/S experience, (6) private R/S practice, and (7) R/S beliefs. Spirituality or R/S well-being and R/S struggles are related dimensions but are treated separately in this summary. Hodapp and Zwingmann's<sup>2</sup> meta-analysis found weak but significant correlations between several of these R/S aspects and better mental health in general: importance of R/S (based on 53 effect sizes, r = 0.06 [95% CI 0.05–0.14]), positive relationship with the divine (based on 17 effect sizes, r = 0.06 [95% CI 0.01–0.11]),

and private R/S practice (based on three effect sizes, r = 0.21 [95% CI 0.06–0.35]). The metaanalysis found no significant relationship with intrinsic religiosity, R/S experience, or R/S beliefs.

However, in longitudinal studies, the effect of R/S importance has been mixed. Braam and Koenig (2019)<sup>3</sup> found the importance of R/S—measured in 32 studies—to predict significantly less depression in 34% of studies but had no significant effect in 63% of these. Also, a large prospective study found no impact of R/S importance on completed suicides.<sup>59</sup> Regarding private R/S practices, Braam and Koenig (2019),<sup>3</sup> in their review of 28 longitudinal studies, found no significant effect on depression in 75% of the studies, significantly less depression in 21%, and more in 4% of these.

In dealing with major life stressors, many people turn to R/S. Positive R/S coping strategies include, for instance, forgiveness, comfort, meaning, search for help, and benevolent reappraisals.<sup>54</sup> Lucchetti et al. (2021)<sup>1</sup> found some evidence for better mental health outcomes among patients using positive R/S coping strategies.<sup>1</sup> However, in their systematic review of another 28 longitudinal studies, Braam and Koenig (2019)<sup>3</sup> found positive R/S coping predicted less depression in only 21% of the studies, had a non-significant effect in 71%, and predicted more depression in 7% of these.

Regarding the effect of psychological dimensions of R/S on non-suicidal self-injury (NSSI), Haney  $(2020)^{61}$  recently completed a meta-analysis of 15 samples consisting of 24,767 participants aged 13 to 92. R/S measures used in the included studies were R/S beliefs, positive and negative R/S coping, R/S importance, spirituality, R/S well-being, and R/S affiliation. The meta-analysis found a negligible negative correlation between NSSI and R/S (aggregated effect size, using a random effects model, r = 0.10 [95% CI -0.14-0.06]).

Kelly et al.  $(2015)^{60}$  also included general religiosity in their meta-analysis of adolescent studies on R/S and alcohol and drug use. The authors found an overall weak negative correlation between religiosity and alcohol use (based on 26 studies, r = -0.16 [95% CI -0.19--0.12]) and drug use (based on 28 studies, r = -0.19 [95% CI -0.23--0.15]).

# Spirituality and R/S well-being

In their meta-analysis, Hodapp and Zwingmann  $(2019)^2$  found a weak correlation between R/S well-being and mental health in general (based on five effect sizes, r = 0.15 [95% CI 0.06–0.25]). Spirituality was not significantly associated with mental health (based on 15 effect sizes). In prospective studies, Braam and Koenig  $(2019)^3$  found R/S well-being, based on 11 studies, predicted a significant decline in depression in 73% of the studies and no

significant effect in 27% of these. Based on another 12 studies reviewed by the same authors, other measures of spirituality were correlated with a significant decline in only 25% of the studies, no significant effect in 58%, and more depression in 17% of these.<sup>3</sup> However, as mentioned above, any protective correlation between spirituality and mental health is likely tautological because the measures are confounded by positive emotions.<sup>3</sup>

# *R/S struggles or negative R/S coping*

R/S struggles or negative R/S coping—aspects of R/S reflecting a problematic relationship with the deity or religious fellowship—are usually related to poorer mental health. In their review, Luchetti et al. (2021)<sup>1</sup> found R/S struggles associated with lower life satisfaction, more anxiety and depressive symptoms, emotional distress, sleep disturbances, and suicidality in clinical samples. Also, Gerber, Boals, and Schuettler (2011),<sup>62</sup> in their cross-sectional analysis of 1,016 college students, found negative religious coping related to PTSD symptoms. The model adjusted for gender, race, and other coping styles.

Braam and Koenig's  $(2019)^3$  systematic review included 22 studies on the longitudinal effects of religious struggle/distress on depressive symptoms, and found that R/S struggle predicted significantly more depression over time in 59% of the studies, whereas 41% of these yielded non-significant results. The mean effect size was small to moderate (d = +0.30; median 0.23; SD 0.36; range -0.04 to 1.50).

Hodapp and Zwingmann's  $(2019)^2$  meta-analysis of studies from the German-speaking world—using different mental health outcomes—also showed a considerable correlation between negative religious coping (based on 28 effect sizes) and poorer mental health (r+ = -0.21 [95% CI -0.25–-0.17], the negative score indicating poorer mental health). The authors' analysis of studies regarding a negative image or negative relationship with God (12 effect sizes) also yielded some correlation with poorer mental health (r+ = -0.16 [95% CI -0.22–-0.11]).

As noted previously, however, R/S struggles are associated with factors predisposing to depression and the measures are confounded by depressive symptoms.<sup>3</sup>

#### **R**/S interventions

Several meta-analyses have examined the effect of R/S-oriented interventions in psychotherapy,<sup>63-65</sup> which may be relevant if the clients are religious or spiritually oriented and have consented to the intervention. Smith, Bartz, and Richards (2007)<sup>63</sup> conducted a meta-analysis of 31 outcome studies—18 of which were randomized clinical trials—on R/S-

oriented psychotherapies. The studies took place from 1984 to 2005 and included 1,845 clients, mainly Christians and Muslims. Applied R/S treatment components included teaching R/S principles, client prayer, reading sacred texts, religious imagery, and spiritual meditation. Most interventions were cognitive or cognitive–behavioral therapy-based, and the rest applied humanistic or non-psychological religious teachings. Most experimental studies involved a control group with an equivalent secular therapeutic intervention. Typical clinical issues were anxiety disorders, depression, stress, or problems related to R/S. The authors found that R/S-adapted psychotherapy may benefit religious/spiritual clients more effectively than secular psychotherapy (random-effects weighted average effect size: 0.56 [95% CI 0.43–0.70]). They also conducted analyses showing that any effect of possible publication bias did not threaten their overall results.

Oh and Kim  $(2012)^{64}$  published a meta-analysis of 21 spiritual intervention studies, which included 1,411 participants, examining biological, psychological (depression and anxiety), and spiritual outcomes. The authors found a moderate overall effect size on spiritual and psychological outcomes (d = -0.65 - 0.76, p < 0.001), suggesting that spiritual intervention can relieve depression and anxiety.

Also, Gonçalves et al. (2015)<sup>65</sup> undertook a systematic review and meta-analysis of 23 randomized clinical trials on spiritual or religious (Catholic, Jewish, or Muslim) interventions in mental health care published between 2005 and 2013. The study included populations of sick and healthy people, representing a total sample size of 2,721 participants, and comprised techniques such as spiritual meditation, pastoral services, psychotherapy with R/S approaches, and audiovisual resources with R/S approaches. The majority of control groups were on standard treatment or waiting lists. The meta-analysis found a significant effect of spiritual meditation (based on seven studies) against anxiety symptoms (total inverse varianceweighted [IV] standard mean difference: -0.48 [95% CI -0.68--0.28]). Moreover, psychotherapy with R/S approaches (based on five studies) showed a significant effect against anxiety symptoms (total std. mean diff. IV: -0.35 [95% CI -0.65--0.06]). The authors found no significant total effect of audiovisual resources with R/S approaches on anxiety symptoms (based on four studies). Finally, the meta-analysis revealed no significant total effects of spiritual meditation (based on four studies), psychotherapy with R/S approaches (based on five studies), or audiovisual resources with R/S approaches (based on eight studies) against depressive symptoms. The authors concluded that spiritual meditation and psychotherapy with R/S approaches yield additional benefits for treating anxiety symptoms, whereas the effect of R/S interventions on depressive symptoms is unclear.

The 2021 review by Lucchetti et al.<sup>1</sup> found evidence that R/S intervention reduced depression, anxiety, and hopelessness in patients with cancer weaker. The authors recommended more rigorous clinical trials to establish the efficacy of R/S interventions.

# R/S and mental health in Indigenous populations and other ethnic minorities

The effects of R/S on mental health differ across ethnic groups, with minorities in North America being the most studied. Increasing evidence has suggested, for instance, that the favorable effects of R/S are stronger for Blacks than Whites.<sup>66</sup> Assari and Lankarani (2018)<sup>67</sup> conducted a prospective study of a national US sample comprising 1,493 Black and White older adults. Compared to Whites, Blacks enjoyed significantly more favorable effects of religious social support on depressive symptoms. Research on R/S attendance among Latino Americans found that this factor, as among the majority population, is associated with less depression, anxiety, suicide ideation and attempts, and substance use disorder.<sup>66</sup>

Regarding the effects of R/S on Indigenous peoples, Running Bear et al.  $(2019)^{68}$  conducted a cross-sectional study of 1,636 Northern Plains American Indians aged 15–54 living on or near their reservation. The studied R/S dimension was called tribal cultural spirituality, defined as having perceptions, experiences, knowledge, and actions associated with American Indian cultural spiritual orientations, as opposed to the cognitive aspect of faith, often called the importance of R/S beliefs. The outcome was a compound measure of self-rated mental health, encompassing four major mental health dimensions: anxiety, depression, loss of behavioral/emotional control, and psychological well-being. The authors found that tribal cultural spirituality was associated with better self-rated mental health ( $\beta = 7.07$  [95% CI 4.98–9.17]), whereas R/S importance was not related to mental health.<sup>68</sup>

In a longitudinal clinical study of 191 American Indians (Anishinaabe with type 2 diabetes) living on or close to a reservation, Gonzales et al.  $(2021)^{69}$  found that using prayer and R/S beliefs to cope with the stress of adverse life events predicted self-rated positive mental health six months later ( $\beta = 0.15$  [95% CI 0.06–0.28]). Also, following American Indian beliefs was associated with less pro-drug attitudes among urban American Indian youth.<sup>5</sup> In the same study, Native American Church affiliation was associated with a tendency to consume less alcohol and with less poly-drug use. Furthermore, following Christian beliefs was associated with less cigarette smoking and a tendency to drink less. Still, Christian church affiliation or attendance at religious services was not related to substance use.<sup>5</sup> In a cross-sectional study of 732 Native American adults living on reserves or reservations in the

northern Midwestern US and Ontario, Canada, Stone et al. (2006)<sup>70</sup> found that involvement in and importance of traditional spirituality was associated with alcohol cessation.

Garroutte et al.  $(2003)^{71}$  conducted a cross-sectional study of 1,456 15–57-year-old members of an American Indian Northern Plains tribe living on or near a reservation. The authors found that high tribal cultural orientations were associated with fewer lifetime suicide attempts (OR = 0.5 [95% CI 0.3–0.9]) than low spiritual orientations. The model adjusted for sociodemographic factors, psychological distress, substance and alcohol abuse, and the importance of cultural spiritual and Christian beliefs.

Whereas most studies—as presented above—have indicated a favorable effect of R/S on mental health among ethnic minorities, some studies have found no such effect, or have found disadvantageous effects. Studying a sample of 1,628 individuals from three Asian-American subgroups, Ai, Appel, and Nicdao (2016)<sup>72</sup> found R/S coping and R/S attendance were associated with better self-rated mental health among the Chinese but not in the Vietnamese or Filipino subgroups. Also, in the urban American Indian youth study mentioned above,<sup>5</sup> the importance of spirituality was, in general, associated with pro-drug attitudes and a tendency toward poly-drug use. Finally, Stack and Cao (2020)<sup>4</sup> conducted a cross-sectional study of a nationally representative sample comprised of 15,294 Indigenous Canadians—Inuit, First Nations persons living off reserve, and Métis. The authors found that affiliation with traditional Indigenous spirituality was significantly associated with lifetime suicide ideation compared with a lack of religious affiliation. Also, being Christian was no different from having no religious affiliation. The model adjusted for sociodemographic factors, social integration, psychiatric symptoms, drug abuse, and self-rated health.<sup>4</sup>

# Proposed mechanisms of R/S on mental health

Although the effect of R/S on completed suicides is—at least partly—independent of social integration,<sup>58,73</sup> one of the most commonly proposed mechanisms behind the impact of R/S on general mental health has been its framework of social support.<sup>74</sup> For example, same-faith social bonds are known to be significantly likelier sources of help in times of need.<sup>75</sup> Also, perceived and anticipated emotional support from the R/S fellowship is the only aspect of R/S social support significantly associated with less suicidal behavior.<sup>76</sup> That is, the comfort of knowing about available support strengthens mental health more than the intensity of the contact itself.<sup>76</sup>

Another central theory behind the mental health-protective effects of R/S is its essential part in the reorienting process of coping and meaning-making.<sup>74</sup> Also, positive religious coping is known to have a role in developing post-traumatic growth.<sup>62</sup>

Furthermore, R/S is associated with several health behaviors—e.g., less alcohol and drug use—and virtues like forgiveness, gratefulness, and altruism, factors mediating the relationship between R/S and mental health.<sup>77</sup>

#### Conclusion

Although most studies have shown that R/S is associated with better mental health, R/S is a multidimensional and multilevel construct with a mixture of positive and negative effects. The impact of R/S may also vary between different populations.

# 1.3.3. Religion/spirituality and mental health-service utilization and satisfaction

Despite having poorer mental health, many religious and ethnic minorities and Indigenous peoples are often under-users of mental health services<sup>78-81</sup> or have an increased risk of disengaging from treatment.<sup>82</sup> This phenomenon is often a result of language and cultural barriers, the lack of culturally sensitive services, alternative conceptions of the etiology of mental disorders, social stigma, and mistrust of Western psychiatry.<sup>78,79,83</sup> R/S is often an essential factor of attitudes toward mental health services, especially among ethnic minorities.<sup>78,83-91</sup>

Also, among American Indians, traditional healing is a significant and independent source of health care for mental health problems, and is used more often in this population than alternative and complementary medicine in the majority population.<sup>78</sup> Besides, traditional healing is associated with high spirituality and strong American Indian identity scores.<sup>78</sup> Among African Americans, the most religiously active ethnic group in the US,<sup>85</sup> the Church is a strong social, psychological, and religious support system.<sup>84</sup> The Church's religious counseling services for mental health problems are an essential substitute for and are often preferred to professional mental health treatment in this population.<sup>84,85</sup>

This literature summary found two main rationales for the association between R/S and negative attitudes toward or the insufficient use of professional mental healthcare. The first is holding religious or spiritual beliefs about the etiology of mental disorders, as typically seen in Muslim and Asian minorities in Western countries. Professional help-seeking often depends on a scientific perception of mental disorders.<sup>83,86,91</sup> The second is the belief in or use of R/S methods of handling mental health problems. For example, positive R/S coping,

finding meaning in suffering, and believing in the efficacy of R/S counseling for mental health problems are common among Filipino Americans,<sup>88</sup> Latino Americans,<sup>89</sup> and US rural veterans, respectively.<sup>92</sup>

However, studies on the relationship between R/S and the use of and attitudes toward mental health services have shown differing results. In some studies, the importance of R/S is associated with negative attitudes toward or insufficient use of mental health services, for instance, among US adolescents<sup>93</sup> and African Americans.<sup>85</sup> In other populations, R/S importance is related to the frequent use of professional mental health services, as among African immigrants in the US.<sup>94</sup> Other studies have found no such associations—e.g., the US rural veteran study,<sup>92</sup> another African American study,<sup>95</sup> and a Canadian Latter Day Saints survey.<sup>96</sup> R/S attendance was associated with the use of mental health services among Korean women but not in Korean men,<sup>97</sup> in the latter African American sample,<sup>95</sup> nor in the sample of Canadian Latter Day Saints.<sup>96</sup> Finally, Smyth et al. (2022)<sup>82</sup> recently conducted an extensive longitudinal study of 9,904 male users of two psychological treatment services in London. The authors categorized the participants by R/S affiliation and found that Christian men were at a lower risk of disengaging from treatment than non-religious men (RRR = 0.85 (95% CI 0.72–1.00). Asian Muslim men, however, were at an increased risk of disengaging compared to non-religious men (RRR = 1.31 [95% CI 1.12–1.53]).

The association between R/S and mental health-service use and satisfaction differs across populations, R/S groups, and R/S dimensions. Nevertheless, this summary reveals some patterns. Among culturally integrated individuals in Western populations, R/S importance or self-ascription seems to be associated with accepting and using mental health services.<sup>82,98</sup> On the other hand, within poorly integrated R/S groups in Western countries, R/S is related to the rejection of mental health services.<sup>82,83</sup> Also, among African Americans affiliated with the Black Church, R/S indicators are related to negative attitudes toward mental health services.<sup>84,85</sup> In non-Western populations, however, being Christian is associated with accepting mental health services, whereas non-Christian R/S is related to refusing mental health services.<sup>99-101</sup>

# 1.4. Demographics and religion/spirituality in Arctic Norway

#### 1.4.1. Demographics of Arctic Norway

This thesis uses the toponym Arctic Norway almost synonymously with North Norway. However, whereas the reader could not interpret the former term immediately, the latter

explicitly denotes Norway's northernmost mainland region, comprising the provinces of Nordland, Troms, and Finnmark. Nordland is the county with the same name, while Troms and Finnmark constituted two separate counties from 1919 to 2020 but have since been one united bearing the name of both provinces.

The term Arctic has several meanings, all related to the circumpolar region of the midnight sun and polar night north of the Polar Circle, at about 66° 34'N. However, the southernmost part of North Norway lies below this line. Also, because of the warming influence of the North Atlantic Current, the ecological Arctic definition would not apply to all areas of North Norway. Furthermore, as an Arctic people having adapted to the region's cold and extreme conditions, the Sámi do not live exclusively above the Polar Circle. Their traditional area includes the central and southern parts of Sweden and Norway and thus extends the cultural definition of the Arctic region. As this thesis studies the population of Sámi-Norwegian areas in both North and Central Norway, the term Arctic Norway is often more applicable than North Norway.

Most people living in Arctic Norway are ethnic Norwegians, speaking the majority Norwegian Indo-European language. The Sámi, the Indigenous people of northern and central Fennoscandia, living mainly in the northern parts of Norway, Sweden, and Finland, and the Russian Kola Peninsula, constitute a minority. They call their land *Sápmi* (in Northern Sámi), and although they speak a Finno-Ugric and Uralic language, archeological, genetic, and linguistic research supports their presence in the region since the Mesolithic.<sup>102-104</sup> After being mainly hunters and gatherers until the end of the Medieval period, the Sámi have traditionally practiced reindeer nomadism, fishing, and farming.<sup>102</sup> Although the exact size of the Sámi population is unknown, a crude estimate is 80,000–115,000, most of whom live in Norway.<sup>105</sup> An estimated 20,000 Sámi speak Sámi languages.<sup>105</sup> Despite being a genetic outlier as a people,<sup>103</sup> they are by appearance usually not significantly different from the majority population.

Another nationally recognized minority in Arctic Norway is the Kvens, traditionally farmers, foresters, and fishermen descended from Finnish immigrants in the region, especially during the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. The estimated size of the Kven population ranges from a few thousand to 10,000.<sup>106</sup> In 1845, the Sámi were still the majority ethnic group in what is today Finnmark.<sup>107</sup> However, from the mid-19th to the mid-20<sup>th</sup> centuries, the Kvens and Sámi suffered from an enforced Norwegian governmental assimilation program.<sup>108</sup> In the program's last 50 years, the number of Sámi and Kven language users in Norway reduced by 50% and 75%, respectively, with the near extinction of these languages in Troms County.<sup>109</sup>
Apart from Norwegians, Sámi, and Kvens, 6.4% of the population in North Norway are either immigrants from non-Western countries or born to parents who immigrated from non-Western countries (the national percentage in Norway is 11.2). Immigrants from other Western countries and their Norwegian-born children comprise 5.8% of the population in the region—and 7.7% nationally.<sup>110</sup>

#### 1.4.2. Religion/spirituality in Arctic Norway

Until the end of the Viking Age, the northernmost Norse or North Germanic tribe, the Háleygir—inhabiting the outer coastal areas of Arctic Norway from Namdal to Troms—still practiced the polytheist Old Norse religion.<sup>111</sup> Their conversion to Christianity was part of the unification of the Norwegian state in the early 11<sup>th</sup> century, including two royally led missionary campaigns to the region. The Christian mission, the movement of Christian Norwegians into the Sámi areas, and the erection of churches were closely connected to the Kingdom's ambitions of dominion in the Arctic, in competition with the neighboring Sweden, Novgorod, and—from 1478—Moscow.<sup>111</sup> It is still debated whether the Norwegian Christianization process was swiftly rooted in the people or parts of the Old Norse belief extended into the Lutheran Reformation—starting in 1536. The Sámi, however, do not seem to have been the main subjects of the Medieval Christian mission in Arctic Norway.<sup>111</sup>

The Sámi Indigenous religion was compatible or shared at least some similarities with the Old Norse religion. The Sámi enjoyed high respect among the Norse for their alleged magic skills, which they regarded as better than their own.<sup>112</sup> We can tell from their drums, terminology, toponyms, and missionary accounts, that the Sámi Indigenous religion contained animism—including the use of sacrificial places in nature—and *Noaidevuohta*—named after their ritual specialist called *noaidi* (plural *noaiddit*) in the Northern Sámi language.<sup>113</sup> Through a trance condition, the *noaidi*—often using a ceremonial drum—could allegedly leave his body and travel throughout the visible and invisible world in search of knowledge or healing. Among his helpers were supposedly magic birds that could also harm other people.<sup>113</sup> Due to the Christianization of the Norse, the Sámi were subsequently regarded as pagans and idolaters. Henceforth, the two peoples' formerly close relationship ended.<sup>112</sup> However, several signs—e.g., keeping Catholic fast days and worshiping Mary—indicate a strong Roman Catholic influence on the Sámi in Scandinavia during the Medieval period despite their continued use of Indigenous religious practices.<sup>112</sup>

From the 16<sup>th</sup> century onwards, the Danish-Norwegian, Swedish, and Moscovian (since 1721, the Imperial Russian) states accelerated their dividing of Sápmi among themselves, and

their missionary activities toward the Sámi intensified. The Eastern Sámi—from Varangerfjord and eastwards—were henceforth Christianized through Russian Orthodox missionary activity, whereas persecution of the Sámi *noaiddit* would characterize the Post-Reformation period in Scandinavia.<sup>112</sup> The 17<sup>th</sup> century was the Scandinavian era of Lutheran Orthodoxy—focused on eradicating so-called Catholic practices and pagan rites—and was the period of the Sámi mission in Sweden. The 18<sup>th</sup> century, characterized by Pietism's focus on personal faith, ethical behavior, and spiritual experiences, was the time of the Sámi mission in Norway.<sup>112</sup> The Norwegian missionary districts were established in 1724 and lasted until 1814.

Sámi Indigenous religion, in the sense of the Sámi's faith before the completion of the Christian mission of the 17th and 18th centuries, has received several problematic labels in the research literature. Although one might correctly describe a belief as relatively natureoriented, the term nature religion-along with so-called ethnic religion or pagan religiongives an association of something primitive in contrast to the cultures of historically more powerful civilizations. Also, the category (classical) of shamanism as a homogeneous and unitary form of R/S has never existed in real life. The term is a simple European classification of many different non-Western cultural phenomena perceived as exotic, primitive, or genuine.<sup>114</sup> Still, we should respect the claim of some modern Sámi R/S practitioners to represent what they call Sámi shamanism.<sup>115</sup> Furthermore, despite the Sámi's status as missionary subjects at that time, using the terms pre-Christian or non-Christian to designate the Sámi religion of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries is problematic. The sources mostly describe Christian, baptized Sámi practicing rituals with influences from Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant Christendom and local non-Sámi Indigenous customs. Moreover, the descriptions are made by Lutheran Orthodox or Pietist theologians who served as scrutinizing representatives of majority cultures.<sup>112,114</sup>

In the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the Laestadian revival—a conservative, Lutheran congregationalist lay movement—swept the northern parts of Sweden, Finland, and Norway. The movement arose in the Finnish/Kven and Sámi-speaking milieu around the Swedish-Sámi state church vicar Lars Levi Laestadius (1800–1861) and later spread to Swedes and Norwegians, the rest of Finland, and North America. The estimated total number of Laestadians worldwide today is about 180,000.<sup>116</sup> However, the precise number is impossible to assess due to Nordic countries' lack of membership lists. Laestadius was a zealous abstentionist who referred to alcohol as "liquid devil shit" (*wuotawa pirun paska*) even in his sermons (e.g., on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 1852).<sup>117</sup> Thus, in its early years,

Laestadianism was a temperance movement that reduced alcohol consumption in its settlement areas.<sup>118</sup>

Laestadianism's influence on the Sámi people has been more extensive than its effect on any other nation.<sup>118</sup> Some scholars even claim that the revival, in a way, represented the definitive and inner completion of Sámi Christianization.<sup>119</sup> However, the myth of a Sámi nature religion, allegedly having changed little since the pre-Christian era and surviving disguised under Laestadian Christianity,<sup>120</sup> needs empirical evidence and lacks support among historians of religion.<sup>121</sup> The movement's pietist revivalist theology-focusing on the personal conversion from dead knowledge to living faith-translated religious conversion into the social context by rejecting mainstream society's conduct and ideals and accepting the Indigenous people's traditional values.<sup>122</sup> Like no other ethnic group, the Sámi embraced Laestadianism and adopted it as their version of Christianity.<sup>118</sup> During the assimilation period, many Sámi and Kvens sought refuge in the movement, where their culture was accepted and their languages widely used.<sup>122</sup> Due to conflicts concerning leadership, activity organization, and theology, the Laestadian movement split-partly geographically-into several subgroups around 1900.<sup>119</sup> In Norway, the movement mainly comprises the West Laestadians or "First-born"-their core area being Ofoten and Lofoten-the East Laestadians in the Alta area, and the Lutheran Laestadians in the Lyngen area, from Tromsø to West Finnmark. The latter group experienced further fractioning in the 1990s, resulting in social and personal conflicts, bitterness, and divided communities and families.<sup>123</sup>

Several observations suggest that the Sámi are still more committed to R/S today than the majority population in Arctic Norway. They are more often affiliated with the Laestadian Revival Movement than non-Sámi,<sup>6</sup> and the movement is believed to cause the higher religious attendance rate in Sámi compared to non-Sámi municipalities in Finnmark.<sup>7</sup> When comparing the register of voters for the Sámi Parliament of Norway<sup>124</sup> with the service attendance rate per member of the Established Church<sup>125</sup> in the districts of Finnmark and Troms, the municipalities with the highest percentage of Sámi voters also have the highest religious participation rate in the area.

Until 1845, Evangelical Lutheranism was the only legal confession in Norway and has remained the dominant belief in the Nordic region and Sápmi, even after the abolition of state religion in Finland (1809), Sweden (2000), and Norway (2012).<sup>126</sup> Sámi and Laestadians have historically been part of their country's established church. Despite increasing R/S pluralism<sup>127</sup> in Norwegian society during the past 50 years, two-thirds of the population are still members of the Established Church<sup>125</sup>—the former State Church—and Christendom has

remained the major religion.<sup>127</sup> However, secularization has been a significant religious trend in Norway, like in many Western countries. On the societal level, this process means that as the ties between the State and Church loosen, religion is privatized and becomes less of a public concern. On the internal level, the denominations experience a development of moral and dogmatic liberalism, and the members become more like the general population. Also, despite high denominational membership rates, people in general society are religiously less engaged and fewer find R/S relevant.<sup>126</sup> A final characteristic of today's Norwegian society is R/S individualization and subjectivation, which means that individuals are less dependent on religious institutions and their doctrines and believe and practice as they like.<sup>127</sup>

However, the R/S development in Norway and the rest of the Nordic countries is a complex process on different levels, including a pattern of R/S becoming a more visible topic in public debates in media and parliaments,<sup>126</sup> especially concerning certain conservative religious elements,<sup>127</sup> suggesting a simultaneous deprivatization of religion.<sup>126</sup> An example of the discussion is the democratic dilemma that freedom of speech means freedom from religion.<sup>128</sup> Furthermore, since the 1990s, churches and R/S organizations have become more socially active and politically involved in, for instance, poverty, climate, and exclusion issues.<sup>127,128</sup> These observations are in accord with the replacement of the secularization theory—the proposition that modernity must bring about a decline of religion—by a desecularization, religious complexity, or pluralization theory.<sup>126,129</sup>

There have been some recent religious movements among the Sámi, typically in the urban contexts of Southern Norway. Contextual theology has received some position after the 1990s, and Sámi shamanism has been around since the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, for instance, as a search for identity, claiming Sámi land rights, or in combination with performing or visual arts, offerings of healing sessions, or tourism.<sup>115</sup>

### 1.5. Mental health and mental help-seeking behavior in Arctic Norway

## 1.5.1. Mental health in Arctic Norway

Some unfavorable mental health outcomes have been associated with the general population of Arctic Norway compared to the Norwegian national mean. For instance, Finnmark had the highest suicide rate among the Norwegian counties from 1987 to 2016.<sup>130</sup> Also, in 2009, the number of involuntary commitments in psychiatric hospitals per 10,000 inhabitants (18 years or older) peaked nationally in Troms and Finnmark.<sup>131</sup> Furthermore, the Arctic counties had

among the country's highest use of primary health care for mental symptoms and disorders (per 1,000 inhabitants) among individuals aged 15–24 years.<sup>132</sup>

However, most studies on mental health in Arctic Norway have focused on the Indigenous population. Research has shown that the Sámi, like other Indigenous Circumpolar peoples, have poorer mental health than their fellow citizens from the majority population, despite better mental health compared to, for instance, the Inuit in Alaska and Greenland.<sup>133</sup> A register study by Silviken, Haldorsen, and Kvernmo (2006)<sup>8</sup> of the period from 1970 to 1998 found that the adult Sámi of Arctic Norway had a 30% higher suicide mortality rate—with a peak among males aged 15–24 years—compared to non-Sámi. However, the rate was not significantly higher among the nomadic reindeer-herding Sámi.

In a study of 4,881 Sámi and non-Sámi adolescents in all junior high schools in North Norway from 2003 to 2005 (The Norwegian Arctic Adolescents Health Study [NAAHS]), Reigstad and Kvernmo (2017)<sup>9</sup> found that Sámi youth reported more suicide attempts, concurrent adversities, suicide among friends, and adult and youth violence than their non-Sámi peers. Sørvold (2017),<sup>10</sup> in another NAAHS publication that included 3,987 respondents, found that the Sámi youth reported more suicidal thoughts than non-Sámi. These two studies reproduced findings in a smaller and older study showing an insignificantly higher prevalence of suicide ideation and attempts among Sámi adolescents than non-Sámi.<sup>134</sup> Among Swedish Sámi, young adults were also found to have a significantly increased occurrence of suicide ideation, death wishes, and life weariness, including an insignificantly higher prevalence of suicide attempts compared to their majority Swedish peers.<sup>135</sup>

Regarding non-suicidal self-injury (NSSI), another NAAHS study by Eckhoff, Sørvold, and Kvernmo (2019)<sup>136</sup> of 4,881 10<sup>th</sup> graders found that the NSSI lifetime prevalence (30%) among Sámi adolescents was not significantly different from that of non-Sámi peers. The authors confirmed the findings of a study from 1990 on self-harm irrespective of suicidal intent among 487 Sámi and non-Sámi 13–16-year-old adolescents in Finnmark.<sup>137</sup>

Eriksen et al. (2018)<sup>11</sup> conducted an extensive study of 10,790 Sámi and non-Sámi adults from Sámi-Norwegian areas in Northern and Central Norway (The SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey). The authors found the prevalence of symptoms of anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic stress, as well as exposure to emotional, physical, and sexual violence during childhood, to be significantly higher among both Sámi females and males compared to the majority population.

Quantitative and qualitative studies have explored possible causes of poorer mental health among the Sámi. In a quantitative study by Hansen and Sørlie (2012),<sup>138</sup> the experience

of more frequent and severe discrimination and socioeconomic conditions were found as some attributable factors. In a qualitative study by Stoor et al. (2015),<sup>139</sup> suicide among Sámi was seen as a result of the loss of Sámi identity.

# 1.5.2. Mental health-service use and satisfaction in Arctic Norway

There have been few studies on mental health-service utilization and satisfaction across ethnic groups in Arctic Norway. However, despite their poorer mental health conditions and relatively equal access to mental health services compared to the majority population,<sup>140</sup> the Sámi are underrepresented among users of mental health services in Northern Norway, for instance, among Sámi adolescents with behavioral problems,<sup>141</sup> and in treatment facilities for alcohol and substance abuse.<sup>142</sup> Nevertheless, the few studies behind these findings are old and show low generalizability. A somatic healthcare expenditure analysis found no significant differences between Norway's Sámi and non-Sámi municipalities.<sup>140</sup> Møllersen, Sexton, and Holte (2005)<sup>143</sup> conducted a study on mental health services in the district of Finnmark, including 347 patients and 32 therapists. The authors found that neither drop-out rates nor patients' perceptions of therapeutic alliance were related to ethnicity. However, in the large population-based 2003-2004 SAMINOR 1 Study, which included 15,612 respondents aged 36–79 years, Nystad, Melhus, and Lund (2006)<sup>144</sup> found that Sámi-speaking patients were less satisfied with their local general practitioner than their Norwegian-speaking counterparts. Finally, in the SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey, Eriksen (2017)<sup>145</sup> found that non-Sámi male victims of emotional, physical, or sexual violence were twice as likely as Sámi males to confide the event to a professional. The author discussed Sámi gender roles and values of male endurance of hardship and pain as possible explanations.

# **1.6.** Religion/spirituality and mental health and mental help-seeking behavior in Arctic Norway

R/S and mental health, or mental help-seeking behavior, is a poorly explored subject in Norway and the Nordic countries. The only previous Nordic study identified by this author is a population-based study from 1990 by Årnes et al. (1996)<sup>12</sup> on R/S and mental health among 4,387 adults in Finnmark—part of the current study area. The authors found that persons affiliated with a Laestadian congregation reported significantly more insomnia, the use of psychiatric medication, and poorer self-reported health compared to individuals affiliated with the Established Church. However, the study did not adjust for Sámi ethnicity, a factor that the authors discussed as a relevant confounder. Among the Sámi, just like in other ethnic groups committed to R/S,<sup>83,86,91</sup> mental disorders are often perceived differently than in the majority population and are sometimes believed to represent punishment from God or evil spirits sent by other persons.<sup>14-17</sup> Traditional healing is a commonly used and free-of-charge service in Arctic Norway for mental and physical health problems.<sup>17</sup> The healing procedure (literally called reading or *lesing* in Norwegian) typically involves the reading of a biblical text, a prayer, an instrument—e.g., a knife—and some form of action—e.g., the laying of hands or the throwing of an object against a surge, symbolizing the power of the Word.<sup>146</sup> Especially in Sámi areas, traditional healing plays a significant role in local society and is a well-known and accepted healthcare modality among local professional health workers.<sup>147</sup> This healing tradition is a religious and spiritual phenomenon that also existed as part of the *Noaidevuohta* until the completion of the Sámi healing office from the *noaidi* to the modern-day healer is unknown.<sup>17</sup> However, the present Sámi healing institution is an integrated part of Christian cultural heritage<sup>15,17,148</sup> and many respected healers are also Laestadian leaders.<sup>17</sup>

Sørlie and Nergård (2005)<sup>149</sup> conducted a clinical study of 68 Sámi and Norwegian patients admitted to psychiatric emergency and intermediate wards at the University Hospital of Northern Norway from 2000 to 2002. The study included both voluntary and involuntary commitments, with 22% of the patients having an initial Global Assessment of Functioning (GAF) score at a psychotic level (< 40/100). Compared to the Norwegian patients, the authors found that the Sámi patients scored significantly higher on religious-mindedness, a measure including how much they had found support in their belief, if they had searched for spiritual help, and whether they had used prayer for their health during their hospital stay. The use of traditional helpers was also more frequent among the Sámi than the Norwegians, with 37% of Sámi patients having used traditional helpers during the current mental crisis, which was 2.7 times more frequent than among the Norwegian patients. Despite no significant differences between the ethnic groups regarding the type and amount of treatment or symptom change during the hospital stay, the Sámi patients reported less satisfaction with all explored treatment parameters, including treatment alliance, contact with staff, information, and global treatment satisfaction.

Later, Sexton and Sørlie (2008)<sup>18</sup> conducted a cross-sectional study of 186 Sámi and Norwegian psychiatric patients in Finnmark and Northern Troms, 84% of whom were treated as outpatients. The authors found that at some point in their life, 50% of the Sámi patients had contacted therapists or helpers outside the professional health services, in person or by phone,

for psychological problems. This was significantly higher than within the Norwegian group (31%). The authors regarded such helpers or therapists as traditional or complementary healing modalities. The Sámi users also reported higher R/S importance and were less satisfied with their psychiatric treatment than the Sámi patients who had not used traditional or complementary healers.

Besides being an influential religious element in the region's Indigenous population, the teetotalist Laestadian Revival Movement is an essential social factor for large swaths of the Sámi people.<sup>6,150</sup> It is believed to cause lower alcohol consumption in Sámi municipalities in Finnmark.<sup>6,7</sup> Spein et al. (2011),<sup>6</sup> in their 1994–1995 North Norwegian Youth Study, found that Laestadian affiliation and R/S importance were associated with less drinking and more abstinence among non-Sámi and Sámi 15–19-year-old high school students. On the flip side, however, and according to the Laestadian acceptance of tobacco, Spein, Sexton, and Kvernmo (2004a)<sup>151</sup> found in their study more experimental smoking among the Laestadian-affiliated Sámi. Moreover, in the SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey from 2012, Eriksen et al. (2015)<sup>13</sup> found that Laestadian adherence or family background (combined variable) was associated with higher lifetime exposure to physical, emotional, or sexual violence (pooled variable) among women when adjusted for sociodemographics, including Sami self-ascription.

#### 1.7. Research aims

The primary objective of this project was to explore the relationship between R/S, ethnicity, suicidal behavior, and non-suicidal self-injury (NSSI) in the mixed Sámi and Norwegian adult population of Arctic Norway. The second aim was to study the association between R/S and help-seeking behavior in this context, measured by mental health-service utilization and satisfaction.

# 2. Methods

As the only previous study on the association between R/S and mental health in this region was published in 1996, the research topic could benefit from new qualitative and quantitative studies. Preferably, initial qualitative methods could provide more insight into the issues, generate hypotheses, and guide the planning of an observational quantitative pilot study, facilitating more extensive quantitative analytic studies.<sup>152</sup> Although it does not offer evidence of a temporal relationship between risk factors and disease nor is ideal for hypothesis testing, a cross-sectional survey is relatively quick, easy to perform, and helpful for hypothesis generation and preparing the way for future longitudinal studies.<sup>152</sup> As the author—as a Sámi—is an insider of the study population, a quantitative study risks less author bias than a qualitative approach. Also, a cross-sectional analysis is appropriate in this state of knowledge. However, based on the study results from other populations, the sample needs to be large and include at least several thousand participants.

As this project could benefit from existing statistical material from an extensive crosssectional population-based questionnaire survey already conducted in the concerned population, the author did not need to collect new data.

#### 2.1. Sample

The data sample was derived from the *Population-Based Study on Health and Living Conditions in Regions with Sámi and Norwegian Populations—The SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey.*<sup>153</sup> The survey succeeded the SAMINOR (1) Survey from 2003–2004 and was conducted in 2012 by the Centre for Sámi Health Research, UiT—The Arctic University of Norway. The SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey aimed to explore the health and living conditions of Sámi and non-Sámi populations. The survey is the most essential and extensive (n = 11,600) population-based study of Sámi areas, and by November 2023, it had contributed to 12 scientific papers and one PhD thesis. For the survey, all residents aged 18 to 69 years in 25 municipalities or municipality subdivisions with mixed Sámi and Norwegian settlements in Central and North Norway were invited. The following municipalities (or municipality subdivisions) were included (listed from south-west to north-east): Røros (Brekken), Snåsa (Vinje), Røyrvik, and Namskogan (Trones and Furuly), Grane (Majavatn), Hattfjelldal (Hattfjelldal), Tysfjord, Narvik (Vassdalen), Evenes, Skånland, Lavangen, Lyngen, Storfjord, Kåfjord, Kvænangen, Kautokeino, Alta, Loppa, Kvalsund, Porsanger, Karasjok, Lebesby, Tana, Nesseby, and Sør-Varanger. The overall response rate was 27%, but

below 11% for those aged 30 and younger. The complete SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey data set comprises 11,600 participants, of whom 33.9% have Sámi affiliation, and 68.6% are from Finnmark, 18% from Troms, 7.8% from Nordland, and 5.5% from Trøndelag districts.<sup>153</sup>

# 2.2. Procedure

Using study samples from the SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey, this project conducted three studies organized as Paper I and Paper II, published in July 2021, and Paper III, published in June 2023.

# 2.2.1. Paper I

# Religion and Health in Arctic Norway: the association of religious and spiritual factors with suicidal behaviour in a mixed Sámi and Norwegian adult population – the SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey

The study, using a SAMINOR 2 subsample of 11,222 participants, analyzed the associations between R/S factors (religious attendance, congregational affiliation, Laestadian family background, and R/S importance and view of life) and lifetime suicide ideation and attempts, age at the first attempt, motives, and the number of attempts. Multivariate-adjusted regression models were applied considering sociodemographics, Sámi background and self-ascription, and health-related risk factors.

# 2.2.2. Paper II

# Religion and Health in Arctic Norway: the association of religious and spiritual factors with non-suicidal self-injury in the Sami and non-Sami adult population – the SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey

The study used a SAMINOR 2 subsample of 10,717 responders. It examined the association of R/S factors (religious attendance, congregational affiliation, Laestadian family background, and R/S importance and view of life) with non-suicidal self-injury (NSSI). It also applied multivariate-adjusted regression models and mediation analyses to explore how religious participation transmits its effect on NSSI through violence exposure and psychological distress.

#### 2.2.3. Paper III

The association of religious factors with mental health-service utilisation and satisfaction in a mixed Sámi and Norwegian adult population: adopting the SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey

The study used a SAMINOR 2 subsample of 2,364 individuals. It analyzed the associations between R/S factors (religious attendance, R/S importance and view of life, Laestadian adherence, and Laestadian family background) and past-year mental health-service utilization and satisfaction among individuals reporting mental health problems, substance use, or addictive behaviors. Multivariate-adjusted regression models considering sociodemographic factors, including Sámi ethnicity, were applied.

# 2.3. Instruments and variables

The SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey applied a self-administered questionnaire on paper sent by mail to all participants and provided a corresponding web-based version. The questionnaire included 97 questions regarding physical and mental health, lifestyle factors, and socio-economic and living conditions. It was written in Norwegian and in the Sámi language relevant to the area: Southern Sámi, Lule Sámi, or Northern Sámi.

# 2.3.1. Mental health outcome variables

#### Lifetime prevalence of suicide ideation

The question covering suicide ideation was: "Have you considered taking your life?" The possible answers were "Yes, during the past year," "Yes, earlier," and "No, never." Due to the small number of positive answers concerning past year ideation (n = 303), the data were pooled into a dichotomous variable: lifetime prevalence of suicide ideation vs. no lifetime suicide ideation.

# Lifetime prevalence of suicide attempts

The question "Have you tried to take your life?" tapped suicide attempts, the possible answers being "Yes, during the past year," "Yes, earlier," and "No, never." Due to the small number of positive answers regarding past year attempts (n = 26), the data were pooled into a dichotomous variable: lifetime prevalence of suicide attempts vs. no lifetime attempts.

#### Suicide motives

A question assessing the suicide motives had three multiple-choice answers: "A clear wish to die," "The situation felt unbearable," and "I wanted help from someone." Only responders explicitly reporting suicide attempts were included.

# Age at first suicide attempt

We included only responders explicitly reporting suicide attempts.

#### Total number of suicide attempts

Only responders explicitly reporting suicide attempts were included.

### Lifetime prevalence of non-suicidal self-injury (NSSI)

The question tapping non-suicidal self-injury was: "Have you injured yourself deliberately?" with the possible answers being "Yes, during the past year," "Yes, earlier," and "No, never." The results were pooled into a dichotomous variable: lifetime prevalence of NSSI vs. no lifetime NSSI. We excluded respondents reporting suicide attempts and used this variable for Paper II only.

# Past-year suicide attempts, suicide ideation, or self-injury

For Paper III, a pooled dichotomous variable of past-year suicide attempts, ideation, or (nonsuicidal) self-injury (yes or no) was created.

# **Psychological distress**

The Hopkins Symptom Checklist-10 (HSCL-10) is a short instrument tapping symptoms of psychological distress during the past four weeks. The HSCL-10 consists of two subscales, anxiety symptoms (five items) and depression symptoms (five items), giving a total score from 0 to 4 measuring overall psychological distress. A total score above the clinical cut-off level of 1.85 predicts mental disorder.<sup>154</sup> The instrument and its cut-off level are validated for Norwegian and Sámi populations, including subgroups with a Sámi family background without Sámi self-ascription.<sup>155</sup>

# Problematic drinking behavior

The questionnaire tapped three indicators of possible problematic drinking behavior: past-year periodic drinking patterns, drinking four times or more per week during the past year, and

past month alcohol intoxication three times or more. A pooled dichotomous variable of problematic drinking behavior (yes or no) was created.

#### Drug use

A pooled dichotomous variable of past-year use of hashish or illegal drugs (yes or no) was created.

#### Problematic gambling behavior

The questionnaire tapped three indicators of possible problematic gambling behavior: pastyear need to gamble with increasing amounts of money, lying to intimates about gambling activities, or returning to gamble after losing money. A pooled dichotomous variable of pastyear problematic gambling (yes or no) was made.

# Past year use of mental health services

The questionnaire tapped respondents' past-year use of mental health services, the questions being: "During the past 12 months, have you been examined or treated for mental health problems at a psychiatric hospital, district psychiatric center, private specialist, or none?" The respondents could check off separately for the different categories. The positive answers were summarized and a dichotomous variable made: past-year mental health-service utilization vs. no past-year use of such services.

For the analyses of mental health-service utilization in Paper III, only respondents revealing current mental health problems, substance use, or addictive behaviors were included. Mental health problems were defined as reports of at least one of the following difficulties: past-year suicide attempt, suicide ideation, or (non-suicidal) self-injury, or past-month psychological distress. Substance use and addictive behaviors were defined by reports of at least one of the following difficulties: past-year use of drugs, problematic drinking behavior, or problematic gambling behavior. To allow for other mental health problems not revealed or covered by available questions, the analyses included all persons reporting past-year use of mental health services, thus expanding the Paper III subsample by 179 individuals.

#### Mental health-service satisfaction

The survey questions regarding mental health-service satisfaction were not explicitly addressed to past-year users of mental health services only. Thus, the answers may have included reports concerning previous years: "All in all, how satisfied are you with the care

and treatment you received?" The respondents checked off on a Likert scale from 0 (least satisfied) to 10 (most satisfied), and a final dichotomous variable of mental health-service satisfaction: "little satisfaction" (0-5) or "moderate to high satisfaction" (6-10) was made.

# 2.3.2. Religious/spiritual exposure variables

The measures of R/S in the SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey are suitable for studying social, cultural, and private aspects of a religiously homogeneous Norwegian study population dominated by pietist-influenced or traditional Lutheranism—particularly the Established Church.<sup>156</sup> Laestadian affiliation was also explored due to its historical importance in the study area.<sup>122</sup>

#### **Religious attendance rate**

The R/S attendance rate during the past six months at (a) a church, (b) congregation house, or (c) other religious building was reported separately as "more than three times a month," "1–3 times a month," "1–6 times," or "never." The total participation rate at all three building categories was pooled and categorized as "regularly" (once per month or more often in the past six months, as rural church services are usually held once or twice a month<sup>157</sup>), "irregularly" (1–6 times in the past six months), or "never or rarely" (not in the past six months). Due to the small sample of Paper III, the "regularly" and "irregularly" categories were pooled into one category, "religious attendance" (once or more during the past six months).

### Congregational affiliation: five variables

Regarding personal adherence to a religious group or fellowship of belief, the respondents could check off one or more categories: "Established Church," "Laestadian congregation," "other religious congregation," "non-religious denomination," and "not a member of any denomination." Five dummy variables of congregational affiliation were made accordingly.

## Laestadian family background

Laestadian family background may indicate Laestadianism as a possible cultural affiliation and psychosocial factor during childhood, for instance, influencing drinking behavior.<sup>6,158</sup> The congregational adherence question was repeated for grandparents and both parents, yielding a variable of Laestadian family background by at least one parent or grandparent versus other family backgrounds.

#### *R/S importance and view of life*

The final R/S parameter was a scale combining the view of life (atheist, agnostic, or believer in a god) and religious importance or commitment (religious or not-so-devoted believer) and comprised four categories: "I am a believer/confessing or personally Christian" (referred to as "religious"), "I believe there is a god, but religion is not so important in my everyday life" ("less devoted believer"), "Unsure," and "I do not believe there is any god" ("non-believer").

#### 2.3.3. Sociodemographic control variables

The sociodemographic factors included gender, age, education level (1–9 years; 10–12 years; 13–15 years; > 15 years), total household gross income (< NOK 301,000; NOK 301,000– NOK 750,000; > NOK 750,000), living arrangement (living with someone or alone), municipality, and ethnicity.

#### **Ethnicity**

Sámi ethnicity is not only related to sociodemographic factors usually adjusted for in epidemiological studies—e.g., lower levels of education and income<sup>159,160</sup>—but also attendance at boarding schools, ethnic discrimination, bullying,<sup>159</sup> and exposure to emotional, physical, and sexual violence.<sup>13,161</sup> Also, due to "Norwegianization," many individuals with a Sámi family background consider themselves Norwegian, not Sámi. The total effect of this assimilation on mental health in this group has not yet been investigated but is assumed to be significant.<sup>108</sup> Thus, adjustment for Sámi ethnicity and family background is relevant.

The ethnicity report included home language (of the respondent, parents, and all grandparents), ethnic background (of the respondent and both parents), and self-ascription (the multiple-choice alternatives being Norwegian, Sámi, Kven, and other). The final ethnic categories in Paper I and Paper II were "non-Sámi" (89.7% unmixed Norwegian self-ascription and 7.1% non-Norwegians), "Sámi self-ascription," and "Sámi background without Sámi self-ascription" (95.4% Norwegian self-ascription) considering the effect of assimilation.<sup>108</sup> The individuals of Kven self-ascription, being considerably few (n = 349, comprising 3.1% of the total sample) and mainly ethnically mixed (85.1%), were divided among the non-Sámi (n = 125), the Sámi (n = 162), and the Sámi background categories (n = 62) according to their alternative ethnic self-ascriptions. Due to the small study sample, the ethnicity variable in Paper III had only two categories based on the subjective criteria<sup>162</sup> in the participants' reporting of their ethnic self-ascription and personal ethnic background. The final ethnic categories of Paper III were "Sámi" (Sámi self-ascription or ethnic background,

including 16.2% bi-ethnic Kvens) and "non-Sámi" (mainly ethnic Norwegians and 4.1% Kvens).

Regarding Paper III, Sámi-speaking patients may be less satisfied with health services.<sup>144</sup> However, significance tests of Sámi as the home language (n = 336) showed no significant association between home language and the outcome variables in the bivariate and multivariate analyses. Therefore, Sámi home language was not included in the presented models.

### 2.3.4. Health-related control variables

Laestadian and many other R/S groups endorse health-related norms—e.g., related to alcohol and substance use and extramarital sexual intercourse—and social modeling of healthy behaviors. These are lifestyle factors that potentially affect the mental health outcome variables, and some of these have been included as control variables in the analyses to adjust for such effects. First, tobacco use and alcohol consumption are well-known risk factors for suicidal behavior<sup>163,164</sup> and relevant confounders when studying a temperance movement like Laestadianism. Also, less alcohol consumption is a known partial mediator of the protective effect of R/S attendance on completed suicides.<sup>58</sup> Furthermore, self-rated health (SRH) measures general health, and poor SRH is a risk factor for suicidal behavior<sup>167</sup> and relevant or sexual violence is a well-known strong risk factor for suicidal behavior<sup>167</sup> and relevant confounders when studying a temperate to emotional, physical, or sexual violence is a well-known strong risk factor for suicidal behavior<sup>167</sup> and relevant confounders explaining the low prevalence of suicidal behavior in R/S social settings.

# Smoking and snuffing

Smoking and snuffing were tapped separately, the possible answers being "never," "former," "sometimes," or "daily," and finally pooled and categorized as "never or previously" (snuffing or smoking), "current cigarette or snuff user" (either snuffing or smoking—daily or occasionally), or "current dual user" (snuffing and smoking—daily or occasionally).

# Drinking frequency

Past-year drinking frequency was reported on an eight-point scale and categorized as "never or not during the past year," "a few times to weekly," or "more than two times per week."

#### Self-rated health (SRH)

SRH was reported on a four-point scale from "poor" (1) to "very good" (4) and then dichotomized into "good" or "poor."

### Violence exposure

Lifetime exposure to emotional, physical, or sexual violence was reported separately for the past year, earlier in adulthood, and during childhood, and then merged into a dichotomous variable of lifetime violence exposure vs. no violence exposure.<sup>13</sup>

#### 2.4. Statistical analyses

For the statistical analyses in Paper I and Paper II, Stata version 16 was used, and for Paper III, Stata version 17. Using a 5% significance level, chi-square tests were applied to estimate the unadjusted total effect of the different R/S categories on suicide attempts, suicide ideation, NSSI, psychological distress, mental health-service utilization, and mental health-service satisfaction. Pairwise comparisons were conducted with ANOVA, t-tests, and Bonferroni tests to compute differences across the continuous variables.

Mixed-effect logistic regression models—including sociodemographic and (for Paper I and Paper II) health-related risk factors—were used to estimate the association of all R/S categories (together and one by one) with suicide ideation, suicide attempts, suicide motives, NSSI, psychological distress, mental health-service utilization, and mental health-service satisfaction. Differences across gender and ethnic categories were analyzed by including terms for interaction effects between ethnicity and each of the R/S factors in the regression models. Municipality was added as a random effect in the analyses, considering local clusters of poorer mental health and assumed unmeasured differences, including variations between the Laestadian groups. As a quality control of the models, corresponding fixed-effect logistic regression analyses—excluding municipality from the models—was also undertaken.

To adjust for age-dependent NSSI recall bias in Paper II, a logistic regression model of reporting lifetime NSSI as a function of age was used, and then the inverse-probability weights (IPW) was computed.<sup>168</sup> In the IPW method, for participants reporting NSSI, the weight is equal to the reciprocal of the predicted probability of recounting NSSI. For participants not recounting NSSI, the weight equals the reciprocal of the predicted probability of not reporting NSSI. Thus, the oldest responders reporting NSSI and the youngest responders not recounting NSSI received more weight in the analysis. The regression models were tested in Paper II with and without the IPW term.

The mechanisms by which religious attendance affects NSSI were studied through mediation analyses in Paper II. Mediation analysis examines the potential pathways through which a predictor influences an outcome. These pathways are intervening variables or mediators, at least partially transmitting the effect to the response variable.<sup>169</sup> An important note is that mediation analysis cannot prove causality. It requires some necessary fundamental conditions, such as association, temporal precedence of the cause before the effect, isolation of confounders, and no interaction effects of predictors and mediators.<sup>169</sup> Thus, the paper's mediation model presupposed that the religious participation rate during the past six months corresponded to a lifelong pattern, a premise with some evidence.<sup>170</sup> It was likewise presumed that clinical levels of psychological distress (symptoms of anxiety and depression) during the past four weeks represented anxiety and depression earlier in life.<sup>171</sup> The first step of the mediation analysis was to establish a conceptual model showing how violence exposure  $(M_1)$ and symptoms of anxiety and depression  $(M_2)$  potentially mediate the effect of religious attendance  $(X_n)$  on NSSI (Y).<sup>172</sup> Sociodemographic factors  $(C_{1-6})$ , being potential confounders, were included in the model, comprising one direct (c') and two mediated indirect effect paths of interest  $(a_1b_1 \text{ and } a_2b_2)$ . The total effect of religious participation on NSSI—adjusted for sociodemographic factors—is the sum of the impact of the direct and indirect paths  $(a_1b_1 + b_2)$  $a_2b_2 + c'$ , Paper II, Figure 2). For the mediation analyses, regression models estimated the adjusted effect of R/S attendance on psychological distress (anxiety and depression symptoms) and violence exposure, respectively. The effect size of the mediated indirect effect of religious participation on NSSI was reported as a ratio of the total sociodemographicsadjusted effect.<sup>173</sup>

## 2.5. Ethical considerations

This project was approved by the Norwegian Regional Committees for Medical and Health Research Ethics (reference code 2006/1766/REK nord). Moreover, the SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey is based on participant consent. Finally, the project followed the Declaration of Helsinki and adhered to the Ethical Guidelines for Sámi Health Research, adopted by the Sámi Parliament of Norway in 2019.

#### 3. Results

In this summary of the central findings presented in Papers I–III, the results are not given paper-wise but arranged according to the project's primary objectives. Along with the main results, a significant and relevant finding was the ethnic differences in the distribution of R/S factors, particularly the association between Laestadianism and Sámi ethnicity. The frequency of personal Laestadian adherence was four times higher among those with a Sámi identity or background than in non-Sámi persons. Laestadian family background was three times higher in the Sámi groups (Paper I). The correlation between Laestadian family background and Sámi self-ascription or origin was estimated to be moderate (vs. non-Sami,  $\varphi$ = 0.34, *p* < 0.001, Paper II). Sámi identity or background was also significantly related to religious self-ascription and regular religious attendance.

Although the SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey afforded the examination of several R/S factors, the data had some limitations that affected the focus of the current presentation. Due to unclear instructions regarding congregational affiliations in the questionnaire, many respondents made contradictory fill-ins, influencing the validity of the non-religiously affiliated and unaffiliated groups (3.4% and 8.6% of the total sample, respectively). Also, the group of other religiously affiliated (including only 3.6% of the sample) was a very religiously and ethnically heterogeneous collection of presumably marginal R/S groups with geographically dispersed members, many reporting immigrant backgrounds. These limitations created an undefined and fuzzy group in contrast to the dominant category of Established Church members.

On the flip side, being a member of the Established State Church, which comprised 86% of the total sample, hardly made sense as an R/S category. The proportions of regular attendees (23%) and the self-ascribed religious (16%) were the same in the Established Church group as in the total sample. Also, Sámi and Laestadian affiliations were practically equivalent to being members of the Established Church, and State Church membership was significantly more common in the Sámi categories than among the non-Sámi (Paper I).

# **3.1.** Religion/spirituality, mental health, and mental health-service use and satisfaction across ethnic categories

In every logistic regression model for all study outcome variables, interaction effects between ethnicity and each R/S factor were tested. However, no significant ethnic differences in the effect of R/S on lifetime suicide ideation or attempts, NSSI, or mental health-service

utilization or satisfaction were found. Gender did not affect the association between R/S and the outcome variables either. Thus, the presented findings refer exclusively to the mixed Sámi and Norwegian sample, comprised of 65.9% non-Sámi and 34.1% individuals of Sámi self-ascription or family background.

# **3.2.** The association of religion/spirituality with suicidal behavior and non-suicidal self-injury

Here is considered the relationship between three R/S factors or dimensions with the mental health outcome variables in the study sample: religious attendance, R/S importance and view of life, and Laestadian affiliation—either as personal adherence or as family background. These three factors are treated separately below.

## 3.2.1. Religious attendance and suicidal behavior and non-suicidal self-injury

In the fully fitted logistic regression model of Paper I, adjusting for R/S, sociodemographic, and health-related risk factors, regular (OR = 0.74, 95% CI 0.61–0.91) and irregular attendees (OR = 0.82, 95% CI 0.71–0.96) had significantly less lifetime suicide ideation compared to the non-attending group. Compared to non-attendance, irregular religious attendance was associated with no lifetime suicide attempts in a model adjusting for R/S and sociodemographic factors (OR = 0.72, 95% CI 0.56–0.93). However, this favorable association was rendered insignificant after adjusting for health-related variables, suggesting a mediating effect of health-related circumstances on suicide attempts. For example, it was found that non- or rare attendees more frequently reported suicide risk factors like violence exposure and a clinical level of mental distress.

In Paper II, the logistic regression analyses adjusted for sociodemographic factors suggested a protective total effect of regular attendance on lifetime NSSI (OR = 0.59, 95% CI 0.42–0.83) compared to the non-attending group. However, the mediation analyses found the direct effect of regular attendance on NSSI to be only borderline significant (OR = 0.70, 95% CI 0.49–0.99, p = 0.048). Although there was a strong significant association between lifetime violence exposure and NSSI (OR = 3.18, 95% CI 2.45–4.13) and psychological distress (HSCL-10 above clinical cut-off level, OR = 3.59, 95% CI 3.10–4.16), there was no significant association between religious participation and violence exposure. However, a robust inverse relation was found between regular attendance and psychological distress (OR = 0.71, 95% CI 0.58–0.87), which was strongly associated with NSSI (OR = 4.30, 95% CI 3.30–5.60). The findings suggested a highly significant mediating effect of regular attendance

via less psychological distress, accounting for 95% of the impact of religious participation on NSSI.

Finally, from the unadjusted analyses in Paper I, the total number of suicide attempts was found to be 1.17 attempts lower among irregular and regular attendees pooled together than within the group of non-attendees (3.29 attempts, F[1,411] = 8.91, p = 0.003).

#### 3.2.2. R/S importance/view of life and mental health variables

In models adjusting for other R/S factors and sociodemographics, the analyses revealed hardly any significant findings regarding R/S importance/view of life and the mental health variables. As published in Paper I, it was found, for instance, that there was no relationship between R/S importance/view of life and lifetime suicide ideation or attempts in the adjusted models. However, compared to non-belief, in the fully fitted logistic regression model, having a want for help as one's suicide motive was significantly more frequent among the unsure (OR = 7.00, 95% CI 2.55-19.20), the less devoted believers (OR = 3.17, 95% CI 1.28-7.85), and the self-ascribed religious (OR = 4.74, 95% CI 1.37-16.38). Nonetheless, the total number of suicide attempts did not vary between these categories.

# **3.2.3.** Laestadian adherence and family background, and suicidal behavior and non-suicidal self-injury

Laestadianism was found to be associated with some unfavorable sociodemographic factors in the analyses. Respondents with a Laestadian family background had a lower income and education level (mean 13.3 years vs. 13.6, t[9,974] = 3.55, p < 0.001, Paper I), compared to those with no Laestadian background. Also, although the effect size was small, lifetime exposure to violence was more frequent in those of Laestadian family background. However, after stratification for ethnicity, this association was only found among persons of Sámi self-ascription ( $\chi^2[1] = 5.4$ , p = 0.020, Paper I), indicating an ethnic confounder.

A higher frequency of alcohol abstainers was found among those of Laestadian background, but this finding was insignificant after stratification for personal Laestadian adherence. Also, a weak correlation was found between Laestadian family background and regular attendance (vs. no or rare participation,  $\varphi = 0.20$ , p < 0.001).

The Laestadian adherents also had a lower income and education level (mean 12.3 years vs. 13.5, t[10,765] = 6.83, p < 0.001, Paper I) than the non-Laestadians. The Laestadians also reported lower levels of SRH, but this was not significant after ethnic stratification. On the flip side, they were more frequently abstainers from tobacco and alcohol. Furthermore,

Laestadian adherence was moderately correlated with regular participation (vs. no or rare attendance,  $\phi = 0.27$ , p < 0.001).

Regarding the mental health outcome variables, two significant favorable main findings were related to Laestadianism. In the analyses of Paper II, adjusted for sociodemographic factors, Laestadian adherence was significantly associated with no lifetime NSSI (OR = 0.32, 95% CI 0.13–0.80) compared to no Laestadian affiliation. Also, in Paper I, the fully fitted model, adjusted for religious, sociodemographic, and health-related risk factors, revealed that Laestadian family background was significantly associated with no lifetime suicide attempts (OR = 0.66, 95% CI 0.47–0.93) compared to no Laestadian family background. Laestadian family background was also inversely associated with lifetime suicide attempts in a model adjusting for sociodemographic factors, municipality, religious attendance, and R/S importance and view of life (OR = 0.75, 95% CI 0.57–0.99, results not published). Laestadian family background was not related to NSSI.

# **3.3.** The association of religion/spirituality with mental health-service use and satisfaction

In Paper III, the past-year use of mental health services among individuals reporting mental health problems or substance use/addictive behaviors was studied. The logistic regression analysis adjusting for R/S and sociodemographic factors showed an association between religious attendance and no past-year use of mental health services (OR = 0.77, 95% CI 0.60–0.97) compared to non-attendance. As the bivariate analyses revealed that the attendees reported problematic drinking behavior, suicidal behavior/NSSI, and drug use significantly less frequently than the non-attendees, this could indicate less of a need for the use of mental health services among the religious attendees. Therefore, a *post hoc* stratification by psychological distress above clinical level (HSCL-10  $\geq$  1.85) was made. However, the stratification only intensified the relationship between religious participation and no past-year mental health-service utilization in the psychological distress group (OR = 0.59, 95% CI 0.43–0.80, results not published).

On the other hand, a positive interaction effect on service use between religious selfascription and age (OR = 1.03 per year, 95% CI 1.00–1.05) was found. A *post hoc* Bonferroni test of the oldest age group revealed that the mean level of psychological distress among the religiously self-ascribed (HSCL-10 score 1.92) was significantly higher than within the nonbelieving group (HSCL-10 1.58, p < 0.001), the unsure (1.58, p < 0.001), and the not-sodevoted believers (1.73, p = 0.016; F[3,618] = 8.44, p < 0.001, note the typing error in the

published paper regarding the latter group), indicating more need for the use of mental health services in this age group.

Laestadian family background was not related to service use. Finally, none of the R/S factors were significantly associated with lifetime mental health-service satisfaction.

# 4. Discussion

Using data from the 2012 *Population-based Study on Health and Living Conditions in Regions with Sámi and Norwegian Populations—The SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey* this project investigated how R/S factors are related to suicidal behavior, NSSI, and mental health-service use and satisfaction in the mixed Sámi and Norwegian adult population of Arctic Norway. It applied both bivariate tests and multivariate-adjusted logistic regression models controlling for R/S, sociodemographic, and health-related risk factors, as well as mediation analyses. This is the first study on R/S and mental health in Arctic Norway and among the Sámi people adjusting for ethnicity.

Following the extensive research body on R/S and mental health in other populations,<sup>1-3</sup> an overall favorable association was found between R/S—including Laestadianism—and mental health in the mixed Sámi and Norwegian adult population of Arctic Norway. Also, this is the first study on the relationship between religious attendance and NSSI and suggests that religious participation may buffer the effect of violence exposure on the development of NSSI.

R/S was not related to satisfaction with mental health services. However, in line with studies of other religious groups in Western countries,<sup>83-85</sup> R/S—in our case, religious attendance—was associated with less use of mental health services. Finally, the analyses revealed no significant ethnic or gender differences in the association of R/S with mental health, mental health-service utilization, or mental health-service satisfaction.

# 4.1. The impact of religious/spiritual importance and view of life on mental health in Arctic Norway

The adjusted models did not show significant relationships between R/S importance/view of life and mental health in the sample. However, regarding non-believers' tendency not to have a want for help as their suicide motive, this could affect the lethality of their attempt, despite the odds ratio for lifetime attempts and their total number of attempts not being different from the other categories.

Nonetheless, this author believes that the general findings follow previous evidence from extensive longitudinal studies showing no protective effect of R/S importance or strength on suicide<sup>59</sup> or major depression<sup>174</sup> after controlling for religious participation or social network, respectively. Thus, the protective effect of R/S on mental health seems to be

due to the social aspects of R/S—e.g., religious attendance—and a strong R/S belief does not necessarily entail the development of social networks.<sup>59</sup>

#### 4.2. The impact of religious attendance on mental health in Arctic Norway

The results showing a significant association between religious attendance and less suicide ideation, NSSI, and psychological distress are in line with a large amount of research exhibiting the protective effect of R/S participation on both major depression,<sup>174</sup> suicide ideation, attempts, and completed suicides.<sup>57-59</sup> The current findings not only suggest that religious participation moderates the effect of childhood maltreatment on NSSI but probably also buffers the effects of adverse life events on mental health in general in this study area. Chen, Kim, and VanderWeele (2020)<sup>175</sup> published an extensive prospective study on religious service attendance and subsequent health and well-being, which included 92,008 US adults. Their statistical models applied a rigorous control for potential confounding and reverse causation, involving adjustment for sociodemographics, physical health, psychological symptoms, health behaviors, and baseline outcomes. The authors found that weekly or more frequent religious attendance vs. no attendance was significantly associated with subsequent no depression diagnosis, fewer depressive and anxiety symptoms, fewer feelings of hopelessness and loneliness, more positive affect, higher life satisfaction and social integration, and more purpose in life. However, religious attendance was not associated with subsequent physical diseases, such as hypertension, stroke, or heart disease.

Kleiman and Liu's (2018)<sup>59</sup> extensive study of the prospective association between religious attendance and suicide in 30,650 American adults from 1978 to 2010 showed that religious attendance had a significant protective effect only in the last studied decade. The authors suggested that earlier religious attendance was a social norm, whereas religious attendees today are resilient to suicide due to the motivations of social connection and meaning in life. In cross-sectional and longitudinal studies, social support and social connectedness are associated with better mental health.<sup>176-179</sup> Studies also show that both the actual social support and the perception and anticipation of support—e.g., the comfort of simply knowing about this available support—strengthen mental health.<sup>76</sup> However, some evidence indicates that the perception and anticipation of support from R/S fellowships—where you share your fundamental values, beliefs, and purpose in life—are higher than in non-R/S social settings.<sup>75</sup>

#### 4.3. The impact of Laestadianism on mental health in Arctic Norway

In the current study, Laestadian adherents did not report poorer SRH than non-Laestadians after stratification for ethnicity. This supports Årnes et al.'s (1996)<sup>12</sup> suggestion that poorer SRH among Laestadians is not related to R/S but to Sámi ethnicity, which is known to be associated with poorer mental health due to several other conditions, such as sociodemographic factors and colonialism.<sup>8-11</sup> However, it was found by the current study that in the Sámi self-ascription category, Laestadian family background was significantly associated with lifetime exposure to emotional, physical, or sexual violence if the types of violence were pooled. No significant relationship was found between violence exposure and Laestadian background in the groups of non-Sámi and those of Sámi family background without Sámi self-ascription. Personal Laestadian adherence was not related to violence exposure. Eriksen et al. (2015),<sup>13</sup> also adopting the SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey, found that Laestadianism was associated with lifetime exposure to emotional, physical, or sexual violence (pooled variable) among women but did not discriminate between Laestadian family background and personal Laestadian adherence. In the current analyses, compared to Laestadian family background, personal Laestadian adherence was more strongly correlated to religious attendance, an R/S factor associated with several favorable aspects of mental health in this study sample. Also, many individuals who grew up in R/S settings may have abandoned their congregation and families due to R/S struggles, such as anger at God, interpersonal disagreements, or other negative experiences from R/S fellowships.<sup>54</sup> Thus, it is relevant to discern between these two Laestadian categories.

In 2017, Norwegian police documented 151 cases of sexual abuse, including child rape, in Tysfjord, a small Sámi community of 2,000 people.<sup>180,181</sup> Here, the Laestadian Movement was a major R/S factor, and many of the victims and perpetrators belonged to the local Laestadian congregation. The abuses were committed over a span of sixty years, mostly against children, and included a total of 92 charged or prosecuted individuals. One of the convicted offenders was a trusted traditional healer. Earlier, Laestadian congregations in another Sámi-Norwegian community (but not related to the Tysfjord congregation) also tracked attention in the regional newspaper due to several cases of sexual abuse, one of the perpetrators being a Laestadian leader.<sup>182,183</sup> Although there is no evidence that the frequency of sexual abuse is higher in these settings than in other R/S or non-R/S communities in the region, Norbakken (2012)<sup>183</sup> discussed, among other factors, two mechanisms contributing to the silence surrounding sexual maltreatment in Laestadian congregations. The first is a cultural factor connected to the close ties between Sámi ethnicity and Laestadianism in these

communities. Steinlien (1999),<sup>184</sup> studying the role of Laestadianism in a Sámi coastal village in Arctic Norway, found that the movement represents the primary identity-defining values of the local Sámi population. Here, as part of the assimilation process, Laestadianism gives the individual a place to live out a Sámi identity, avoiding ethnic stigmatization by society. Norbakken pointed to a common characteristic between Sámi communities and these Laestadian congregations: the expectations of loyalty to the family and the congregation and, to prevent dishonor or disrepute, keeping the processes of putting things to rights inside the family.<sup>183</sup>

The second mechanism Norbakken discussed involves the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven (Matt 18:18<sup>185</sup>), a central theological institution in Laestadianism related to the sacrament of confession and absolution. A central dogma of this office is that if a person repents and confesses their sin to a Christian, the believer is expected to forgive and accept the transgressor unconditionally. Also, if a sin is forgiven, it will never be evoked again. However, any absolution depends on the willingness to forgive the offenses committed against oneself (Matt 6:15<sup>185</sup>). Thus, a victim of sexual abuse from a fellow believer is forced to choose between the congregation by forgiving one's perpetrator and living on as if nothing had happened or justice by prosecuting the offender, thereby abandoning the Christian fellowship and breaking the bonds to one's family.<sup>183</sup> Norbakken suggested that the cultural and theological mechanisms have a joint effect on hindering the openness about sexual abuse in these Laestadian congregations. The current study could not ascertain if these factors contribute to any higher frequency of sexual maltreatment in Laestadian fellowships located in Sámi communities compared to the non-Laestadian part of the Sámi society.

In the current study area, Laestadian family background correlated considerably to selfreported Sámi affiliation. Also, due to the assimilation or "Norwegianization" of the Sámi,<sup>108</sup> reporting one's grandparents as Laestadians may be less stigmatic than admitting their speaking Sámi at home, which would expose the respondent's own Sámi family background. Thus, the actual percentage of individuals with Sámi affiliation may be higher than reported in the Laestadian family background group. Sámi ethnicity is related to several unfavorable health-related and sociodemographic factors—e.g., attendance at boarding schools and lower levels of education and income.<sup>159,160</sup> Hansen et al. (2008),<sup>159</sup> adopting the first SAMINOR Study from 2003–2004 of 12,265 adults in Sámi-Norwegian areas, investigated the prevalence of self-reported experiences of bullying and ethnic discrimination among Sámi, Kven, and ethnic Norwegians. The authors found that the Sámi were the group reporting the highest lifetime prevalence of bullying and that this prevalence was proportional to the degree

of Sámi ethnicity. For male respondents with the strongest Sámi affiliation (respondent, both parents, and all grandparents speak Sámi at home), the lifetime prevalence of bullying was reported 2.7 times more often than among ethnic Norwegian males. Females with the strongest Sámi affiliation reported lifetime bullying 2.4 times more often than ethnic Norwegian females. Past-year bullying against respondents with the strongest Sámi affiliation was mainly reported to have occurred at the workplace and in the local community. In contrast, earlier bullying in this group typically happened in school (reported by 55%) or boarding school (reported by 30%). Furthermore, in this group, the lifetime prevalence of ethnic discrimination was 10 times higher than among ethnic Norwegians.

Eriksen et al. (2015)<sup>13</sup> conducted a thorough study of the prevalence and ethnic differences of emotional, physical, and sexual violence in the SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey sample. The authors found that Sámi women, irrespective of Laestadian affiliation, reported emotional, physical, and sexual violence more often than non-Sámi women. Sámi men were also likelier to report emotional and physical—but not sexual—violence compared to non-Sámi men. Furthermore, Sámi respondents reported exposure to past-year violence more often. Typically, violence was reported to have occurred during childhood and to have been performed by someone known to the victim. Also, in a recent study applying the SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey, Eriksen et al. (2022)<sup>161</sup> found a higher prevalence of emotional and physical intimate partner violence among Sámi than non-Sámi women. Eriksen (2017)<sup>145</sup> discussed a more extensive cultural experience regarding colonization as one possible explanation for the higher prevalence of violence among Sámi—e.g., boarding school experiences and structural violence.

Bullying is an example of emotional and physical violence; its prevalence in this study area is proportional to the degree of Sámi ethnicity and is mainly related to childhood school bullying, often experienced in boarding schools. The cited studies do not seem to have explored childhood maltreatment occurring at home, and a possible higher prevalence of parental violence in Sámi-Laestadian families has not been investigated. Such violence could, for instance, be motivated by moral demands related to drinking and sexual behavior. The Sámi and Laestadian culture of solving problems internally inside families and the congregation and keeping the authorities and the police out may contribute to an acceptance and continuation of maltreatment.<sup>145,183</sup> However, based on the published findings on violence and bullying in this population, it is likely that Sámi-Laestadian schoolkids experience a double stigma, an ethnic and a religious one, making them a minority within the minority and

more susceptible to bullying from non-Sámi and other Sámi. This may explain the association between Laestadian family background and violence exposure within the Sámi group.

In the current study, there was a strong association between lifetime violence exposure and NSSI and psychological distress. Also, Eriksen et al. (2018)<sup>11</sup> found that experiences of childhood violence were strongly associated with psychological distress and post-traumatic symptoms in this population. Childhood maltreatment, bullying, and other early traumatic experiences are known to be leading causes of NSSI<sup>171,186,187</sup> and are strongly associated with suicide ideation and attempts in extensive meta-analytical studies.<sup>167</sup> With these relationships in mind and considering the association between violence exposure and Sámi-Laestadian family background in this sample, why did the current analyses not reveal any poorer mental health in this group? As Laestadian family background correlated with religious attendance, the R/S factor having the strongest association with better mental health outcomes in the sample suggests a confounding buffering effect from religious participation. However, Laestadian family background was also associated with no suicide attempts when adjusted for religious attendance, indicating an independent buffering effect of the impact of violence exposure on mental health in this study area.<sup>11,13</sup>

Despite having some traits of a closed community, the Laestadian movement's strong family and social networks imply benefits, rights, alliance, loyalty, and support in case of tragedies or times of need.<sup>150,183</sup> Such strong social and family ties seem to buffer the effect of discrimination and acculturative stress among Sámi<sup>8</sup> and other ethnic and R/S minorities.<sup>188,189</sup> Whereas the Christian mission among the Indigenous Canadians destroyed much of the native culture and family structure and nurtured distrust toward Western religions,<sup>4</sup> the Laestadian revival was brought to the Sámi people by the ministry of their kin in their mother tongue.<sup>122</sup> Thus, the Laestadian form of Christianity took strong roots among the Sámi people, preserving and applying the social and family ties of the traditional Sámi *siida* (home or village) societies within the Laestadian communities.<sup>150</sup> Despite the lack of direct information on using Laestadian family networks in the current sample, a report on Laestadian family background may be a proxy measure.

# 4.4. The impact of religion/spirituality on mental help-seeking behavior in Arctic Norway

In the study of past-year use of mental health services among individuals reporting mental health problems or substance use/addictive behaviors, the adjusted model revealed that religious attendance was associated with no past-year use of mental health services across

ethnic groups. As stratification by psychological distress intensified this relationship, the finding could not be explained by a reduced need for mental health services in this group.

R/S importance was also associated with less mental health-service use in a study of 13,038 American adolescents by Xie, Wang, and Chu (2022).<sup>93</sup> Furthermore, in a sample of African American church attendees, Davenport and McClintock (2021)<sup>85</sup> found that a high level of subjective religiosity was associated with less positive attitudes toward mental health treatment. The authors of these papers discussed two main reasons for the relationship between R/S and the insufficient use of or negative attitudes toward professional mental health care. First, having R/S beliefs about the etiology of mental disorders may cause distrust in the professional mental health workers' abilities to cure such problems. Second, believers may seek to manage their psychological issues through R/S coping methods—e.g., prayers or consulting the clergy for guidance and support. For religious individuals with psychological problems, an R/S leader may be more available for consultation than a mental health professional<sup>94</sup> and more accessible to talk to than a non-believing psychologist.<sup>84</sup>

Harris, Edlund, and Larson (2006)<sup>190</sup> found opposite results in their longitudinal study of an extensive national American sample comprised of 64,450 individuals reporting emotional distress. In this general population sample, religious participation was unrelated to outpatient mental healthcare use among individuals with moderate distress. However, among persons experiencing serious distress, religious attendance was positively associated with service utilization, and a greater participation rate predicted more service use. The authors suggested that religious support networks may encourage the use of professional mental healthcare for the severely mentally ill in this population. These findings demonstrate that R/S has disparate roles and impacts in different populations and R/S groups.<sup>82</sup>

Sørlie and Nergård's (2005)<sup>149</sup> and Sexton and Sørlie's (2008)<sup>18</sup> studies of psychiatric patients in Arctic Norway found Sámi ethnicity associated with R/S importance and the use of traditional healers. Whereas the current study supports their findings on the relationship between Sámi ethnicity and R/S, no ethnic differences in the effect of R/S on the use of mental health services were found in the sample. Also, no significant differences were found in the overall use of mental health services between the Norwegian and Sámi groups. Clinical studies using R/S as outcome variables cannot easily be compared with the current population-based study analyzing R/S as exposure variables. Also, the current investigation did not involve any information about traditional healing. Nonetheless, the clinical findings may indicate an association between R/S and the handling of mental health problems using R/S coping strategies, like finding support in one's belief, prayer, search for spiritual help,

and traditional healing, that are integrated into the Sámi-Norwegian areas and not ethnically dependent.<sup>146,147</sup> In her qualitative study, Henriksen (2010)<sup>146</sup> investigated how the everyday use of various forms of traditional healing against diseases, wounds, and the forces of nature represents R/S practices and expressions of R/S worldview, beliefs, and values that are not exclusively Sámi but also pertains to R/S in other parts of the population of Arctic Norway.

Furthermore, an R/S fellowship may represent a social and psychological support system buffering mental distress and influencing the use of professional mental health services in this population, similar to the Church's effect among African Americans.<sup>84</sup> Langås-Larsen et al. (2018)<sup>150</sup> conducted a qualitative study of the extended R/S family networks' functions and roles as active contributors to the patient's healing process in two Sámi-Norwegian communities strongly influenced by Laestadianism. The villagers were organized in networks where they shared the responsibility for the patient, providing practical help and support for the family and contacting traditional healers, who were often more available than doctors in remote areas. Professional health workers were also contacted as diagnostic knowledge could ease the process by indicating each case's relevant traditional healing method. The authors found the traditional networks to be extra resources in these communities by handling and disseminating hope and manageability to both the individual and the village.

Furthermore, the adjusted analyses of the current sample did not reveal any significant association between R/S and reported satisfaction with mental health services. Thus, the underuse of mental health services among religious attendees in the Sámi-Norwegian areas cannot be explained by their having an upright distrust or lack of confidence in professional mental health care. Nonetheless, although lacking information about the application of such alternative R/S coping methods, the use of prayer, congregational support, guidance from clergy, traditional healers, or family networks may explain the underuse of mental health services in the current sample.

## 5. Strengths, weaknesses, and limitations

The theoretical conception of R/S behind the SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey is the classical European view, focusing on the sociological dimensions corresponding to organized traditional Protestantism and Pietism,<sup>37</sup> not considering Sámi cultural spirituality, traditional healing, or non-Christian Sámi spirituality.<sup>18,115,121</sup> Accordingly, like other typical studies on contemporary Laestadianism in Norway—e.g., Myrvoll (2010)<sup>17</sup> and Olsen (2008)<sup>191</sup>— SAMINOR 2 has an approach to the R/S phenomenon as a well-organized, hierarchical structure gathering every Sunday in a chapel or a church building. However, there are hardly any services in many rural areas every month,<sup>157</sup> and many Laestadians continue the classical practice of meeting in private homes.<sup>191</sup> Also, disappointment with theological liberalization in the Established Church<sup>191</sup> and congregational fractioning<sup>123</sup> may affect the praxis of house meetings and give rise to marginalization.

Despite their centrality in the Laestadian Revival, the Kvens/Norwegian-Finns are poorly represented in SAMINOR 2, and the omission of the crucial Kven community of Nordreisa is noticeable. Also, the omitted municipality of Tromsø comprises significant parts of the Sámi and Laestadians in the region, both historically and contemporaneously.

Furthermore, there may be an under-reporting of suicidal behavior and the use of mental health services among devoted Christians, particularly Laestadians, due to moral objections,<sup>192</sup> thus representing a possible response bias affecting the internal validity of the current results. Also, the survey's meager response rate (27%), particularly among those younger than 30 years of age (< 11%), may have caused a selection bias, raising the question of the external validity and generalizability of the study.<sup>153</sup> Furthermore, SAMINOR 2 lacks information about marital or relationship status, an essential confounder associated with less suicidal behavior.<sup>4,73</sup> Finally, the main problem with using a cross-sectional design is the inability to address reverse causality and possible bidirectional feedback effects. For example, depressive persons are less likely to attend religious services over time.<sup>193</sup> Thus, the results must be interpreted with caution.

Nevertheless, with the above weaknesses and limitations in mind, this is the most extensive population-based study of Sámi areas (n = 11,222) and includes several dimensions of R/S, as well as all three main Laestadian subgroups represented in Norway—the Alta, Lyngen, and Ofoten groups.<sup>119</sup> Finally, the study adds essential knowledge to the limited research field of R/S, mental health, and mental health-service utilization and satisfaction among Indigenous peoples.

# 6. Conclusions

#### 6.1. Summary

R/S is not associated with poorer mental health in the Sámi and Norwegian populations of Arctic Norway. On the contrary, following the vast amount of evidence from other populations, including extensive longitudinal studies, religious participation seems to buffer psychological distress and protect against poorer mental health among adults in these areas, probably connected to the effect of received or perceived social support from R/S fellowships.

Also, despite Laestadianism's association with some disadvantageous sociodemographic factors, such as lower income and education level and Sámi ethnicity, which includes attendance at boarding schools and more exposure to violence, the Laestadian family networks seem to contribute to better mental health in the Sámi-Norwegian areas.

Finally, although R/S is not related to mental health-service satisfaction, religious participation is associated with less use of mental health services across genders and ethnic categories, possibly due to alternative R/S coping methods like, for instance, prayer, congregational support, guidance from clergy, or the use of traditional healers and family networks.

# **6.2.** Implications for public mental-health policy, clinical practice, and religious/spiritual leadership

From an Arctic Norwegian public mental-health perspective, decision-makers of healthcare services should consider R/S social activities as essentially preventive against mental disorders. Although it is associated with some unfavorable sociodemographic conditions, Laestadian affiliation should be regarded as a factor generally contributing to better mental health in the Sámi and Norwegian populations of the region.

In a Sámi-Norwegian clinical setting, religious attendance and Laestadian affiliation may represent therapeutic resources and components of resilience against psychological distress. Religious participation may also be considered a suicide preventive factor. For individuals already holding R/S beliefs, participating in R/S social activities may provide support and meaning in life and contribute to healing mental health problems.

In closed R/S fellowships, believers with mental health problems may not receive the necessary professional treatment. Thus, R/S leaders should consult and cooperate with psychiatric professionals regarding the detection and handling of mental health issues. Also,

clergy may be partners of mental health workers in the treatment and recovery of believers with mental disorders.

# **6.3. Suggestions for further research**

The conclusions above are based on collating cross-sectional findings with longitudinal evidence from other populations. However, regarding the Arctic Norwegian population, further research is needed, and the current study recommends more extensive and longitudinal research that includes more Laestadians and Kvens/Norwegian-Finns. Also, future studies should address Sámi and Laestadian R/S appropriately, including the application of traditional healing and social networks and general attitudes toward mental health services. Finally, qualitative methods could provide more insight into the issues and guide the planning of new quantitative studies.
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### ABSTRACT

Given the higher suicide rates among the adult population in the northernmost part of Norway and some unfavourable psychosocial outcomes associated with the Laestadian revival movement in this region, it is reasonable to investigate the relationship between religiosity/spirituality and suicidal behaviour in this context. This study used cross-sectional data from the population-based SAMINOR 2 questionnaire survey (2012; n = 11,222; 66% non-Sámi; 22% Laestadian-affiliated; 27% response rate) in mixed Sámi-Norwegian areas of Mid and North Norway. We analysed the associations between religious/spiritual factors and lifetime suicidal ideation and attempts, age at the first attempt, motives, and number of attempts. Multivariable-adjusted regression models considering sociodemographics, Sámi background and self-ascription, and health-related risk factors were applied. Sámi and Laestadian affiliations were significantly associated with religious self-ascription, regular attendance, and Established Church membership. In a fully adjusted model, Laestadian family background was negatively associated with lifetime suicide attempts (OR = 0.66, 95% CI: 0.47-0.93) compared with other family circumstances, whereas regular religious participation was inversely associated with suicide ideation (OR = 0.74, 95% CI: 0.61-0.91) compared with non- or rare attendance. The findings suggest that Laestadianism and religious attendance contribute to less suicidal behaviour among adults in Sámi-Norwegian areas.

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# Introduction

Religion and spirituality (R/S) describe the search for the sacred, transcendent, divine, or supernatural, as opposed to the secular, humanist, rational, or scientific [1]. Spirituality typically denotes either deep traditional religiosity or personal religiosity outside organised religion [1]. Several extensive longitudinal studies show that R/S is protective against suicidal behaviour [2-5], with religious service attendance being the strongest R/ S factor [2] and even protective against completed suicides [3-5]. Social support received from fellow believers [6] and moral objections against suicide due to its proscription by several world religions, especially Christianity, seem to explain some of R/S's protective effects against suicidal behaviour[7]. However, this favourable effect varies across ethnic groups, e.g. between Latino and Black subgroups in the US [8], and a reverse effect is found in indigenous populations [9]. This study by Stack and Cao (2020) among

indigenous Canadians (n = 15,294) found that affiliation with traditional indigenous spirituality was significantly associated with lifetime suicide ideation compared with lack of religious affiliation, whereas being Christian was no different from the latter. The study did not include other R/S indicators.

The northern and central parts of Norway have areas with a mixed population of Norwegians and Sámi, the latter being indigenous people primarily living in the northern territories of Norway, Sweden, Finland, and the Russian Kola Peninsula. Although the exact size of the Sámi population is unknown, the assumed largest proportion lives in Norway. The Sámi traditionally adhered to nature-oriented (shamanistic) religion, but missionary efforts during the 18th century caused a significant religious change. During the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the teetotalist Laestadian revival movement strongly influenced this region. It originated about 1845 around the Swedish Lutheran state church vicar Lars Levi Laestadius (1800–1861) in the Finnish-

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Sámi population of Swedish and Finnish Lapland and was brought by Sámi and Finns to their ethnic peers in Norway. Laestadianism only later spread to the Swedish and Norwegian populations [10]. During the enforced Norwegian governmental assimilation programme from the mid-19th to the mid-20th centuries [11], Finns/ Kvens (an ethnic Finnish minority in North Norway) and Sámi found acceptance of their languages and cultures in the movement [12]. Laestadianism in the areas included in this study, is associated with ethnic (particularly Sámi) minority affiliation and represents an acculturative phenomenon different from Laestadianism in other parts of the world. Traditionally and also today, the established state churches are dominant denominations across native groups in the Nordic region and encompass most Laestadians as well.

The revival has had a considerable regional influence, especially on the Sámi people, presumably contributing to the higher religious participation rate and lower alcohol consumption in Sámi than non-Sámi districts of Finnmark County [13]. Laestadianism is also associated with abstinence and less drinking and intoxication among Sámi and non-Sámi adolescents and young adults in North Norway [14]. Nevertheless, the suicide rate of Finnmark is the highest in Norway (1987–2016) [15]. Furthermore, the Sámi of North Norway (1970-1998) have a 30% higher suicide mortality rate [16], and more recent and extensive studies reveal a higher prevalence of suicide ideation and attempts among adolescent and young adult Sámi in Sweden and Norway compared with their majority counterpart [17–19]. The Sámi also have asignificantly higher prevalence of anxiety; depression; post-traumatic stress symptoms; and childhood exposure to emotional, physical, and sexual violence [20], which are all well-known risk factors for suicidal behaviour [21]. Poorer self-rated health (SRH), another risk factor for suicide [22], was found among Laestadians in Finnmark [23], but the study (conducted in 1990) did not adjust for ethnicity. As among other indigenous populations, acculturative stress is a relevant explanation for the higher prevalence of suicidal behaviour among the Sámi [18,19]. However, Laestadian adherence or family background (combined variable) was associated with higher lifetime exposure to violence in women after adjusting for ethnicity [24].

Due to the higher suicide rates and the unfavourable psychosocial outcomes associated with the Laestadian revival movement in this context, we aimed to examine whether R/S, particularly Laestadianism, is a protective or risk correlate of suicidal behaviour in Sámi-Norwegian areas. Because of the considerable correlation between Laestadianism and Sámi ethnicity in this area, the enterprise would have to include ethnic selfascription and background among its control variables. To our knowledge, this topic has not been studied earlier in the Nordic countries.

# Methods

# Procedure and sample

This study applied data from the second survey of the Population-based Study on Health and Living Conditions in Regions with Sami and Norwegian Populations - The SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey. The survey (following the SAMINOR 1 Survey, carried out in 2003-2004) was conducted in 2012 by the Centre for Sami Health Research, UiT - The Arctic University of Norway - aiming to explore the health and living conditions in the Sámi and non-Sámi populations [25]. All inhabitants aged 18 to 69 years in 25 municipalities or districts with mixed Sámi and Norwegian settlements in Mid and North Norway were invited (27% response rate). After the exclusion of respondents without information regarding ethnicity, R/S, and suicidal behaviour, the study sample included 11,222 participants (consult Figure 1 for details concerning the inclusion process), of whom 65.9% were non-Sámi and 55.9% were females (Table 1).

# Instruments and variables

### Suicidal behaviour – outcome variables

Suicidal ideation was covered by the question "Have you considered taking your life?" The possible answers were "Yes, during the past year", "Yes, earlier", and "No, never". The question "Have you tried to take your life?" correspondingly tapped suicide attempts. Due to the small number of positive answers concerning past year ideation (n = 303) and attempts (n = 26), we merged the data into two dichotomous variables: 1) lifetime prevalence of suicide ideation and 2) lifetime prevalence of suicide attempts. As the reported suicide attempts might be of different degrees of lethal intent and severity, there should be an assessment of some aspects of these attempts. Thus, three more questions assessed the suicide motives ("A clear wish to die", "The situation felt unbearable", and "I wanted help from someone", multiple answers possible), the age at the first suicide attempt, and the total number of attempts. For these three questions, we only included the responders who explicitly reported suicide attempts.



Figure 1. Flow chart of inclusion – Religion and Health in Arctic Norway – the SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey, 2012.

# Indicators of R/S – independent variables

Contemporary scholars apply a multidimensionalmultilevel definition of R/S encompassing identity, culture, relationship, and practice [26] from the biological to the global level [27]. Thus, the measures of R/S in SAMINOR 2 are suitable for studying both social, cultural, and private aspects of a religiously homogeneous Norwegian study population dominated by pietistinfluenced or traditional Lutheranism – particularly the Established Church [28]. In addition, Laestadian affiliation is explored due to its historical importance in the study area [12].

The religious attendance rate during the past six months at (a) a church, (b) congregation house, or (c) other religious building was reported separately as "more than three times a month", "1–3 times a month", "1–6 times", or "never". The total participation rate at all three building categories was pooled and categorised as "regularly" (once per month or more often in the past 6 months; rural church services are usually held once or twice a month [29]), "irregularly" (1–6 times in the past 6 months), or "never or rarely" (not in the past 6 months).

Regarding personal adherence to a religious group or fellowship of belief, the respondents could check off one or more categories: "Established Church", "Laestadian congregation", "other religious congregation", "nonreligious denomination", and "not a member of any denomination". We accordingly made five dummy variables of congregational affiliation.

The adherence question was repeated for grandparents and both parents, revealing a Laestadian family background by at least one parent or grandparent versus other family backgrounds – indicating Laestadianism as a possible cultural affiliation and psychosocial factor during childhood, e.g. influencing drinking behaviour [14,30].

The final parameter is a scale combining the view of life (atheist, agnostic, or believer in a god) and religious importance or commitment (religious or not-so-devoted believer) and comprised four categories: "I am a believer/ confessing or personally Christian" ("religious"); "I believe there is a god, but religion is not so important in my everyday life" ("less devoted believer"); "Unsure"; "I do not believe there is any god" ("non-believer").

# Sociodemographic control variables

The sociodemographic factors included sex, age, education level (continous variable categorized as 1-9 years, 10-12 years, 13-15 years, or >15 years), total household gross income (<301,000 NOK; 301,000-750,000 NOK; >750,000 NOK), living arrangement (living with someone or alone), municipality (described in Brustad et al. [2014] [25]), and ethnicity. The ethnicity report (Norwegian, Sámi, Kven, and/or "other") included home language (respondent, parents, and all grandparents), ethnic background (respondent and both parents), and self-ascription. The final ethnic categories were "non-Sámi self-ascription" (89.7% unmixed Norwegian self-ascription and 7.1% non-Norwegians), "Sámi self-ascription", and "Sámi background without Sámi self-ascription" (95.4% Norwegian self-ascription), considering the effect of assimilation [31]. The Kvens (n=349), being few and mainly ethnically mixed (85.1%), were divided between the non-Sámi (n=125), the Sámi (n=162), and the Sámi background groups (n=62).

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Congregational affiliation <sup>a</sup>														
Established Church	9,354 8	6.05	4,125 8	36.46	5,229	85.74	1.2†	6,053	84.55	1,954	88.70	1,347	89.32	39.7***
Laestadian congregation	448	4.12	199	4.17	249	4.08	0.1†	155	2.17	180	8.17	113	7.49	204.1***
Other religious congregation	395	3.63	151	3.16	244	4.00	5.3*	294	4.11	59	2.68	42	2.79	13.4**
Non-religious denomination	366	3.37	150	3.14	216	3.54	1.3†	267	3.73	60	2.72	39	2.59	8.5*
No denomination	938	8.63	433	9.08	505	8.28	2.1†	662	9.25	166	7.54	110	7.29	10.2**
Religious attendance rate <sup>b</sup>							73.0***							37.2***
Never or rarely (not past 6 months)	3,127 2	8.18	1,571 3	2.05	1,556	25.12		2,135	29.19	549	24.42	443	28.86	
Irregularly (1–6 times past 6 months)	5,400 4	8.67	2,315 4	17.24	3,085	49.80		3,584	49.01	1,127	50.13	689	44.89	
Regularly (once pr. month or more past 6 months)	2,569 2	3.15	1,015 2	0.71	1,554	25.08		1,594	21.80	572	25.44	403	26.25	
Religious importance and view of life							222.2***							118.9***

Table 1. Sample description showing the differences in religious/spiritual factors across gender and ethnic categories

n = number of observations; Freq. = frequency;  $\chi^2 = \chi^2$ -value. Bold values represent cells having adjusted residuals of *p*-value≤0.05. \* = *p*-value≤0.05; \*\* = *p*-value≤0.01; \*\*\* = *p*-value≤0.001; † = not significant. <sup>a</sup>Multiple affiliations possible. <sup>b</sup>At a church, congregation house, or religious building. <sup>c</sup>Without Sámi self-ascription. 1,164 18.80 614 **12.52** 1,778 16.03 Religious (1 am a believer/confessing Christian)

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# Health-related control variables

Both Laestadian and many other religious groups endorse health-related norms, e.g. related to alcohol and substance use and extramarital sexual intercourse, and social modelling of healthy behaviours might reduce the risk of suicidal behaviour in such settings [1]. To adjust for this effect in our analyses, we included five important health-related control variables. First, tobacco use and alcohol consumption are well-known risk factors for suicidal behaviour [32,33] and relevant confounders when studying a temperance movement like Laestadianism. Also, alcohol consumption is a known partial mediator of the protective effect of religious attendance on completed suicides [4]. Furthermore, SRH is a measure of general health, and poor SRH is a risk factor for suicide [22] and associated with suicidal thoughts in Sámi adolescents in Norway [34]. Finally, depression and anxiety disorders and exposure to emotional, physical, or sexual violence are wellknown strong risk factors for suicidal behaviour [21] and relevant confounders explaining the low prevalence of suicidal behaviour in R/S social settings. Also, depressive symptoms partly mediate the protective effect of religious attendance on completed suicides [4].

Lifetime exposure to emotional, physical, or sexual violence was reported separately for the past year, earlier in adulthood, and during childhood and finally merged into a dichotomous variable of lifetime violence exposure [24].

Anxiety and depression symptoms were defined as a score above the clinical cut-off level (1.85) on the Hopkins Symptom Checklist (10-item version) during the past four weeks [35]. The instrument and its cutoff level are validated for Norwegian and Sámi populations and subgroups having Sámi family background without Sámi self-ascription [36].

Smoking and snuffing were tapped separately ("never", "former", "sometimes", or "daily") and finally pooled and categorised as "never or previously" (snuffing or smoking), "current cigarette or snuff user" (either snuffing or smoking – daily or occasionally), or "current dual user" (snuffing *and* smoking – daily or occasionally).

Drinking frequency during the past year was reported on an eight-point scale from "never consumed alcohol" to "4–7 times a week" and finally categorised as "never or not in the past year", "a few times to weekly", or "more than two times per week".

SRH was reported on a four-point scale from "poor" (1) to "very good" (4) and dichotomised into "good" ("good" or "very good") or "poor" ("poor" and "not so good").

### Statistical analyses

Using Stata 16 and a significance level of five percent, we applied chi-square tests to compute differences across categorical data and conducted t-tests and Bonferroni tests for the continuous data. Mixed-effect logistic regression models – including sociodemographic and health-related risk factors – were used to estimate the association of the different R/S categories with suicide ideation, attempts, and suicide motives. Municipality was added as a random effect in the analyses, taking local clusters of suicidal behaviour and assumed, unmeasured differences into account, including variations between the Laestadian groups.

# **Ethical considerations**

The Norwegian Regional Committees for Medical and Health Research Ethics approved this study (reference code 2006/1766/REK nord).

# Results

# Sample description

The lifetime prevalence of suicide ideation in the total sample was 17.6% (Table 2), whereas 4.0% – 447 responders – reported lifetime prevalence of suicide attempts. Among those reporting suicide attempts, the mean age for the first attempt was 23.01 years (SD 11.30, not tabulated), and the mean total number of attempts was 2.62 (SD = 4.00). The most frequent motive for suicide attempts – reported by 93.9% – was that the situation felt unbearable (not tabulated). Overall, 56.0% reported a clear wish to die as a suicide motive, being more frequent among males (66.1%) than females (50.0%,  $\chi^2$ [1] = 7.4, *p* = 0.007). In total, 59.0% reported having made attempts that were calls for help, more frequently reported by females (64.5%) than males (48.1%,  $\chi^2$ [1] = 7.7, *p* = 0.006).

The sample comprised 86.1% Established Churchaffiliated individuals, 4.1% Laestadian adherents, 3.6% affiliated with other congregations, 8.6% unaffiliated, and 3.4% affiliated with non-religious denominations (Table 1). Overall, 23.1% had a Laestadian family background (21.3% either Laestadian family background or personal adherence, not tabulated). The rates of regular religious attendance and religious self-ascription were 23.2% and 16.0%, respectively (Table 1).

In both Sámi categories, the frequency of Laestadian adherence was four times higher, and the frequency of Laestadian family background more than three times higher than among the non-Sámi. The regular attendees were also more common among those with Sámi

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identity or background, as were those of religious selfascription. The proportion of the Laestadian adherents reporting regular religious attendance (80.0%) was more than three times higher than that of the Established Church-affiliated (23.3%, not tabulated). Also, the percentage of self-ascribed religious among the Laestadians (77.0%) was almost five times higher than among the Established Church members (15.6%, not tabulated). Moreover, the Laestadians typically reported affiliation with the Established Church (80.6%, not tabulated). Established Church membership was more common among the participants of Laestadian family background (90.6%) than in those from non-Laestadian families (84.8%,  $\chi^2$ [1] = 48.0, p < 0.001, not tabulated).

Laestadianism was associated with some unfavourable sociodemographic factors, also after ethnic stratification. Compared with those of other family circumstances, the respondents with a Laestadian family background had a lower income and education level (mean 13.3 years vs. 13.6, t[9,974] = 3.55, p < 0.001, not tabulated). They also had a higher frequency of alcohol abstainers, but this finding was insignificant after stratification on personal Laestadian adherence (not tabulated). Moreover, violence exposure was more frequent in those of Laestadian family background. However, after ethnic stratification, this association - the effect size being small - was only found among persons of Sámi self-ascription ( $\chi^2[1] = 5.4$ , p = 0.020, not tabulated), indicating an ethnic confounder. Participants of Laestadian family background were also more often living alone, but the finding was insignificant after stratification by age groups (not tabulated). The Laestadian adherents also had a lower income and education level (mean 12.3 years vs. 13.5, t[10,765] = 6.83, p < 0.001, not tabulated), comparedwith the non-Laestadians. However, they were also more frequently abstainers from tobacco and alcohol (ESM Table S1). The Laestadians reported lower levels of SRH, but this was not significant after ethnic stratification (not tabulated).

# Association between R/S factors and suicidal behaviour – unadjusted analyses

Among the respondents with a Laestadian family background, significantly fewer reported suicide ideation (16.0%) and attempts (3.3%) compared with those from non-Laestadian families (18.6% and 4.4%, respectively, Table 2). These findings also applied to the personal Laestadian adherents (11.2% suicide ideation) compared with the non-Laestadians (17.8% suicide ideation, not tabulated), yet the frequency of attempters was insignificantly lower. Compared with non-membership, Established Church affiliation was inversely associated with suicide ideation and attempts (Table 2) and border-significantly associated with a 2.86 years older age at the first suicide attempt (23.86 years, F[1,399] = 4.55, p = 0.034, not tabulated).The regular and irregular attendees were less likely to report suicidal ideation (16.0% and 15.2%, respectively) and attempts (3.0% and 4.3%, respectively, with the latter number being only borderline significantly lower) compared with the non- or rare attendees (22.4% and 5.4%, respectively). The total number of suicide attempts was 1.17 attempts lower among irregular and regular attendees pooled together than nonor rare attendees (3.29 attempts, F[1,411] = 8.91, p = 0.003, not tabulated). The regular attendees were border-significantly more likely to report their attempts being calls for help, compared to non- or rare attendees (Table 2). Non-belief was significantly associated with suicide ideation - compared with all other categories and suicide attempts - compared with being a not so devoted believer. Non-believing attempters also more rarely reported having made attempts that were calls for help. The debut age was higher among the not so devoted believers compared to the non-believers, but the difference disappeared completely after stratification by age groups. R/S was not associated with suicide motives being a wish to die or an unbearable situation (not tabulated).

# Logistic regression models for suicide behaviour in multivariable-adjusted models

Both irregular (OR = 0.82, Table 2) and regular (OR = 0.74) religious attendance were significantly inversely associated with lifetime suicide ideation compared with non- or rare attendance in the adjusted model. Laestadian adherents were less apt to report suicide ideation in a model adjusting for religious and sociodemographic factors (OR = 0.57, 95% CI: 0.39–0.82, not tabulated). However, this beneficial association was rendered insignificant after adjustment for healthrelated variables. The respondents of Laestadian family background were significantly less likely to report lifetime suicide attempts (OR = 0.66, 95% CI 0.47-0.93, Table 2) than those from non-Laestadian families. Compared with non- or rare attendance, irregular religious attendance was inversely associated with suicide attempts in a model adjusting for R/S and sociodemographic factors (OR = 0.72, 95% CI: 0.56-0.93, not tabulated). However, this favourable association became insignificant after adjustment for health-related variables. Compared with non-membership, Established Church affiliation was inversely associated with suicide ideation and attempts in the adjusted model (Table 2).

Due to the considerably small total number of suicide attempters, adjusting for multiple control variables increased the risk of over-adjustment bias when testing the association of R/S with the motives for suicide attempts. Thus, we made the regression analyses by a careful, stepwise introduction of each control variable into the models. In the unadjusted analyses, only one R/ S factor was significantly associated with a suicide motive. This association and its significance level remained stable through all steps: Compared with the non-believers, the non-atheist suicide attempters were three to eight times more likely to report having made attempts that were calls for help (Table 2). There was a border significant association (p = 0.045) between being a regular attendee and having a want for help as a suicide motive in the unadjusted test. However, the significance disappeared in the very next regression step. Also, in the very final step, Established Churchaffiliated and "other" affiliated had a border significant likelihood not to report having made attempts that were calls for help.

# Discussion

Here, we studied the association of R/S factors with suicidal behaviour in a mixed Sámi-Norwegian adult sample using data from the population-based SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey. The study applied multivariable-adjusted regression models controlling for religious, sociodemographic, and health-related factors. Following international research [2-5], we found that religious attendance was inversely associated with lifetime suicide ideation and fewer lifetime attempts. Laestadian family background was 34% less associated with suicide attempts than non-Laestadian family circumstances, whereas personal Laestadian adherence was not significantly associated with suicidal behaviour in the fully adjusted models. Both Sámi- and Laestadianaffiliated individuals more frequently reported religious self-ascription, attendance, and Established Church membership.

# Laestadianism and other congregational affiliations, and suicidal behaviour

The Laestadian movement is a diverse phenomenon globally, within the Arctic region, and locally, and its significance on the personal level varies considerably. Still, this study applies crude categories like personal Laestadian adherence or non-adherence and Laestadian or non-Laestadian family background. However, up to the present, measures of Laestadian affiliation in

epidemiological studies have predominantly been pooled variables of personal and parental adherence [14] and even grandparents' affiliation with the movement [20,24]. Our variables enable us to discriminate between the correlates of personal Laestadian adherence and Laestadian family background, including Laestadianism as a broader psycho-socio-cultural phenomenon. Also, the SAMINOR 2 study area included all three main Laestadian subgroups represented in Norway, the Alta, Lyngen, and Ofoten groups [37], named according to their geographical distribution. However, no theological analyses indicate differences in the application of norms related to suicidal behaviour among these groups. Nonetheless, using municipality as a random effect in the regression analyses, we could take unmeasured differences between the Laestadian subgroups into account.

The considerable correlation between Laestadianism and Sámi affiliation in this study sample necessitates a careful adjustment for ethnicity, especially considering the association between Sámi family background without Sámi self-ascription and Laestadian affiliation. The definition of Sámi ethnicity differs across the published studies, some demanding both Sámi language competence in the family and Sámi self-ascription [20,24], others requiring either Sámi parentage, family language competence, or self-ascription [14,17,18]. Eriksen et al. (2015, also SAMINOR 2 data) - finding higher exposure to violence among persons of Laestadian family background in their adjusted models – included only self-ascribed Sámi in their Sámi category, not considering the many respondents of apparent Sámi family background in their non-Sámi category. Thus, their finding and the earlier reported lower levels of SRH in Laestadians [23] might have been confounded by Sámi minority background. However, the association between Laestadianism and some disadvantageous socioeconomic factors in our sample - like lower income and education level - could not be explained by ethnicity alone.

Furthermore, the high frequencies of membership in the Established Church of Norway among the persons of Laestadian adherence and family background indicate no tendency of separation from the Established Church among the Laestadian-affiliated in this sample. On the contrary, the finding suggests that Laestadianism contributes to the social integration of Sámi and non-Sámi adherents into the wider Norwegian community. This acculturation strategy is a possible result of the movement's implementation of the Lutheran "two kingdoms" doctrine: accepting secular laws and taking an active part in society except when doing so compromises one's convictions [38,39]. We also found a beneficial relationship between Laestadian adherence and lifetime suicidal behaviour, and such relation seemed to be mediated or confounded by differences in health-related factors. This probably mediating effect was not explored by further analyses. However, in our sample, Laestadian adherence was inversely associated with suicidal risk factors, such as tobacco [21] and alcohol use [32]. The beneficial effects of Laestadianism on alcohol consumption have been studied earlier [14], and alcohol intoxication is known to be related to suicide attempts in Sámi adolescents in particular [40].

Furthermore, the respondents of Laestadian family background – independently of personal Laestadian adherence, religious participation, and belief – were significantly less likely to report suicide attempts. This finding – being independent of sociodemographic and health-related factors – might be due to psychosocial benefits connected to the movement's strong family and social networks [14,41,42]. Strong social and family ties and a firm belief are elements known to buffer risk factors, such as discrimination and acculturative stress in other R/S and ethnic minorities [43–45]. The kind of social support possibly associated with Laestadian family background – although not being assessed in the SAMINOR 2 Study – might represent benefits not gained by Laestadian congregational adherence alone.

Also, in contrast to the situation among indigenous Canadians, where Christian mission to a considerable degree destroyed the native culture and family structure and fostered distrust towards Western religions [9], the Laestadian version of Christianity established firm roots among the Sámi people by the ministry of their kin in their mother tongue [12]. The traditional Sámi *siida* societies' social and family ties were preserved and employed within the Laestadian communities [42].

However, this study did not adjust for other kinds of social support, except for living alone or with someone. For example, the social and family networks within the Sámi reindeer-herding communities [46] may protect against suicide risk in some contexts [16]. Also, the higher R/S measures in the Laestadian- and Sámi-affiliated individuals might be partly due to their relation with rural areas, typically associated with higher R/S involvement [13,29].

Finally, compared with non-membership, Established Church affiliation was significantly inversely associated with lifetime suicide ideation and attempts. However, this finding is probably due to its dominating status (86% of the sample reporting being members), representing the ethnic Norwegian majority population. In contrast, being a non-member of the Established Church in this context may indicate non-Sámi ethnic or R/S minority status, social marginalisation, or less integration, circumstances typically associated with risk factors for suicidal behaviour. Also, Established Church-affiliation was not associated with high levels of R/S, only 16% being self-ascribed religious and 23% reporting regular religious attendance. Thus, any association between Established Church membership and mental health is probably not due to R/S factors.

# Religious attendance and suicidal behaviour

Although the religious attendees reported fewer suicide attempts, the analyses suggest health-related circumstances might mediate a possible impact of religious attendance on lifetime suicide attempts. However, we did not test such mediation effect, but, for instance, non- or rare attendees more frequently reported risk factors, such as violence exposure and anxiety and depression symptoms [21]. Also, depressive symptoms are earlier found to partly mediate the protective effect of religious attendance on completed suicides [4]. The negative association between religious participation and lifetime suicide ideation in our sample was independent of sociodemographic, health-related, and other R/S factors. This finding follows a large amount of research exhibiting the protection of religious attendance against not only suicide ideation and attempts but also completed suicides [3-5]. Although this effect is found to be independent of social integration [6], a well-known protective factor against suicide attempts [6], the suicide-protective component of R/S seems to lie in its social dimensions. Same-faith social bonds are significantly more likely sources of help during challenging times [47]. Perceived and anticipated emotional support from one's fellowship of believers is the only aspect of R/S social support that is significantly associated with reduced suicidal behaviour[48]. The comfort of knowing about this available support strengthens one's mental health more than does the level and intensity of the contact [48].

# Religious importance and view of life, and suicidal behaviour

We did not find any association between religious importance and belief and suicide ideation or attempts in our adjusted models. These findings align with previous evidence showing no protective effect of R/S importance or strength on completed suicides [3] or major depression [49] after controlling for social network or religious attendance, although it is inversely associated with the risk factors, such as alcohol abuse, in this population [14]. Suicidal behaviour was not reported more frequently by the believers. On the contrary, in both the unadjusted and adjusted models, being a *non*-believing suicide attempter was strongly associated with *not* having called for help through an attempt. This phenomenon might represent the feeling of hopelessness and entrapment characterising the suicidal state – the vicious spiral and tunnelling of vision, where the attempter sees no alternative to the suicide [50,51]. The non-atheists, on the contrary, seem to have retained hope of relief and help [48] or R/S objections against suicide [7].

# **Strengths and limitations**

The survey's considerably low response rate (27%) is an obvious limitation that might have caused a selection bias. It raises the question of our study's external validity and generalisability, and the results must be interpreted with caution [25]. Still, SAMINOR 2 is the numeric most extensive population-based study (n = 11,222) in mixed Sámi-Norwegian areas, tapping both R/S factors and suicidal behaviour and adding essential knowledge to the limited research field of R/ S and mental health in this region. Although the crosssectional study design cannot determine any causal relationships, our main findings are in line with international longitudinal studies on the topic. However, SAMINOR 2 lacks information about marital/relationship status, which is associated with less suicidal behaviour [6,9]. There may also be an under-reporting of suicidal behaviour among more devoted Christians, particularly Laestadians, due to moral objections [7], affecting the internal validity of our results. Further, this study focuses on the sociological dimensions of organised traditional and Pietist Lutheranism, leaving out the assessment of less organised and non-Christian Sámi spirituality.

# Conclusion

Religious participation seems to be protective against suicidal behaviour among adults in Sámi-Norwegian areas. Despite Laestadianism's association with some disadvantageous socioeconomic factors, like lower income and education level, Laestadian family background and adherence seem to contribute to less suicidal behaviour in the mixed Sámi-Norwegian population.

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### ABSTRACT

The Indigenous Sámi have poorer mental health than the majority population and fairly equal access to professional mental healthcare. Despite this condition, certain studies indicate that this group is underrepresented among the users of such services. Religion or spirituality (R/S) often influences mental health-service utilisation and satisfaction among other Indigenous peoples and ethnic minorities. Thus, this study examines the situation in Sámi-Norwegian areas. We utilised cross-sectional data from the population-based SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey (2012; subsample n = 2,364; 71% non-Sámi) in mixed Sámi-Norwegian regions of Northern and Central Norway. We analysed the associations between R/S factors and past-year mental health-service utilisation and satisfaction among individuals reporting mental health problems, substance use, or addictive behaviours. Multivariable-adjusted regression models considering sociodemographic factors, including Sámi ethnicity, were applied. Religious attendance was significantly associated with infrequent past-year use of mental health services (OR = 0.77) and fewer mental health problems, indicating that the R/S fellowship may buffer mental distress and represent an alternative psychological support to professional services. R/S was not significantly associated with lifetime mental health-service satisfaction. We found no ethnic differences in service utilisation or satisfaction.

# Introduction

The Sámi are Indigenous people of the northern and central regions of Norway, Sweden, and Finland and the Russian Kola Peninsula. Although their total number is difficult to assess, a crude estimation is 80,000-115,000, of whom the assumed largest portion of Sámi lives in Norway [1]. Historically, the Norwegian government subjected the Sámi to an intensive Christian missionary activity from the early 18<sup>th</sup> century. From the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the Nordic Arctic region was strongly influenced by the teetotalist Christian Laestadian revival movement, named after the Swedish Lutheran state church vicar Lars Levi Laestadius (1800-1861). The movement originated about 1845 in the Finnish-Sámi population of Swedish and Finnish Lapland and was brought by Sámi and Finns to their ethnic peers in Norway. Only later, Laestadianism spread to the Swedish and Norwegian

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populations [2]. During the enforced Norwegian governmental assimilation programme from about 1850 to about 1980 [3], Sámi and Finns/Kvens (a national Finnish minority in North Norway) found acceptance of their native language and culture in the movement [4]. In Arctic Norway, Laestadianism is an acculturative phenomenon different from Laestadianism in other parts of the world and is still associated with Sámi ethnic minority affiliation [5].

Similar to other Indigenous peoples, the Sámi have poorer mental health than the majority population in their region, e.g. more prevalent suicidal behaviour [6– 9], anxiety, depression, posttraumatic stress, and exposure to emotional, physical, and sexual violence during childhood [10]. Despite these conditions and fairly equal access to mental health services [11], the Sámi are underrepresented among users of mental health services in Northern Norway, e.g. in treatment facilities

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for alcohol and substance abuse [12], and among Sámi adolescents with behavioural problems [13]. However, these studies are few and partly old, showing low generalisability. An analysis of the somatic healthcare expenditure showed no significant differences between the Sámi and non-Sámi municipalities in Norway [11]. Another study on the mental health services in the district of Finnmark found neither drop-out rates nor patients' perception of therapeutic alliance related to ethnicity [14]. However, in the large population-based 2003–2004 SAMINOR 1 Study, Sámi-speaking patients are less satisfied with their local general practitioner than Norwegian-speaking patients [15]. On the contrary, the use of traditional healing, often involving prayers or the laying on of hands [16], is more frequent among the Sámi than non-Sámi psychiatric in- and outpatients in Sámi-Norwegian areas [17,18]. Among Sámi psychiatric patients, users of traditional healing give greater importance to religion and spirituality in dealing with illness than non-users [18]. Moreover, the Sámi are more often Christians, religiously active, and affiliated with the Laestadian Revival Movement than non-Sámi in the region [5,19]. Among Sámi, mental diseases and their causes are sometimes perceived differently than in the majority population and believed to represent punishment from God or evil spirits sent by other persons [20]. In the Sámi areas, traditional healing plays a significant role in the local society and is a wellknown and accepted healthcare modality among local professional health workers [16]. This healing tradition is a religious or spiritual phenomenon. The religion of the Sámi was the animist Noaidevuohta until the completion of the Christian mission in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries [21]. Nevertheless, the present Sámi healing institution is an integrated part of the Christian cultural heritage, and many Laestadian leaders are respected healers [22,23].

Following contemporary scholars, we define religion or spirituality (R/S) as a multilevel-multidimensional concept encompassing culture, identity, relationship, and practice. Religion typically means the external and organised aspects of faith traditions, whereas spirituality usually connotes the internal and personal dimensions of belief, also outside organised religion [24].

Despite having poorer mental health, Indigenous peoples and other ethnic minorities are often underusers of mental health services [25–28] or have an increased risk of disengaging from treatment [29]. This phenomenon is often due to language and cultural barriers, the lack of culturally sensitive services, alternative aetiological conceptions of mental diseases, social stigma, and mistrust towards Western psychiatry [25,26,30]. R/S is often an essential factor of attitudes

towards mental health services among Indigenous peoples and other ethnic minorities [25,30-38]. Among American Indians, traditional healing is a significant and independent source of healthcare, particularly for mental health problems. The prevalence of its use in this population is much higher than the utilisation of complementary and alternative medicine in non-American Indian samples [25]. The use of traditional healing in these Indigenous contexts is associated with high spirituality and strong American Indian identity scores [25]. There is little research on other Indigenous peoples regarding R/S and mental healthservice use, but among another ethnic minority, African Americans, the Church is a strong social, psychological, and religious support system [31]. They are the most religiously active ethnic group in the US [32]. Their religious counselling services for mental health problems are an important substitute for and often preferred to professional mental health treatment in this population [31,32].

Although little is published about Indigenous populations on R/S and attitudes towards mental health services, the literature we reviewed finds two main rationales for the association between R/S and negative attitudes towards or the insufficient use of professional mental healthcare in other ethnic minorities and religious contexts. The first explanation is having religious or spiritual beliefs about the aetiology of mental diseases, as found in the studies on ethnically mixed samples of Muslim and Asian minorities in Western countries, being the most studied groups. Professional help-seeking often depends on a scientific perception of mental disorders [30,33,38]. The second reason is the belief in or use of R/S methods of handling mental health problems. For example, positive religious coping, finding spiritual meaning in the suffering, and the belief in the efficacy of R/S counselling for mental health problems are common among ethnic minorities and religious contexts like Filipino Americans [35], Latino Americans [36], and American rural veterans, respectively [39]. However, studies on the association between R/S and the use of and attitudes towards mental health services show differing results. In certain studies, the importance of R/S is associated with negative attitudes towards or insufficient use of mental health services, e.g. among American adolescents [40] and African Americans [32]. In other populations, the importance of R/S is related to the frequent use of professional mental health services, as in African immigrants in the US [41]. Other studies find no such correlations, e.g. the American rural veteran study [39], another African American study [42], and a survey of a small sample (N = 119) of Canadian Latter Day Saints [43]. Furthermore, church attendance is associated with the use of mental health services among Korean women but not in Korean men [44], the latter African American sample [42], nor in the small sample of Canadian Latter Day Saints [43].

This study examines the association between R/S and mental health-service satisfaction and utilisation in a Nordic and Arctic context. Due to certain underrepresentation of Sámi among users of mental health services in Northern Norway [12,13], along with the importance of R/S and traditional healing in this population, we aimed to examine the association between R/ S factors and mental health-service utilisation and satisfaction in Sámi-Norwegian areas.

# **Methods**

# Procedure and sample

This study used data from the second wave of the "Population-based Study on Health and Living Conditions in Regions with Sámi and Norwegian Populations – The SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey". Following the 2003–2004 SAMINOR 1 Survey, this study was conducted in 2012 by the Centre for Sámi Health Research, UIT – The Arctic University of Norway [45]. All residents aged 18–69 years in 25 municipalities and districts with mixed Sámi and Norwegian settlements in Central and Northern Norway received the invitation. The response rate was 27%, resulting in a sample of 11,600 participants (68.7% from Finnmark, 18.0% from

Troms, 7.8% from Nordland, and 5.5% from Trøndelag districts). To solve our research questions, we needed a study sample including only users and potential users of mental health services. Thus, we excluded respondents who reported no past-year mental health problems, substance use, addictive behaviours, or mental health-service utilisation or satisfaction score and did not answer questions regarding R/S. The present study subsample of The SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey comprised 2,364 participants (Figure 1), with 55.3% female and 28.6% Sámi.

# Instruments and variables

# Outcome variables: mental health-service utilisation and satisfaction

The questionnaire tapped the respondents' past-year use of mental health services: "During the past 12 months, have you been examined or treated for mental health problems at a psychiatric hospital, district psychiatric center, private specialist, or none?" The respondents could mark separately for the different categories. We summarised the positive answers and set a dichotomous past-year utilisation variable (yes vs. no). Users of mental health services, including previous years, could answer the question, "All in all, how satisfied are you with the care and treatment you received?" The respondents checked off on a Likert scale from 0 ("least satisfied") to 10 ("most satisfied"). We dichotomised the answers in a variable of mental health-service



Figure 1. Flow chart of inclusion.
satisfaction: "least satisfaction" (0-5) or "moderate to large satisfaction" (6-10).

#### Independent variables: religious/spiritual factors

We used the two measures of general R/S, which are appropriate to a religiously homogeneous population dominated by traditional Lutheranism [5,46,47].

The view of life and the importance of religious beliefs comprised four categories [19] "I am a believer/ confessing or personally Christian" ("religious"); "I believe there is a god, but religion is not so important in my everyday life" ("less devoted believer"); "Unsure"; "I do not believe there is any god" ("non-believer").

Religious attendance rate during the past 6 months at (a) a church, (b) congregation house, or (c) other religious building was reported separately as "more than 3 times a month", "1–3 times a month", "1–6 times", or "never". The total participation rate in all three building categories was pooled and dichotomised as "once or more often during the past 6 months" or "not during the past 6 months".

Due to the historical importance of Laestadianism as an R/S factor in the Sámi areas, information about the affiliation to a Laestadian congregation or Laestadian family background (a parent or grandparent having such affiliation) was available [5]. However, the number of Laestadians included in our sample (n = 76) was low. Significance test of Laestadian affiliation and Laestadian family background (n = 489) revealed no significant association between these factors and our outcome variables in the bivariate and multivariable analyses. Thus, we did not include these variables in the presented models.

## Control variables: past-year mental health problems and sociodemographic factors

To analyse mental health-service utilisation, we included only respondents revealing current mental health problems, substance use, or addictive behaviours. We defined mental health problems based on reports of at least one of the following difficulties: pastyear suicide attempt, suicide ideation, or (non-suicidal) self-injury; or *past-month* anxiety and depression symptoms measured by a score above the clinical cut-off level of 1.85 on the Hopkins Symptom Checklist-10 (HSCL-10). This checklist is a short instrument consisting of two subscales, anxiety (5 items) and depression (5 items), giving a total score (from 0 to 4) measuring overall psychological distress and predicting mental disorder [48]. To allow for other mental health problems not revealed or covered by our questions, the numbers include all persons receiving mental health services for the past 12 months (extending the sample by 179 individuals). We defined substance use and addictive behaviours by reports of at least one of the following difficulties: *past-year* use of hashish and other illegal drugs, periodic drinking pattern, drinking more than three times a week, or problematic gambling behaviour (need to gamble with increasing amounts of money, lying to intimates about gambling activities, or returning to gamble after losing money) or *past-month* alcohol intoxication more than twice.

We included the following control variables in our analyses: sex, age, educational level (1-9 years; 10-12 years; 13–15 years; >15 years), total household gross income (NOK <301,000; NOK 301,000-750,000; NOK > 750,000; indicating socioeconomic status), municipality, and ethnicity. We based our ethnic categories (subjective criteria [49] on the participants' report of their ethnic self-ascription and personal ethnic background (Norwegian, Sámi, Kven, and "other" [any combination was possible]). Our final ethnic categories were "Sámi" (Sámi self-ascription or background, including 16.2% biethnic Kvens) and "non-Sámi" (mainly ethnic Norwegians in addition to 4.1% Kvens) [49]. Sámispeaking patients may be less satisfied with health services [15]. However, significance tests of Sámi as the home language (n = 336) showed no significant association between home language and the outcome variables in our bivariate and multivariable analyses. Therefore, we did not include Sámi home language in the presented models.

#### Statistical analyses

Using Stata 17 and a 5% significance level, we applied chi-squared tests to estimate the unadjusted total effect of the different R/S categories on mental health-service utilisation and satisfaction. Mixedeffect logistic regression models were used to measure the direct impact of R/S on service utilisation and satisfaction when adjusted for sociodemographic factors. For the regression models, the outcome variables were mental health-service utilisation and satisfaction, respectively. The model included the following low-level fixed variables: Religious attendance, religious importance, sex, age, ethnicity, educational level, and household income level. Municipality was added to the models as a highlevel random group variable, including the effect of assumed, unmeasured local differences. We also made corresponding fixed-effect logistic regression analyses excluding municipality from the models. As these models did not change the main findings, we do not present these results. Finally, we tested for

interaction effects on mental health-service utilisation and satisfaction between the sociodemographic and R/S factors by including each R/S-sociodemographic factor interaction term in turn in the logistic regression models.

#### **Ethical considerations**

The Norwegian Regional Committees for Medical and Health Research Ethics approved this study (reference code 2006/1766/REK nord). The study is based on participant consent and follows the Declaration of Helsinki. The project adheres to the Ethical Guidelines for Sámi Health Research, adopted by the Sámi Parliament in 2019.

#### Results

#### Sample description

The overall sample prevalence of past-year mental healthservice utilisation among persons reporting mental health problems, substance use, or addictive behaviours was 21.8% (n = 488), being almost twice as high in females (27.4%) than males (14.7%) and higher in the youngest age group (18–39 years: 25.1%) than in the oldest (55–69 years: 15.8%, Table 1). Of the total sample, 79.2% reported large to moderate satisfaction with mental health services, with significantly more females (82.2%) than males (73.7%) reporting satisfaction. Mental health-service utilisation and satisfaction did not differ significantly between Sámi and non-Sámi. Anxiety and depression symptoms (reported by 50% of the total sample), problematic drinking behaviour

 Table 1. Sample description and bivariate analyses of mental health-service utilisation and satisfaction – subsample of The

 SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey.

	San desc	nple tription	Past-year mental health-service utilization among persons with mental health problems <sup>a</sup> or substance use/addictive behaviors <sup>b</sup>				Lifetime mental health- service satisfaction <sup>c</sup>			
	n	%	n	%	X <sup>2</sup>	n	%	X <sup>2</sup>		
Total sample	2,364	100,0	488	21.8	-	521	79.2	_		
Religious/spiritual indicators										
Religious attendance rated										
Not during the past 6 months	831	35.5	181	22.4	0.6	173	74.9	3.5		
Once or more often during the past 6 months	1,509	64.5	297	21.0		340	81.2			
Religious importance and view of life										
I do not believe there is any god	511	21.8	92	18.5	25.9***	96	77.4	1.0		
Unsure	449	19.2	98	23.1		98	77.8			
I believe there is a god, but religion is not so important	995	42.5	183	19.4		205	79.8			
Religious (I am a believer/confessing Christian)	386	16.5	112	31.4		117	81.8			
Sociodemographic factors										
Sex										
Male	1,058	44.8	148	14.7	52.4***	171	73.7	6.5*		
Female	1,306	55.3	340	27.4		350	82.2			
Age										
18–39 years	879	37.2	213	25.1	19.6***	207	78.4	1.4		
40–54 years	808	34.2	175	23.0		182	77.8			
55–69 years	677	28.6	100	15.8		132	82.5			
Ethnicitye										
Non-Śámi	1,678	71.4	342	21.5	0.2	362	78.5	0.7		
Sámi	672	28.6	143	22.4		157	81.4			
Educational level (years)										
1° or lower 2° school (1–9)	376	16.1	70	19.2	5.3	71	75.5	7.0		
Upper 2° school (10–12)	621	26.6	119	20.6		136	76.0			
College or university (13–15)	657	28.1	132	20.9		131	77.1			
University (>15)	682	29.2	159	24.7		174	85.3			
Total household income (gross income)										
Low (NOK <301,000 NOK)	555	24.2	144	27.6	22.3***	140	70.7	13.6**		
Intermediate (NOK 301,000–750,000)	1,163	50.7	239	21.8		262	81.1			
High (NOK >750,000)	574	25.0	88	15.8		101	87.1			

Notes: n=number of observations. Bold values are cells with adjusted residuals of p-value  $\leq 0.05$ .

<sup>a</sup>Past year suicide attempts or ideation or self-injury; or past month anxiety and depression symptoms. To allow for other mental health problems not covered by our questions, the numbers include all persons receiving mental health services past 12 months.

<sup>b</sup>Past year use of hashish or illegal drugs, periodic drinking pattern, problematic gambling behaviour, or drinking 4 times or more per week; or past month alcohol intoxication 3 times or more.

<sup>c</sup>Large to moderate vs. least satisfaction. Rating includes lifetime use of mental services.

<sup>d</sup>At a church, congregation house, or religious building.

<sup>e</sup>Ethnic self-ascription. The non-Sámi group comprises mostly ethnic Norwegians and 4.1% Kvens. The Sámi group includes 16.2% biethnic Kvens.  $p \leq 0.05$ .

\*\*\**p* < 0.01.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>p<0.001.

	Ethnicity					Religious attendance				Religious importance and view of life									
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Mental health problems, substance use, and addictive behaviors	n	%	n	%	χ²	n	%	n	%	χ²	n	%	п	%	n	%	п	%	χ²
Anxiety and depression symptoms <sup>a</sup>	826	49.2	357	53.1	2.9	420	50.5	753	49.9	0.1	235	46.0	221	49.2	513	51.6	206	53.4	6.1
Problematic drinking behavior <sup>b</sup>	621	37.0	221	32.9	3.5	336	40.4	507	33.6	10.9***	223	43.6	172	38.3	349	35.1	94	24.4	37.1***
Suicidal behavior or self-injury <sup>c</sup>	229	13.7	96	14.3	0.2	144	17.3	176	11.7	14.6***	89	17.4	63	14.0	117	11.8	56	14.5	9.2*
Problematic gambling behavior <sup>d</sup>	92	5.5	51	7.6	3.7	53	6.4	87	5.8	0.4	36	7.1	22	4.9	57	5.7	26	6.7	2.4
Drug use <sup>e</sup>	96	5.7	42	6.3	0.2	72	8.7	66	4.4	17.8***	65	12.7	23	5.1	36	3.6	12	3.1	58.9***

**Table 2.** Sample description by types of mental health problems, substance use, and addictive behaviours (n = 2,364) – subsample of The SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey.

Note: n=number of observations. Bold values are cells with adjusted residuals of p-value  $\leq 0.05$ . Multiple mental health problems are possible; thus, the table adds up to more than 100%.

<sup>a</sup>Hopkins Symptom Checklist–10 score above cut-off level (1.85) past 4 weeks (vs. below cut-off or missing answer), predicting mental disorder. <sup>b</sup>Past-year periodic drinking pattern or drinking 4 times or more per week; or past month alcohol intoxication 3 times or more (vs. non-problematic drinking behaviour or missing answer).

Past-year suicide attempts or ideation, or self-injury (vs. no past-year reports or missing answer.).

<sup>d</sup>*Past-year* need to gamble with increasing amounts of money, lying to intimates about gambling activities, or returning to gamble after losing money (vs. non-problematic gambling behaviour or missing answer).

<sup>e</sup>Past-year use of hashish or illegal drugs (vs. no past-year reports or missing answer).

*\*p* ≤0.05.

*p* < 0.01.

*p<*0.001.

(prevalence 36%), and suicidal behaviour or self-injury (prevalence 14%) were the most frequent mental health problems in the sample, independent of the R/S category (Table 2). Compared with religious attendees and believers, we found more suicidal behaviour or self-injury, problematic drinking behaviour, and substance use among the non-attendees and non-believers. No significant differences were noted in the prevalence of anxiety and depressive symptoms or problematic gambling behaviour between the R/S categories. Furthermore, we found no significant ethnic differences in the distribution of mental health problems, substance use, or addictive behaviours (Table 2).

#### Bivariate analyses and logistic regression models for past-year mental health-service utilisation and satisfaction in multivariable-adjusted models: religious/spiritual findings

In the bivariate tests, mental health-service utilisation was most frequent among the religiously self-ascribed respondents and least frequent among non-believers (Table 1). However, after a post hoc stratification on religious attendance, this difference was insignificant in the nonattending group (not tabulated). Also, religious selfascription was only significantly associated with service use in the oldest age groups (not tabulated). Religious self-ascription remained significantly associated with more frequent use of mental health services in the adjusted model, compared with all other categories. However, following our bivariate findings, we found an interaction effect on service use between religious selfascription and age (OR = 1.03 per year, 95% Cl 1.00-1.05, not tabulated). Adding this interaction term in the model completely removed the association between religious self-ascription and the use of mental health services. Also, a post hoc Bonferroni test of the oldest age group revealed that the mean HSCL-10 score, i.e. the level of mental distress, among the religiously self-ascribed (1.92) was significantly higher than among the non-believers (1.58, *p* < 0.001), unsure (1.58, *p* < 0.001), and the not-sodevoted believers (1.92, p = 0.016, F = 8.44, not tabulated). There were no significant differences in HSCL-10 scores across religious importance and view of life in the other age groups.

Table 3. Odds ratios for mental health-service utilisation and satisfaction in multivariable-adjusted models – subsample of The SAMINOR 2 Questionnaire Survey.

	Past-year mental health-service utilization among persons with mental health problems <sup>a</sup> or substance use/addictive behaviors <sup>b</sup> (n=2,213)	Lifetime mental health-service satisfaction <sup>c</sup> (n=614)
	OR (95% CI)	OR (95% CI)
Religious/spiritual indicators		
Religious attendance rate <sup>d</sup>		
Not during the past 6 months	1.00	1.00
Once or more often during the past 6 months	<b>0.77</b> (0.60–0.97)*	1.38(0.87–2.19)
Religious importance and view of life		
I do not believe there is any god	1.00	1.00
Unsure	1.34(0.96–1.89)	0.83(0.44-1.59)
I believe there is a god, but religion is not so important	1.05(0.77–1.44)	1.01(0.55–1.86)
Religious (I am a believer/ confessing Christian)	<b>1.97</b> (1.38–2.83)****	1.04(0.51–2.14)
Sociodemographic factors		
Sex		
Male	1.00	1.00
Female	<b>1.99</b> (1.58–2.51)***	1.58(1.03-2.41)*
Age (year)	<b>0.99</b> (0.98–0.99)**	1.00(0.99-1.02)
Ethnicity <sup>e</sup>		
Non-Sámi	1.00	1.00
Sámi	0.93(0.72–1.21)	1.14(0.70–1.85)
Educational level (years)		
1° or lower 2° school (1–9)	1.00	1.00
Upper 2° school (10–12)	1.03(0.72–1.47)	0.90(0.47-1.72)
College or university (13–15)	1.10(0.77–1.59)	0.96(0.49–1.89)
University (>15)	<b>1.47</b> (1.03–2.10)*	1.37(0.68–2.76)
Total household income (gross income)		
Low (NOK <301,000)	1.00	1.00
Middle (NOK 301,000–750,000)	<b>0.70</b> (0.54–0.91)**	1.64(1.04-2.58)*
High (NOK >750,000)	<b>0.51</b> (0.37–0.70)***	<b>2.47</b> (1.25–4.87)**

Notes: Mixed-effect logistic regression-models including municipality as a random effect (not shown in the table) and age (year) as a continuous variable. n=number of observations. OR=odds ratio (95% confidence interval). Bold values are ORs significant at 0.05 level.

<sup>a</sup>Past year suicide attempts or ideation or self-injury; or past month anxiety and depression symptoms. To allow for other mental health problems not covered by our questions, the numbers include all persons receiving mental health services past 12 months.

<sup>b</sup>Past year use of hashish or illegal drugs, periodic drinking pattern, problematic gambling behaviour, or drinking 4 times or more per week; or past month alcohol intoxication 3 times or more.

<sup>c</sup>Large to moderate vs. least satisfaction. Rating includes all previous use of mental services.

<sup>d</sup>At a church, congregation house, or religious building.

<sup>e</sup>Ethnic self-ascription. The non-Sámi group comprises mostly ethnic Norwegians and 4.1% Kvens. The Sámi group includes 16.2% biethnic Kvens.  $p \leq 0.05$ .

*p* < 0.01.

\*\*\*\**p<*0.001.

In the adjusted models, religious attendance was associated with less frequent use of mental health services, compared with no attendance (OR = 0.77 [95% CI 0.60– 0.97], Table 3). However, a post hoc Bonferroni test revealed that the mean HSCL–10 score among the religious attendees (1.83) was lower than among the non-attendees (1.90, p = 0.017, F = 5.66, not tabulated).

Our R/S factors were not significantly related to lifetime mental health-service satisfaction. Furthermore, we found no significant ethnic or gender differences in the association between the R/S factors and mental health-service utilisation and satisfaction or other R/S–sociodemographic factor interaction effects.

#### Logistic regression models for past-year mental health-service utilisation and satisfaction in multivariable-adjusted models: sociodemographic findings

In the adjusted model, female gender (OR = 1.99 [95% Cl 1.58–2.51]) and younger age (OR = 0.99 [95% Cl 0.98–0.99] per year) were significantly associated with frequent use of mental health services (Table 3). University-level education significantly predicted mental health-service utilisation (OR = 1.47 [95% Cl 1.03–2.10], compared with the primary education level). High and middle household income levels were associated with less frequent use of mental health services

(OR = 0.70 [95% CI 0.54-0.91] and 0.51 [95% CI 0.37-0.70], respectively) compared with the low-income level.

Female gender (OR = 1.58 [95% CI 1.03–2.41]) and household income were significantly associated with life-time mental health-service satisfaction. The odds ratios in the high- and middle-income groups were 1.64 (95% CI 1.04–2.58) and 2.47 (95% CI 1.25–4.87), respectively, compared with the low-income group.

We found no significant interaction effects between the sociodemographic factors.

#### Discussion

This study examined the importance of R/S factors for mental health-service utilisation and satisfaction among adult individuals reporting past-year mental health problems, substance use, or addictive behaviours in Sámi-Norwegian areas. We used quantitative data from the SAMINOR 2 Study and mixed-effect logistic regression models controlling for R/S and sociodemographic factors. Religious attendance was associated with infrequent use of mental health services in the past year across gender and ethnic categories, a finding possibly related to the lower level of psychological distress among religious attendees. We found an overall positive effect of religious self-ascription on mental healthservice utilisation. However, a positive interaction effect on service use between religious self-ascription and age explained this correlation. This finding may be partly related to the higher level of mental distress among the religiously self-ascribed in the oldest age group. Additionally, religious attendance and belief were associated with less frequent past-year suicidal behaviour or self-injury, problematic drinking behaviour, and illicit substance use. We found no significant total or direct effect of R/S on lifetime mental health-service satisfaction. High socioeconomic status was related to less frequent service use, but greater service satisfaction. Finally, we found no ethnic differences in mental health-service utilisation or satisfaction.

## Association between religious/spiritual factors and past-year mental health-service utilisation

In the adjusted model, we found a negative association between religious attendance and mental healthservice utilisation across ethnic categories. This result may be partly due to lower need for mental health services because of the lower level of psychological distress among religious attendees, including less alcohol and illicit substance use, and suicidal behaviour [50]. These findings were partly published previously [5,47]. Also, the negative association may be related to the use

of R/S methods of handling mental health problems, e.g. through traditional healing [18], a coping strategy integrated into the Sámi and the Northern Norwegian culture [16], and other positive religious coping [35]. However, we have no information on the use of these methods in our sample. A religious fellowship may represent a social and psychological support system buffering mental distress [5,47] and influencing professional mental healthcare use in this sample, similar to the effect of the Church among African Americans [31]. In Sámi-Norwegian areas, religious family networks actively contribute to the patient's healing process [51]. Lukachko et al. [42], studying a sample of 3,570 African American adults, found that religious attendance had a marginal inverse relationship with the use of mental health services, but not among subjects having a past-year presence of any diagnosable anxiety, mood, or substance disorder. Their findings suggest that religious African Americans have fewer mental health problems and less need for mental healthcare. Harris and colleagues [52] conducted a longitudinal study on a large national American sample comprising 64,450 individuals reporting emotional distress. They found that religious attendance was not related to outpatient mental healthcare use among persons experiencing moderate distress. However, among individuals in serious distress, religious attendance was positively associated with service utilisation, and a greater attendance rate predicted more service use. The religious support network likely encourages the use of professional mental healthcare for the severe mentally ill. Our sample is small, and is not stratified on the degree of mental distress. While our data lack direct information on general attitudes towards mental health services that could explain the decreased service use among religious attendees, our analyses did not reveal any significant relationship (positive or negative) between religious attendance and mental health-service satisfaction.

We found a positive interaction effect on mental health-service utilisation between religious selfascription and age, resulting in higher service use among the religiously self-ascribed in the oldest age groups that was not observed in non-attendees. This observation may be partly related to the higher level of mental distress among the religiously self-ascribed in the oldest age group. Kiærbech et al. [5], also studying the cross-sectional SAMINOR 2 data, found that religious belief was associated with lifetime exposure to violence, but did not specify the origins and types of violence, and could not explain how the violence exposure was related to the believers. The same study also found religious belief to be associated with both Sámi self-ascription and Sámi family background without Sámi self-ascription. We did not adjust for the latter category in our models. Although most studies finding poorer mental health among Sámi do not differentiate between these Sámi categories [6–10], we would expect both groups to be at risk for violence exposure and poorer mental health, especially in the age group that grew up during Norwegianization (until about 1980) [3].

In their large, longitudinal study, Harris and colleagues [52] also found R/S importance associated with outpatient mental healthcare use among individuals experiencing serious distress, but not in persons with moderate distress. Furthermore, past-year increased R/S importance predicted more service use among persons with serious distress, but not among those with moderate distress. As their models did not simultaneously adjust for religious attendance and R/S importance, the findings could relate to the religious support network's function in encouraging the use of professional mental healthcare for the most mentally ill. In another study of 13,038 American adolescents by Xie et al. [40], which did not differentiate between persons with severe and moderate distress, R/S importance was associated with less service use. In addition, a high level of subjective religiosity was associated with less positive attitudes towards mental health treatment in a small sample of African American church attendees [32]. For religious individuals with moderate psychological problems, a church leader might be more available for consultation than a mental health professional [41] and easier to talk to than to a non-believing psychologist [31]. Our analyses did not reveal any significant relationship between R/S importance and view of life and mental health-service satisfaction. However, we must note that the sample is small.

R/S is a complex phenomenon with multidimensional and multi-stratificational characteristics having disparate roles and impacts in different populations and R/S groups [29]. Consequently, the social and psychological aspects of R/S may have disparate functions in the individual's life [53,54]. Additionally, the role of religious attendance in two persons' lives may differ, even if they attend religious services equally frequently [55]. Changes in non-R/S factors impacting religious attendance (e.g. health conditions, job, family, and relationships with other members) may lead to compensating engagement in noninstitutional forms of R/S [56]. Our crosssectional study does not account for these factors. However, it is reasonable to believe that older age groups have poorer physical health, possibly impacting participation in R/S social activities and leading to a compensating use of mental health services in age groups already underrepresented as service users.

## Association between sociodemographic factors and past-year mental health-service utilisation and satisfaction

The effects of gender, age, and socioeconomic status on the use of mental health services are well known from several international studies [57]. High income is associated with a low risk of mental health problems [58]. However, in our sample, high household income (indicating high socioeconomic status) was connected to high satisfaction with mental health service, though these groups had the lowest use of such services. Furthermore, university-level education, which is still related to high income, was associated with more frequent use of mental health services and a nonsignificant tendency towards high service satisfaction. These findings may indicate that people of low socioeconomic status have the lowest confidence in (and may have the worst experiences with) such services. This group had the highest need for mental health services. In contrast, high-income patients may be better at communicating their problems and claiming their rights as patients or may be taken more seriously by mental health professionals.

In line with studies of other ethnic and Indigenous minorities [25,26,30], we expected Sámi ethnicity to affect mental health-service utilisation and satisfaction in our sample. However, our bivariate and adjusted models revealed neither a total nor a direct impact of ethnicity. This result follows the study of mental health services in Finnmark, which found no relationship between ethnicity and dropout rates or patients' perception of therapeutic alliance [14]. Sámi-speaking patients were less satisfied with municipal health services than Norwegian-speaking patients in the 2003-2004 SAMINOR 1 Study [15]. We found no ethnic differences regarding mental health-services utilisation or satisfaction in our sample from the SAMINOR 2 Study and no significant effect of Sámi language use. Although the Sámi have poorer mental health, the findings suggest that they are well integrated into Norwegian society and have access to mental healthcare comparable to the majority population [11]. Socioeconomic equality and the heightened Sámi cultural competence in mental health services in recent years, including improvements in government awareness of ethnic inequalities, may have contributed to this situation [14]. The establishment of the Sámi Norwegian National Advisory Unit on Mental Health and Substance Use (SANKS) in 2002 is part of this development. SANKS is a psychiatric health service that provides culturally sensitive mental assessment and treatment for Sámi inhabitants in Norway.

Finally, highly educated people, who are typically atheists [5], are not equally distributed in the area, and we would observed clusters of religious individuals. Many districts are also located far from professional mental health services. However, our multilevel model, which included municipality as a random effect, accounted for these geographical differences.

#### **Strengths and limitations**

The low response rate (27%) may have caused selection bias, raising the question of the external validity and generalisability of the study [45]. Nevertheless, SAMINOR 2 is the most extensive population-based study of mixed Sámi-Norwegian areas. This study adds essential knowledge to the limited research field of R/S and mental health-service utilisation and satisfaction, particularly in the Arctic region. However, the questions included in the study do not address specific psychiatric diagnoses and provide only proxy measures of disorders related to mental health, substance use, and addictive behaviours. Furthermore, a crosssectional study design is unsuited to determining causal relationships. Persons dissuaded from using professional mental health services may not admit this preference on the questionnaire, thus representing a possible response bias. The focus on Lutheranism and Pietism, especially their organisational dimensions, overlooks the assessment of less organised R/S, the use of traditional healing, and non-Christian R/S, e.g. so-called Sámi shamanism. However, the latter is a 21st century modern phenomenon of predominantly urban contexts of southern Norway [59]. Finally, R/S is a complex multilevel-multidimensional phenomenon with disparate impacts and roles in different populations and R/S groups [29]. Thus, our findings may not be generalisable to other contexts.

#### Implications for practice and further research

To religious attendees and members of an R/S fellowship in Sámi-Norwegian areas, R/S coping methods and social networks may represent preventive and therapeutic resources for mental distress. Decision makers and mental health professionals may consider this knowledge to improve mental healthcare services for this group. However, further research is needed, and we recommend larger samples that include more Laestadians and Sámi language users. Future studies should also address the use of traditional healing and social networks, general attitudes towards mental health services, Sámi family background, and the level of mental distress. In addition, qualitative methods could provide more insight into the issues and guide the planning of new quantitative studies.

#### Conclusion

In our sample, religious attendance is associated with infrequent use of mental health services across genders and ethnic categories, possibly due to religious attendees experiencing fewer mental health problems. This indicate that the R/S fellowship may buffer mental distress and represent a psychologically supportive alternative to professional services. R/S was not related to mental health-service satisfaction. Higher mental health-service utilisation among the religiously selfascribed in the oldest age groups may be due to their higher level of mental distress related to factors not adjusted for in our models.

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### Appendices

Questionnaire—Norwegian

# Helse- og levekårsundersøkelse



1. Jeg samtykker i å delta i undersøkelsen i henhold til informasjon gitt i informasjonsskrivet	🗌	Ja
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#### Egen helse

2. Hvordan er helsen din nå? (Sett bare ett kryss)	
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Angina pectoris (hjertekrampe)	
Hjerteinfarkt	
Psykiske plager som du har søkt hjelp for.	
Kronisk bronkitt, emfysem, KOLS	Pei
Astma	
Eksem	
Psoriasis	
Multippel sklerose (MS)	Va
Bechterews sykdom	
4. Har du i løpet av <u>det siste året</u> vært plaget	
med smerter og/eller stivhet i muskler og ' ledd som har vart i minst 3 måneder	
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Korsryggen	
Hofter, ben, føtter	
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Underliv	

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Andre steder.....

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#### 5. Hvor ofte har du i løpet av de siste 4 uker brukt følgende medisiner? (sett ett kryss pr linje)

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Sovemedisin				
Beroligende medisin				
Medisin mot depresjon				

#### Hvilke utsagn passer best på din helsetilstand i dag?

#### inge

- Jeg har ingen problemer med å gå omkring
- Jeg har litt problemer med å gå omkring
- Jeg er sengeliggende

#### rsonlig stell

Jeg har ingen	problemer	med p	personlig stell	

- Jeg har litt problemer med å vaske meg eller kle meg
- Jeg er ute av stand til å vaske meg

#### nlige gjøremål (f.eks. arbeid, studier, husarbeid, familie- eller fritidsaktiviteter)

- Jeg har ingen problemer med å utføre mine vanlige gjøremål
- Jeg har litt problemer med å utføre mine vanlige gjøremål
- Jeg er ute av stand til å utføre mine vanlige gjøremål

#### erte og ubehag

- Jeg har verken smerte eller ubehag
- Jeg har moderat smerte eller ubehag
- Jeg har sterk smerte eller ubehag

#### gst og depresjon

- Jeg er verken engstelig eller deprimert
- Jeg er noe engstelig eller deprimert

Jeg er svært engstelig eller deprimert		+	-
7. Hvor mye veier du? (i hele kg)			

8. Hvor høy er du? (i hele cm).....

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9. Vi ber deg angi din fysiske aktivitet etter en skala fra svært lite til svært mye. Skalaen nedenfor går fra 1–10. Med fysisk aktivitet mener vi både arbeid i hjemmet og i yrkeslivet, samt trening og annen fysisk aktivitet som turgåing o.l. Sett kryss i ruten som best angir ditt nivå av fysisk aktivitet. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Svært lite Svært mye + Familie og språkbakgrunn	15. Hvor mange personer bor det i din husstand? Antall personer.
I Nord-Norge bor det folk med ulik etnisk bakgrunn. Det vil si at de snakker ulike språk og har forskjellige kulturer. Eksempler på etnisk bakgrunn, eller etnisk gruppe er norsk, samisk og kvensk. <b>10. Hvilket hjemmespråk har/hadde du, dine foreldre og</b> <b>besteforeldre?</b> (Sett ett eller flere kryss) Norsk Samisk Kvensk Annet, beskriv: Morfar	18. Hva har vært dine viktigste inntektskilder siste året?         (Sett ett eller flere kryss)         Lønnsarbeid:         Heltid         Heltid         Selvstendig næring:         Heltid         Deltid         Sesong
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(Sett ett eller flere kryss) Norsk Samisk Kvensk Annet, beskriv: Min etniske bakgrunn er Min fars etniske bakgrunn er Min mors etniske bakgrunn er  12. Hva regner du deg selv som? (Sett ett eller flere kryss) Norsk Samisk Kvensk Annet, beskriv:	<ul> <li>Støhad til ilvsopphold (söslal støhad)</li> <li>Støtte fra ektefelle/foreldre/søsken/barn</li> <li>Lån/studielån og stipend</li> <li>Annet (Oppsparte midler/arv/gevinst osv)</li> <li>19. Mener du at du står i fare for å miste ditt nåværende arbeid eller inntekt de nærmeste 2 årene?</li> </ul>
13. Hvordan vil du vurdere dine ferdigheter til å forstå, snakke, lese eller skrive samisk?         Svært bra       Nokså bra       Med anstrengelse       Noen få ord Ikke i det hele tatt         Forstå       Image: State in the image: State in th	20. Kunne du tenke deg å flytte fra din nåværende bosteds- kommune dersom du fikk tilbud om arbeid et annet sted?         Ja       Kun deler av året       Nei       Vet ikke         21. Dersom du er i lønnet arbeid hvordan trives du i din nåværende jobb/næring?       Svært godt       Godt       Dårlig       Veldig dårlig
Arbeid, trygd og økonomi         14. Hvor stor er familiens/husstandens bruttoinntekt per år?         Under kr 150 000 kr.       Kr 150 000–300 000         Kr 301 000–450 000       Kr 451 000–600 000         Kr 601 000–750 000       Kr 751 000–900 000	22. På bakgrunn av egen helse og erfaringene fra arbeidslivet, hvor sannsynlig tror du det er at du fortsetter i lønnet arbeid/ næring fram til:         Svært       Mindre       Svært lite sannsynlig         62 års alder       Image: Stansen sender       Image: Stansen sender         70 års alder       Image: Stansen sender       Image: Stansen sender
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23. Dersom du er selvstendig næringsdrivende, hvilke type næring jobber du i? (Sett ett eller flere kryss)

Reindrift	I	Fiske
Jordbruk	+-	Skogbruk
Forretningsdrift		Annet

#### Psykisk helse

24. Under finner du en liste over ulike problemer. Har du opplevd noe av dette <u>de siste 4 ukene</u>? (Sett ett kryss for hver plage)

	lkke plaget	Litt plaget	Ganske mye	Veldig mye
Plutselig frykt uten grunn				
Følt deg redd eller engstelig				
Matthet eller svimmelhet				
Følt deg anspent eller oppjaget				
Lett for å klandre deg selv				
Søvnproblemer				
Nedtrykt, tungsindig				
Følelse av å være unyttig, lite verd				
Følelse av at alt er et slit				
Følelse av håpløshet mht. framtida				

25. Spørsmålene handler om hvordan du har følt deg og hvordan du har hatt det <u>den siste uken</u>. For hvert spørsmål, velg det svaralternativet som best beskriver hvordan du har hatt det. Hvor ofte i løpet av <u>den siste uken</u> har du: (Vennligst kryss av i boksen som er nærmest det utsagnet som best beskriver deg.)

Følt meg glad og i godt										
Følt meg rolig og avslappet										
Følt meg aktiv og sterk										
Følt meg opplagt og uthvilt										
Følt at mitt daglige liv har vært fylt av ting som interesserer meg										
26. Har du i løpet av <u>de siste 12 månedene</u> opplevd at ubehagelige minner har trengt seg på og forstyrret deg uten at du har kunnet gjøre noe med det?										
🗌 Nei 🗌 Ja, men sjelden 🗌 Av og til 🗌 Ofte										
27. Har du i løpet av <u>de siste 12 månedene</u> bevisst unngått situasjoner for å slippe ubehagelige minner eller følelser, på en slik måte at det har hindret deg i å gjøre det du vil?										

28. Har du i løpet av <u>de siste 12 måneder</u> ikke vært i stand til å reagere følelsesmessig i situasjoner der de fleste andre reagerer?

Nei Ja, men sjelden Av og til

- Ofte
- 29. Angi hvor godt følgende påstander beskriver deg og familien din Stemmer Stemmer

	dårlig		helt
Jeg stoler fullt ut på mine vurderinger og avgjørelser			
Jeg trives best sammen med andre			
Jeg trives svært godt i familien min			
Troen på meg selv får meg gjennom vanskelige perioder			
Jeg knytter lett nye vennskap			
Det er godt samhold i familien min			
l motgang klarer jeg å finne noe bra å vokse på			
Jeg er flink til å få kontakt med nye folk			
Familien min ser positivt på fremtiden selv i vanskelige perioder			
Jeg klarer å akseptere hendelser i livet som er umulig å forandre			
Jeg synes det er enkelt å finne på noe bra å snakke om	• . 🗌		
l familien vår er vi lojal mot hverandre			

#### Tobakk og rusmidler

30. Røyker du, eller har du tidligere røykt?
☐ Ja, daglig ☐ Ja, tidligere ☐ Ja, av og til ☐ Nei, aldri
Hvor mange sigaretter røyker du vanligvis daglig?
Alder i år Hvor gammel var du da du begynte å røyke daglig?
31. Bruker du, eller har du tidligere brukt snus?      Ja, daglig      Ja, tidligere          Ja, av og til
Til deg som snuser daglig: Hvor mange porsjoner bruker du hver dag?
Til deg som snuser av og til: Hvor mange porsjoner bruker du vanligvis pr uke?
Alder i år Hvis ja, hvor gammel var du da du begynte å snuse daglig?

32. Omtrent hvor ofte har du i løpet av det <u>siste året</u> drukket alkohol? (Lettal og alkoholfritt al regnes ikke med)	38. Hvor ofte har du i løpet av de siste 6 måneder vært på/i:
Aldri drukket alkohol	Mer enn $1-3$ $1-6$
Har ikke drukket alkohol siste året	3g/mna g/mna g/siste 6 mna Alari
Noen få ganger siste året	Kirke
Omtrent en gang i måneden	Forsamlings-/menighetshus
2–3 ganger pr måned	Humanetisk tilstelning
$\Box  Ca  1 \text{ gang i } \mu \text{ hand}$	Annen religiøs bygning
$\sim$ 2-3 ganger i uka	+
-7  ganger i uka	Colvernlevel diskriminering
	Servoppleva alskriminering
33. Har du drukket alkohol i løpet av de <u>siste 4 uker</u> ? Ja	Diskriminering forekommer når en person eller gruppe av mennesker blir behandlet mindre fordelaktig enn andre på bakgrunn av f.eks. etnisk opprinnelse, religion, tro, funksionshemping, alder eller seksuell legning
Hvis ja, har du drukket så mye at du har kjent deg <u>sterkt</u> <u>beruset (full)</u> ?	funksjonsheiming, alder eller seksden legning.
🗌 Nei 🗌 Ja, 1–2 ganger 🗌 Ja, 3 ganger eller mer	39. Har du opplevd å bli diskriminert?
	🗌 Ja, de to siste årene 🗌 Ja, før 🗌 Nei 🗌 Vet ikke
<b>34. Vil du karakterisere ditt alkoholbruk eller drikkemønster</b> <b>som periodisk</b> (drikker <u>ofte</u> og <u>mye</u> i perioder, for så å ha <u>lengre perioder</u> uten alkoholinntak)? (sett ett eller flere kryss)	Dersom du svarte ja, på forrige spørsmål, besvar spørsmål 40–47. Hvis du har svart nei, går du videre til spørsmål 48.
🗌 Ja, siste 12 måneder 🗌 Ja, tidligere 🗌 Nei	
	40. Dersom du har vært utsatt for diskriminering, hvor ofte skiedde det?
<b>35. Har du noen gang brukt narkotika?</b> (sett ett eller flere kryss) Ja, siste året Ja, tidligere Nei	Svært ofte 🗌 Noen ganger 🗌 En sjelden gang
Hasj/marihuana (cannabis)	
Andre narkotiske stoffer for eksempel LSD, amfetamin, ecstasy, kokain, heroin, GHB, o.l.	41. Hvorfor tror du at du ble diskriminert? Skyldes diskrimineringen: (Sett ett eller flere kryss)
	Funksjonshemning     Seksuell legning
	Lærevansker Lørevansker
Religion og livssyn	Religion eller tro     Nasjonalitet
36. Er du, dine foreldre eller dine besteforeldre knyttet til	🗌 Etnisk bakgrunn 📃 Geografisk tilhørighet
noen av de følgende livssynssamfunn: (sett ett eller flere kryss)	🗌 Alder 🔄 Sykdom
Meg Beste-	🗋 Andre årsaker, spesifiser: 🔲 Vet ikke
Statelyinka	
Annen religiøs forsamling/fellesskan	<b>42. Kan du angi hvor diskrimineringen foregikk?</b> (Sett ett eller flere kryss)
	På Internett
nviiket:	I skolen/utdanning
Ikke-religiøst livssynssamfunn	I arbeidslivet
hvilket	I forbindelse med jobbsøkning
	I frivillig arbeid/organisasjoner
Ikke medlem av noe livssynssamfunn 🗌 🗌 🔲 🗌	I møtet med det offentlige
	L   familie/slekt
37. Hvordan stiller du deg til religion?	🔲 Da du skulle leie/kjøpe bolig
Jeg er troende/bekjennende kristen (personlig kristen)	🔲 Da du skulle skaffe banklån
Jeg tror det finnes en Gud, men religion betyr ikke så mye	📙 🛛 I forbindelse med å få medisinsk behandling
for meg i det daglige	På butikken eller ved restaurantbesøk
Usikker +	🗌 I lokalsamfunnet
└┘ Jeg tror ikke det finnes noen Gud	Annet sted, spesifiser:

43. Kan du angi hvem som diskriminerte deg?	50. Er du blitt utsatt for seksuelle overgrep? (Sett ett eller flere kryss)
Offentlig ansatt	Nei, aldri Ja, som barn (under 18 år)
	Ja, som voksen (18 år eller over) Ja, de siste 12 mnd
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En eller flere fra samme etniske gruppe som deg selv	Hvis ja, av hvem?
En eller flere fra annen etnisk gruppe som deg selv.	Fremmed person Samlivspartner
Medelever/studenter	Familie, slektning Andre kjente
	51. Hvis du har vært utsatt for noen form for overgrep, har du
	Nei Noen i familien Venner Fagfolk
<b>44. Gjorde du noe aktivt for å få slutt på</b> diskrimineringen? Ja	Tannhelse
45. Har du noen gang tatt kontakt med Likestillings- og	
diskrimineringsombudet for råd eller hjelp angående diskriminering?	52. Hvordan vurderer du tannhelsen din
la Nei Huskerikke	🗌 Dårlig 🗌 Ikke helt god 🗌 God 🗌 Svært god
46. Hvor mye berørte diskrimineringen deg?	53. Har du tannprotese/gebiss? Ja 🗌 Nei
	54. Bruker du selv noen av følgende hjelpemidler – og i tilfelle
47. Har du oppleyd at du har blitt diskriminert fordi du er	hvor ofte? Regelmessig/ Uregelmessig/ Uregelmessig/ Sjeldnere/
same?	daglig noen ganger i uka noen ganger i mnd. aldri
🗌 Ja 🗌 Nei 🗌 Vet ikke 🗌 Er ikke same	Iannbørste     Eluortannkrom
	Tanntråd
Vold og overgrop	Tannstikkere
vola og overgrep	Fluortabletter
48. Har du opplevd at noen systematisk og over lengre tid har	Skyllevæske
forsøkt å kue, fornedre eller ydmyke deg? (Sett ett eller flere kryss)	Protesebørste
Nei, aldri Ja, som barn (under 18 år)	
Ja, som voksen (18 år eller over) Ja, de siste 12 mnd	55. Når var du sist hos tannlege eller tannpleier?
their is such as 2	☐ Mindre enn ett år siden ☐ 1–2 år siden
Hvis ja, av nvem?	□ 3–5 år siden □ Mer enn 5 år siden
Fremmed person     Samilyspartner	
Familie, slektning Andre kjente	<b>56. Hvis det er mer enn 2 år siden, hva er da grunnen ?</b> (Sett ett eller flere kryss)
49. Er du blitt utsatt for fysiske overgrep/mishandling? (Sett ett	Jeg har ikke blitt innkalt
Nei aldri la som barn (under 18 år)	Det er lang ventetid hos tannlegen
La som voksen (18 år eller ever)	
	Jeg har ikke hatt behov for tannbehandling
Hvis ja, av hvem?	<ul> <li>Jeg er redd eller engstelig for å gå til tannlege</li> </ul>
Fremmed person     Samlivspartner	Andre årsaker:
Familie, slektning     Andre kiente	

57. Hvordan bruker du tannhelsetjenesten? (Sett ett eller flere kryss)	Selvmord og selvmordsatferd		
Blir regelmessig innkalt av tannlege eller tannpleier	66. Har du mistet noen som har stått deg nær i selvmord? Nei		
Melder meg regelmessig for undersøkelse			
Melder meg når jeg har vondt eller har mistet en fylling			
Bruker ikke å gå til tannlege så ofte	67. Har du <u>tenkt</u> på å ta livet ditt?		
+	🗌 Ja, det siste året 🗌 Ja, tidligere 🗌 Nei, aldri		
58. Har du i løpet av de to siste årene fått en eller flere av	-		
disse diagnosene hos tannlege ?	68. Har du forsøkt å ta ditt eget liv?		
Ja Nei Vetikke			
Alvorlig tannkjøttsbetennelse	,,,,, g		
Mild tannkjøttsbetennelse	69. Har du skadet deg selv med vilie?		
Munntørrhet	la det siste året la tidligere Nei aldri		
Hull (karies) i en eller flere tenner			
Andre diagnoser	Dersom du har forsøkt å ta livet ditt, kan du svare på		
	spørsmålene som følger. Hvis du har svart nei på dette		
59. Er du fornøyd med tennene dine eller protesene? Angi svaret på en skala der 1 er svært misfornøyd og 5 er	spørsmalet, kan du ga videre til spørsmal nr 76.		
1 2 3 4 5	70. På hvilken måte forsøkte du å ta ditt eget liv?		
Svært misfornøyd 🗌 📄 📄 📄 Svært fornøyd	(Sett ett eller flere kryss)		
	Skarp gienstand Overdose piller/medikamenter		
60. Hvor ofte pusset du tennene dine som 10-åring?			
En gang om dagen eller mer			
Av og til	71. Hva var motivet for å forsøke å ta ditt eget liv?		
Sjelden eller aldri	Et klart ønske om å dø		
61. Hvor ofte kontrollerte foreldrene eller dine foresatte at du hadde pusset tennene dine, da du var i 10-årsalderen?	Jeg ønsket hjelp fra noen		
Ofte (omtrent daglig) Av og til Aldri			
62. Om du har barn under 6 år boende hos deg, hvor ofte	72. Var du beruset/rusa da du <u>forsøkte</u> å ta ditt eget liv? Ja Nei		
hjelper du til med tannpuss eller kontrollerer at barna har pusset tennene sine?	72 Ulicer comme liver du fructo comme du forceleto		
Ofte (omtrent daglig) Av og til Aldri	å ta ditt eget liv?		
63. Om du har barn som er mellom 6–12 år boende hos deg; hvor ofte hjelper du til med tannpuss eller kontrollerer at barna har pusset tennene sine?	74. Hvor <u>mange ganger</u> har du forsøkt å ta ditt eget liv?		
Ofte (omtrent daglig) Av og til Aldri	75. Fortalte du til andre om selvmordsforsøket/ene? (Sett ett eller flere kryss)		
64. Dersom du har barn i aldergruppen 0–12 år boende hjemme hos deg, har dere da praktisert faste regler for spising av sjokolade og andre søtsaker for barna?	🗌 Nei 🗌 Noen i familien 🗌 Venner 🗌 Fagfolk		
🗌 Ja 🗌 Nei 🕂	Spilleatferd		
65. Hvor fornøyd er du med tannhelsetjenesten i din kommune?	76. Har du noen gang følt behov for å spille for mer og mer penger? (Sett ett eller flere kryss)		
svært i svært vært vært vært vært svært vært svært svæ	🗌 Ja, siste året 🗌 Ja, tidligere 🗌 Nei		

77. Har du noen gang løyet for mennesker som er viktige for deg, om hvor mye du spiller? (Sett ett eller flere kryss)	Med spesialisthelsetjenesten menes det sykehus, distriktspsykiatrisk senter (DPS), spesialistlegesenter eller enkeltspecialist		
🗌 Ja, siste året 🗌 Ja, tidligere 🗌 Nei 🕂			
78. Har du noen gang hatt perioder da du, etter å ha tapt penger på spill en dag, har vendt tilbake en annen dag for å vinne de tilbake? (Sott att allar fore knyr)	84. Har du i løpet av de <u>siste 12 måneder</u> vært til undersøkelse eller behandling for <i>fysiske plager</i> hos Sykehus Spesialistlegesenter		
	Privatpraktiserende spesialist Ingen av delene		
	85. Har du i løpet av de <u>siste 12 måneder</u> vært til undersøkelse eller behandling for <i>psykiske plager</i> hos		
79. Har du i løpet av siste året spilt online rollespill?	Psykiatrisk sykehus     Distriktspsykiatrisk senter		
Ja, daglig	Privatpraktiserende spesialist Ingen av delene		
Ja, månedlig eller sjeldnere			
	86. Dersom du har vært til behandling hos spesialist for fysiske eller psykiske plager, svar på følgende spørsmål Svar på en skala fra 0 til 10 (0 = i liten grad 10 = i stor grad)		
Erfaringer og bruk av helsetjenester	Fikk du anledning til å fortelle det du følte var viktig om din tilstand?		
80. Den legen du vanligvis bruker er det	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 aktuelt		
Din fastlege Annen lege	For fysiske plager		
	For psykiske plager		
81. Hvor lenge har du hatt din nåværende fastlege?			
Mindre enn 6 mnd 6 til 11 måneder	Snakket legene/behandlerne til deg slik at du forstod dem?		
$\square 12 \pm i 24 \text{ mpd} \square Mar \text{ app } 2 \pm r$	Ikke 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 aktuelt		
	For fysiske plager		
	For psykiske plager		
82. Har du i løpet av de siste 12 mnd kontaktet fastlegen din for hielp eller råd til			
deg selv? Ja	Føler du at du fikk være med å bestemme over din hele av dia 2		
	behandling: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 aktuelt		
Hvis ja, opplevde du at du fikk den hjelpa du ba om?	For fysiske plager		
🗌 Aldri 🗌 Av og til 🗌 Vanligvis 🗌 Alltid	For psykiske plager		
83. Hvor fornøyd eller misfornøyd er du med følgende sider	Er du blitt bedre av behandlingen?		
Meget			
Meget Mistor- mistor- fornøyd Fornøyd nøyd vet ikke			
Fastlegens tilgjengelighet på telefon			
Ventetid for å få time hos fastlege	Alt i alt, har du tillit til sykehuset eller spesialisten du var hos? 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 aktuelt		
Tid hos fastlegen	For fysiske plager		
Fastlegens forståelse for dine problem	For psykiske plager		
Fastlegens informasjon om dine helseplager, undersøkelse og behandlingsopplegg	Alt i alt, hvor tilfreds er du med pleien og behandlingen du eventuelt fikk? 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 aktuelt		
Totalt sett, hvor fornøyd eller	For fysiske plager		
mistornøyd er du med den kommunale helsetjenesten?	For psykiske plager		

### Erfaringer med henvisning

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87. Har du i løpet av de siste 12 måneder ønsket å bli henvist til spesialist, men ikke blitt det?	94. Hvis du har svart «samisk», men ikke fikk tilbud om samisk- talende lege ved siste legebesøk, ble det da tilbudt tolk?		
For fysiske plager	Hos fastlegen:		
🗌 Nei, aldri 🛛 🥅 Ja, en gang	🗌 Ja 🗌 Nei		
🔲 Ja, flere ganger 🔛 Ikke aktuelt	Ønsker ikke å bruke tolk Ikke aktuelt		
For psykiske plager			
🗌 Nei, aldri 🛛 🗌 Ja, en gang	På sykehus/hos spesialist:		
Ja, flere ganger Ikke aktuelt	🗋 Ja 👘 Nei		
	Ønsker ikke å bruke tolk Ikke aktuelt		
88. Har du i løpet av de siste 12 måneder ønsket å bli henvist til fysioterapeut, kiropraktor eller liknende, men ikke blitt det?	95. Dersom samisktalende tolk ble brukt ved siste legebesøk,		
Nei, aldri Ja, en gang	nvem fungerte da som tolk?		
Ja, flere ganger Ikke aktuelt	Hos fastlegen:		
	Offentlig ansatt tolk Familie		
89. Dersom du ble henvist, hvor lenge ventet du på time?	🔄 En ansatt på legekontoret 🔄 Annet		
Antall uker	På sykehus/hos spesialist:		
	Offentlig ansatt tolk Familie		
90. Har du bedt om fritt sykehusvalg ved henvisning til spesialistbehandling?	Annen sykehusansatt Annet		
Ja Nei Ikke aktuelt	96. Hvis du <u>noen gang</u> har vært til legeundersøkelse/ behandling der det ble brukt samisktalende tolk, hvor fornøyd er du med kommunikasjonen/samtalen mellom deg og legen/ behandleren?		
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Ja       Nei       Ikke aktuelt         Språk ved legebesøk         91. Sist du var hos fastlegen, hvilket språk snakket du og legen sammen på?	96. Hvis du noen gang har vært til legeundersøkelse/         behandling der det ble brukt samisktalende tolk, hvor fornøyd         er du med kommunikasjonen/samtalen mellom deg og legen/         behandleren?         Hos fastlegen:         Meget fornøyd		
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Takk for at du deltok i undersøkelsen!

Questionnaire—Northern Sámi

## Dearvvašvuođa ja eallindiliiskkadeapmi

1. Mun miedan searvat jearahallamii daid dieduid vuodul mat leat addon diehtojuohkinčállagis.....

#### ležat dearvvašvuohta

<ol> <li>Mo lea du dearvvašvuohta dál? (Bija dušše ovtta ruossa)</li> </ol>					
Heittot	🗌 li áibbas buorre	Buorre	🗌 Hui buorre		

#### 3. Lea go dus, dahje lea go dus goassige leamaš?

		в	Man boaris
	10		ledjet go alggli
Diabetes (sohkardávda)			
Alla varradeaddu			
Angina pectoris (váibmogeasáhat)			
Váibmodohppehat			
Psykalaš váttisvuođat maidda leat			
bivdán veahki			
Bissovaš broņkihtta, emfysema, KOLS			
Ástmá			
Eksema			
Soriasis			
Multippel sklerose (MS)			
Bechterew dávda			

#### 4. Leat go <u>maņimuš jagis unnimusat 3 mánu</u> giksašuvvan bákčasiiguin ja/dahie ahte

ginsusur van bancasingan ja/aanje ante		
deahkit ja láððasat leamaš stjivon?	Jo	l In

Jus leat, almmut tabellii man olu leat giksašuvvan daid iešguđetge lahtuin. (Okta ruossa juohke linjái)

	ln giksašuvvan	Veahá giksašuvvan	Olu giksašuvvan
Niskkiin, olggiiguin			
Gieđaiguin			
Hárduin			
Čilggiin			
Spirraliiguin, julggiiguin			
Oivviin			
Rattiin			
Čovjjiin			
Vuolledábiin			
Eará sajiin			

## 5. Man dávjá leat <u>manimuš 4 vahkus</u> geavahan čuovvovaš dálkasiid? (Bija ovtta ruossa juohke linjái)

Jo

	In leat geavahan maŋimuš 4 vahkus	Hárvvit go juohke vahku	Juohke vahku muhto in beaivvá- laččat	Beaivvá laččat
Oađđindálkasa				
Ráfáidahttindálkasa				
Dálkasa lossamiela vuostá				

## 6. Guđemuš cealkámuš heive buoremusat du dearvvašvuođadillái odne?

#### Vázzin

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- Mus eai leat váttisvuoðat vázzit
  - Mus leat veahá váttisvuođat vázzit
  - Mun in sáhte eará go seaŋggas veallát

#### ležat dikšun

- Mus eai leat váttisvuoðat dikšut iežan
- Mus leat veahá váttisvuođat basademiin dahje gárvodemiin
- Mun in nagot ieš basadit

Dábálaš doaimmat (omd. bargu, oahppu, viessobarggut, bearaš- dahje astoáigedoaimmat)

- Mus eai leat váttisvuođat doaimmahit dábálaš doaimmaid
  - Mus leat veahá váttisvuođat doaimmahit dábálaš doaimmaid
- Mun in nagot iežan dábálaš doaimmaid doaimmahit

#### Bákčasat ja unohasvuohta

- Mus eai leat bákčasat eai ge unohasvuođat
- Mus leat veahá bákčasat dahje unohasvuođat
- Mus leat garra bákčasat dahje unohasvuođat

#### Ballu ja lossamiella

- Mus ii leat ballu ii ge lossamiella
- Mus lea veahá ballu dahje lossamiella
- Mus lea hui ballu dahje lossamiella

7. Man ollu deattát don? (olles kiloid)		

8. Man allat leat don? (olles cm).....

9. Bivdit du almmuhit man aktiiva don leat rumašlaš doaimmaiguin skálai mas nuppi geažis lea hui unnán ja nuppis hui ollu. Skála lea 1-10 rádjai. Rumašlaš doaimmaiguin oaivvildat sihke ruovttudoaimmaid ja bargguid bargodilis, ja lášmmohallama ja eará doaimmaid mat gáibidit lihkadeami, nu go tuvrra vázzit jna. Bija ruossa dan ruktái mii buoremusat čilge man aktiiva don leat. 7 8 9 10 1 2 2 Λ 5 6

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Hui unnán											Hui ollu

#### Bearaš ja gielladuogáš

Davvi-Norggas ásset olbmot geain lea iešguđet etnalaš duogáš. Dat mearkkaša ahte sii hállet iešguðetlágan gielaid ja sis leat iešguđetlágan kultuvrrat. Ovdamearkkat etnalaš duogážiin, dahje etnalaš joavkkuin leat dážat, sápmelaččat ja kvenat.

#### 10. Makkár giela hálat/hállet don, du váhnemat ja áhkut ja ádját ruovttugiellan? (Bija ovtta dahje mánga ruossa)

Dárogiela Sámegiela Kvenagiela Eará, čilge:

Addja (eathi ahcci)						
Ahkku (eatni eadni)						Г
Áddjá (áhči áhčči)						L
Áhkku (áhči eadni)						
Áhčči						Г
Eadni						
Mun ieš						
11. Mii lea du, áhččá	át ia ea	dnát et	nalaš du	ogáš? (	Bija ovtta dahje	L L
máŋga ruossa)				gas. (	bija oviča adrije	Г
		Dáža	Sápmelaš	Kvena	Eará, čilge:	L
Mu etnalaš duogáš lea						
Áhččán etnalaš duogáš lea						
Eadnán etnalaš duogáš lea						1
12. Manin don loga	t <b>iežat?</b> Dá	(Bija ovt žan Sá	ta dahje má ápmelažžan	nga ruo: Kvenan	ssa) Eará, čilge:	9 2 1
13. Mo don árvvošta lohkat dahje čállit s Hui bures O	alat iež ámegie alle bures	at gelb la? Veahá ra	bolašvuc	o <b>đa ádo</b> Dadde sáni	<b>det, hállat,</b> In obanassiige	
Ádden		Г				r
Hálan						Γ
Logan						
Čálán						2
						j
Bargu, oadjı	ı ja e	kono	miija			
14. Man stuorra brut	tosisab	oahtu l	ea bearra	šis/bea	rašgottis	

	dassa leat		
Bargu, oadju ja e			
14. Man stuorra bruttosisab jahkásaččat?	oahtu lea bearrašis/bearašgottis	Sullii 62 jag	
Uuollel 150 000 ru.	☐ 150 000–300 000 ru.	Sullii 67 jag	

	301	000–450	000	ru.	
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- 601 000-750 000 ru.
- Badjel 900 000
- 451 000-600 000 ru. 751 000–900 000 ru.

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15. Gallis ásset du bearášgottis? Galle olbmo
<b>16. Galle skuvlajagi leat don čađahan?</b> (Rehkenastte         buot jagiid maid leat skuvlla vázzán dahje studeren)
17. Ásset go internáhtas (stáhtainternáhtas, gieldda dahje priváhta) go vázzet vuođđoskuvlla?
18. Mat leat leamaš deháleamos gáldut du sisabohttui maŋimuš jagi? (Bija ovtta dahje máŋga ruossa)
Bálkábargu:
🗌 Ollesáiggi 🗌 Oasseáiggi 🗌 Áigodatbargu
lešealáhusdoalli:
🗌 Ollesáiggi 🗌 Oasseáiggi 🗌 Áigodatbargu
Ealáhatruhta/AFP
Reaidaruhtadoarjja/nuppástusdoarjja/váhnenruðat
Beaiveruđat
Buohcanruđat
Bargočielggadanruđat
Lámisvuođapenšuvdna
Doarjja birgenláhkái (sosiálaveahkki)
Doarjja beallelaččas/váhnemiin/oappáin/vieljain/mánáin
Loatna/studieloatna ja stipeanda
Eará (sestojuvvon ruđat/árbi/vuoitu jna)
19. Oaivvildat go ahte soaittát massit iežat dálá barggu dahje sisaboađu čuovvovaš guovtti jagis?
20. Sáhtášit go fárret dan gielddas gos dál ásat jus oččošit bargofálaldaga muhttin eará sajis?
🗌 Jo 🗌 Dušše osiid jagis 🗌 In 🗌 In dieđe
21. Jus leat bálkábarggus, mo loavttát dan barggus/ealáhusas mas leat dál?
🗌 Hui bures 🗌 Bures 🗌 Heittogit 🗌 Hui heittogit
22. Du dearvvašvuođa ja bargovásáhusaid vuođul, man jáhkehahtti lea ahte don joatkkát bálkábarggus/ealáhusas

enantti lea ante don joatkkat bálkábarggus/ealáhusas

	Hui jáhkehahtti	Jáhkehahtti	Unnán jáhkehahtti	Hui unnán jáhkehahtti
Sullii 62 jagi				
Sullii 67 jagi				
Sullii 70 jagi				
Boarrásat go 70 jagi				

#### 23. Jus leat iešealáhusdoalli, makkár ealáhusas leat don?

(Bija ovtta dahje máŋga ruossa)

Gávpedoaimmas

Boazodoalus

Eanandoalus

- Guolásteamis
  - Vuovdedoalus
  - 🗌 Eará ealáhusas

#### Psykalaš dearvvašvuohta

24. Dás vuolábealde lea listu mas leat iešguðetlágan váttisvuoðat. Leat go vásihan maidige dáin dan <u>manimuš</u> <u>4 vahkus</u>? (Bija ovtta ruossa juohke giksái)

	ln leat giksa- šuvvan	Veahá giksa- šuvvan	sakka giksa- šuvvan	Hirbmadit giksa- šuvvan
Fáhkkestaga ballu masa ii leat sivva				
Dovdan balu dahje leamaš árgi				
Skurvvas dahje oaivejorgásii				
Dovdan leat čavgen dahje huššas				
Leamaš jođán sivahit iežat				
Oađđinváttisvuođat				
Skurtnjas, lossamielalaš				
Dovdan ávkkeheapmin, ahte dus lea unnán árvu				
Dovdan ahte buot lea rahčamuš				
Dovdan eahpedoaivvu boahtteáigi ektui				

25. Jearaldagat leat dan birra makkár dovddut ja mo dus lea leamaš dan <u>maņimuš vahku</u>. Juohke jearaldahkii, vállje dan vástádusa mii čilge buoremusat mo dus lea leamaš. Man dávjá leat don dan <u>maņimuš vahkus</u>: (Bidjal ruossa dan ruktái mii buoremusat čilge du)

-	Ovttat ládje	Measta ovttat ládje	Stuorra oasi áiggis	Muhttin oasi áiggis	Veahá áiggis	In oba- nassiige
Dovdan ahte lean movttet ja buori mielas						
Dovdan ahte lean jaskat ja lotkat						
Dovdan ahte lean doaimmalaš ja gievra						
Dovdan ahte lean vuonis ja vuoinnastan						
Dovdan ahte mu árgabeaivvis leat áššit main mun beroštan						
26. Leat go <u>maŋimuš 12 mánus</u> vásihan ahte unohis muittut leat muosehuhttán ja bieguhan du, it ge leat sáhttán dáhkát dáinna maidige?						
🗌 In 🗌 Jo, muhto	o hárve		Muhtto	omin [	D	ávjá

27. Leat go <u>manimuš 12 mánus</u> mieleavttus garván
dilálašvuođaid garvin dihte unohis muittuid dahje dovdduid,
nu ahte dat leat hehtten du dáhkat dan maid hálidat?

🗌 In 🗌 Jo, muhto hárve 🗌 Muhttomin 🗌 Dávjá

## 28. Leat go <u>manimuš 12 mánus</u> dovdan ahte it nagodan reageret dilálašvuođain goas eatnašat reagerejit dovdduiguin?

📙 In 📙 Jo, muhto hárve 🗌 Muhttomin 🗌 Dávjá

29. Almmut man bures čuovvovaš cealkagat govvidit du ja du bearraša

	deaiv	ása	de	aivása
Mun luohttán ollásit iežan meroštallamiidda ja mearrádusaide				
Mun loavttán buoremusat go lean searválagaid earáiguin				
Mun loavttán hui bures iežan bearrašis				
Mu jáhkku alccen veahkeha mu váttis áigodagaid čađa				
Mun oaččun álkit ustibiid				
Lea buorre oktavuohta mu bearrašis				
Vuostegiehtageavadis nagodan gávdnat buriid áššiid mat loktejit mu				
Lean čeahppi oažžut oktavuođa ođđa olbmuiguin				
Mu bearrašis lea positiiva oaidnu boahtteáiggi ektui maiddái váttis áigodagain				
Mun nagodan dohkkehit dáhpáhusaid eallimis maid lea veadjemeahttun rievdadit				
Mu mielas lea álki hutkat juoidá buori man birra sáhttá hállat				
Min bearrašis leat mii oskkáldasat guhtet	:			

#### Duhpát ja gárrenmirkkut

30.	Borgguhat go, dahje leat g	o ovdal borgguhan?	
	Jo, beaivválaččat	🗌 Jo, ovdal	
	Jo, muhttomin	🗌 In, in goassige	
	Galle sigareahta borgguh beaivái?	at dábálaččat	
	Man boaris ledjet go borg beaivválaččat?	guhišgohtet	Ahki
31.	Snuvsset go, dahje leat go	ovdal snuvssen?	
	Jo, bealvvalaccat	🔟 Jo, ovdal	
	Jo, muhttomin	In, in goassige	
	Jus snuvsset beaivválačča bihttá geavahat beaivái?	t: Galle snuvssa-	
	Jus snuvsset muhttomin: geavahat dábálaččat juoh	Galle snuvssa-bihttá ke vahku?	
	Jus snuvsset, man boaris snuvssegohtet beaivválač	edjet go čat?	Ahki

32. Sullii man gallii leat <u>maŋimuš jagis</u> juhkan alkohola?	38. Man dávjá leat dan maŋimuš 6 mánus leamaš:
(Geahppavuolla ja alkoholahis vuolla ii lohkko)	(Bija ovtta ruossa juohke linjái) Dávjjit 1–6 háve
□ In leat goassige juhkan alkohola	go 1–3 manjimuš ln 3 mánus mánus 6 mánus oktiiga
In leat junkan alkohola manimus jagis	
	Coakkalmas-/searvegoddevisttis
2-3 geardde manus     Sullii 1 yablaus	Humánaehtalaš doaluin
	Eará vuoiŋŋalaš visttis
2-3 geardde vahkus	
□ 4-7 geardde vankus	
	Vásihuvvon vealaheanmi
33. Leat go juhkan alkohola dan manjimuš	
	Lea vealaheapmi go olmmoš dahje olmmošjoavku
Jus leat, leat go juhkan nu ollu ahte dovdet ahte lediet	meannuduvvo fuonit go earát ovdamearkka dihte sin etnalaš
sakka gárihuvvan?	duogáža, religiuvnna, osku, doaibmahehttehusa, agi dahje
🗌 In 🗌 Jo. 1–2 geardde 🗌 Jo. 3 geardde dahie dávijit	seksualalas berostumi dinte.
24 Célesés no moležo distožos olkolo do no molecovi do bio	39. Leat go vásihan vealahuvvot?
34. Santat go goncodit lezat alkonolageavaneami danje juhkanminstara hirrajohtulassan (jugat dáviá ja ollu muhttin ájggi ja	🗌 Jo, manimuš guovtti jagis 🔛 Jo, ovdal 🔲 In 🔲 In dieđe
de lea <u>guhkit áigi</u> goas it juga alkohola)?	
(Bija ovtta dahje mánga ruossa)	lus vástidit je ovddit jezraldahkij vástit jezraldagaid 40, 47
🗌 Jo, maŋimuš 12 mánus 🗌 Jo, ovdal 🗌 In	lus leat vástidan in. manat viidásat 48. jearaldahkii.
35 Leat ao aosside deavahan	
narkotihka? (Bija ovtta dahje mánga ruossa) jagis Jo, ovdal In	40. Jus leat vásihan vealahuvvot, man dávjá dáhpáhuvai?
	🗌 Hui dávjá 🔄 Duollet dálle 🗌 Hárve
Eará narkotihkalaš gárrenmirkkuid,	41. Manne jáhkát ahte don vealahuvvojit? Mii lei sivvan
kokajinna, herojinna, GHB, ja sullasaš	vealaheapmái: (Bija ovtta dahje máŋga ruossa)
	🗌 Doaibmahehttehus 🗌 Seksuála beroštupmi
	🗌 Oahppováttisvuođat 📃 Sohkabealli
Osku ja eallinoaidnu	Religiuvdna dahie osku Našunalitehta
Osku ja eannioardinu	
36. Leat go don, du váhnemat dahje áhkut ja ádját čadnon	
ovttage dáin čuovvovaš eallinoaidnuservodagaide: (Bija ovtta	Ahki     Buozalmasvuohta
dahje máŋga ruossa)	📃 Eará sivat, čilge: 🗌 In dieđe
Mun Áhkut ja	
	12. Sábtát go muitalit gos voalaboanmi dábnábuvai2 (Pija outra dabio
	mánga ruossa)
Eará vuoiŋŋalaš searvegoddi/searvevuohta. 🗔 🗔 🗔	
makkár:	
	Skuvilas/oanpu oktavuodas
Eahpe-vuoiŋŋalas eallinoaidnoservodat 🗋 🗋 🛄	Bargodilis
makkár:	Bargoohcama oktavuođas
li najallahttun naaldafuna	Eaktodáhtolaš barggus/organisašuvnnas
ii mielianttun makkarge eallinoaidnoservodagas	Deaivvadettiin almmolaš ásahusain
	Bearrašis/fulkkijd searvyjs
37. Makkár oktavuohta lea dus oskui?	
Mun lean oskkolaš/dovddastan risttalašvuhtii (persovnnalaččat	Go áigot háhkat báŋkoloana
risttalaš)	Medisiinnalaš dálkkodeami oktavuođas
iviun jankan ante gavano ipmii, munto oskkus il leat nu stuorra mearkkašupmi mu árgabeaivvis	Buvddas dahje boradanbáikkis
	- Báikkálaš servodagas
iviun in janke ante gavono ipmil	

43. Sáhtát go muitalit gii du vealahii? (Bija ovtta dahje máŋga ruossa)	50. Leat go vásihan seksualálaš veahkaválddálašvuođa?
🗌 Almmolaš bargi	(Bija ovtta dahje mánga ruossa)
Amas olmmoš	☐ In, in goassige ☐ Jo, mánnán (vuollel 18 jagi)
Bargoustibat	Jo, rävisoimmožin Jo, manjimus 12 mänus (18 jagi dabje boarrásat)
Okta dahje máŋgasat geain lea seamma etnalaš	
duogáš go dus	Jus jo, gii dán dagai?
Okta dahje máŋgasat geain lea eará etnalaš duogáš go dus	🗌 Amas olmmoš 🔤 Guoibmi/beallelaš
Skuvlaoabbá/-vielja/studeanttat	🗌 Bearašlahttu, fuolki 🗌 Eará oahpesolmmoš
Oahpaheaddjit/bargit	
🔄 Earát	51. Jus leat vásihan makkárge veahkaválddálašvuoða, leat go
	muitalan dan geasage? (Bija ovtta dahje mánga ruossa)
44. Dahket go maidige aktiivvalaččat	In Soapmásii bearrasis
heaittihit vealaheami? Jo In	🗌 Ustibiidda 👘 🗋 Fágaolbmuide
45. Leat go goassige váldán oktavuođa Dásseárvu- ja	Bátnedearvvašvuohta
vealaheamiáittardeddjiin oažžun dihte ráđiid dahje veahki vealaheami ektui?	52. Mo don árvvoštalat iežat bátnedearvvašvuođa?
🗌 Jo 🗌 In 🗌 In muitte	🗌 Heittot 🗌 li áibbas buorre 🗌 Buorre 🗌 Hui buorre
46. Čuozzi go vozlahozami dutnio?	53. Leat go dus luovosbánit?
🗌 li obanassiige 🔛 Veahá 🔛 Muhttin muddui 🛄 Sakka	54. Geavahat go ieš muhttin dáid čuovvovaš
	veahkeneavvuin – ja jus dagat, man dávjá? Duollet Duollet
47. Leat go vásihan vealahuvvot go leat sápmelaš?	Áiggis áigái dálle/ basissá maddii maddii Hánssibut/
🗌 Jo 🗌 In 🗌 In dieđe 🗌 In leat sápmelaš	laččat vahkus mánus in goassige
	Bátnegustta
	Fluorbátnegeallasa
Veahkaválddálašvuohta	Bátnesoallunsuona
	Bátnesoloniid
48. Leat go vásihan ahte muhttin lea guhkit áiggi badjel	Fluor-tableahtaid
systemáhtalaččat geahččalan duolbmat, fuotnut dahje	Njálbmedoidinčázi
	Bátnegustta heivehuvvon
	luovosbániide
(18 jagi dahje boarrásat)	55. Goas maņimuš ledjet bátnedoaktára dahje
	bátnedivššára luhtte?
Jus jo, gii?	Vuollel jagi áigi 1–2 jagi áigi
🗌 Amas olmmoš 👘 Guoibmi/beallelaš	🗌 3–5 jagi áigi 🗌 🗌 Badjel 5 jagi áigi
🗌 Bearašlahttu, fuolki 🗌 Eará oahpesolmmoš	
	56. Jus lea badjel 2 jagi áigi, mii dasa lea sivvan? (Bija ovtta dahje mánga ruossa)
49. Leat go vásihan rumašlaš veahkaválddálašvuođa/	In leat gohččojuvvon
doaruheami? (Bija ovtta dahje máŋga ruossa)	Lea guhkes vuordináigi beassat bátnedoaktára lusa
☐ In, in goassige ☐ Jo, mánnán (vuollel 18 jagi)	In leat ástan
☐ Jo, rávisolmmožin ☐ Jo, maŋimuš 12 mánus	Ekonomalaš sivat
(To Jagi Ganje Doarrasat)	Mus ii leat leamaš dárbu bátnedikšui
	Mun balan dahie lean árgi vuolgit bátnedoaktára lusa
Jus jo, gii dán dagai?	Eará sivat:
🗀 Amas olmmoš 🔛 Guoibmi/beallelaš	
🗀 Bearašlahttu, fuolki 🗀 Eará oahpesolmmoš	

#### 57. Mo don geavahat bátnedearvvašvuođabálvalusa?

(Bija ovtta dahje máŋga ruossa)

	Bátnedoavttir	dahje	bátned	ivššár	gohčču	mu	áiggis	áigái
	boahtit							

- Dieđihan áiggis áigái iskkadeapmái
- Dingon diimmu go leat bákčasat dahje go lean láhppán bátnedeavdaga
- In láve mannat bátnedoaktára lusa nu dávjá

## 58. Leat go dan maŋimuš guovtti jagis ožžon ovtta dahje eanet dáin diagnosain bátnedoaktáris?

-	Jo	In	In dieđe
Duođalaš infekšuvdna bátnealŋŋain			
Infekšuvdna bátnealŋŋain mii ii lean nu			
Ráigi ovtta dahje máŋgga bánis (karies)			
Eará diagnosaid			

#### 59. Leat go duhtavaš iežat bániiguin dahje luovosbániiguin? Almmut vástádusa skálai mas 1 lea hui duhtameahttun ja 5 lea hui duhtavaš

		1	2	3	4	5	
Ηι	ii duhtameahttun					🗌 Hu	ui duhtavaš
60.	Man dávjá busse	jit ba	ániid	10-j	ahká	isažžai	n?
	Oktii beaivái dah	ije da	ávjjit				

$\square$	Duallet	مالذل
	Duonet	ualle

Hárve dahje in goassige

#### 61. Man dávjá iske du váhnemat dahje ovddasteaddjit ahte ledjet bussen bániid, go ledjet 10-jahkásaš?

62. Jus dus leat mánát vuoll	lel 6 jagi geat ásset	du luhtte, man
dáviá veahkehat don sin bá	niid busset dahie is	skkat leat go sij
Dávjá (birrasii beaivválaččat)	Duollet dálle	🗌 Eai goassige

bussen bániid?		2
Dávjá (birrasii beaivválaččat)	Duollet dálle	🗌 In goassige

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Dávjá (birrasii beaivválaččat)	Duollet dálle	🗌 In goassige
64. Jus dus leat mánát gask	al 0–12 jagi geat ás	set du luhtte,

leat go dis dihto njuolggadusat goas mán	át ožžot borrat
šukuláda ja eará sohkarnjálgáid?	

	Jo		Eai
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65. Man duhtavaš leat bátne du gielddas?	dearvvašvuođabálva	alusain
Hui duhtameahttun 🗌 🗌 🗌	Hui	🗌 In dieđe

#### lešsorbmen ja iešsorbmenláhtenvuohki

66. Leat go goassige massán lagašolbmo iešsorbmema geažil? 🗌 Jo 🗌 In		
67. Leat go <u>smiehttan</u> iežat sorbmet?		
🗔 Jo, maņimuš jagis 🔲 Jo, ovdal 🗔 In, in goassige		
68. Leat go geahččalan iežat sorbmet?		
🗌 Jo, maŋimuš jagis 🗌 Jo, ovdal 🗌 In, in goassige		
69. Leat go <u>mielaeavttus hávvádan</u> iežat?		
🗌 Jo, maŋimuš jagis 🗌 Jo, ovdal 🗌 In, in goassige		
Jus leat geahččalan iežat sorbmet, sáhtát vástidit čuovvovaš jearaldagaid. Jus leat vástidan ii jearaldahkii, sáhtát mannat viidásat 76. jearaldahkii.		
<b>70. Mo geahččalit iežat sorbmet?</b> (Bija ovtta dahje máŋga ruossa)		
Harcen Báhčinvearju		
Bastilis dávviriin Váldán badjelmeare tableahtaid/		
Eará láhkai dálkasiid		
71. Mii lei ággan go geahččalit iežat sorbmet?		
Čielga dáhttu jápmit 🗌 Jo 🗌 li		
Dilli orui leamen veadjemeahttun 🗌 Jo 🗌 li		
Mun hálidin veahki soapmásis 🗌 Jo 🗌 li		
72. Ledjet go juhkan/gárihuvvan go geahččalit sorbmet iežat? Jo 🗌 In		
73. Man boaris ledjet <u>vuosttaš háve</u> go geahččalit sorbmet iežat?		
74. <u>Gallii</u> leat geahččalan sorbmet iežat?		
<b>75. Muitalit go earáide ahte leat geahččalan sorbmet iežat?</b> (Bija ovtta dahje mánga ruossa)		
☐ In ☐ Soapmásii bearrašis		
🗔 Ustibiidda 📃 Fágaolbmuide		
Speallanláhtenvuohki		
76. Leat go goassige dovdan dárbbu speallat eanet abte eanet		

🗌 Jo, maŋimuš jagis 🗌 Jo, ovdal 🗌 In

77. Leat go goassige gielistan iežat lagašolbmuide man ollu don spealat? (Bija ovtta dahje máŋga ruossa)	Spesialistadearvvašvuođabálvalusain oaivvilduvvo, buohcciviessu, guovllupsykiatriija guovddáš (DPS),
🗌 Jo, maņimuš jagis 🗌 Jo, ovdal 🗌 In	spesialisttadoavtterguovddáš dahje ovttaskas spesialista.
78. Leat go dus goassige leamaš áigodagat goas, go leat massán ruđaid ovtta beaivvi, leat máhccan ruovttuluotta muhttin eará beaivvi vuoitin dihte daid ruovttuluotta? (Bija ovtta dahje máŋga ruossa)	84. Leat go manimuš 12 mánus leamaš iskkadeamis dahje dálkkodeamis rumašlaš váttisvuođaid geažil         Buohcciviesus       Spesialistadoavtterguovddážis         Priváhta spesialistta luhtte       In guđege sajis
🗌 Jo, maņimuš jagis 🗌 Jo, ovdal	
Eai In dieđe/in muitte	85. Leat go maņimuš 12 mánus leamaš iskkadeamis dahje dálkkodeamis <i>psykalaš váttisvuođaid</i> geažil
79. Leat go manimuš jagi speallen rollaspealu interneahtas?	Psykiátralaš buohcciviesus 🗌 Guovllupsykiatriija guovddážis
Jo, beaivválaččat Jo, vahkkosaččat	Priváhta spesialistta luhtte 🗌 In guđege sajis
Jo, mánnosaččat dahje hárvvibut In	86. Jus leat leamaš spesialistta luhtte rumašlaš dahje psykalaš váttuid dálkkodeami dihte, vástit čuovvovaš jearaldagaid. Vástit 0–10 rádjái skálas (0 = hui unnán 10= hui ollu)
Dearvvašvuođabálvalusaid geavaheapmi ja vásáhusat daiguin	Ožžot go vejolašvuođa muitalit dan mii du mielas lei dehálaš du dilálašvuođa ektui?
80. Dat doavttir maid dábálaččat geavahat lea	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 li guoskevaš Rumašlaš váttuid
Du fástadoavttir Eará doavttir	oktavuođas 🔄 🔄 🔄 🔄 🔄 🔄 🔄 🔄 🔄
	oktavuođas
81. Man guhká lea dus leamaš dat fástadoavttir mii dus dál lea?	
🗌 Vuollel 6 mánu 🛛 Gaskal 6–11 mánu	Hálle go doaktárat/dívššárat dutnje nu ahte don áddejít sin? 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 liguoskevaš
Gaskal 12–24 mánu Gubkit 2 jagi	
	Psykalaš – – – – – – – – – – – – – – – – – – –
82. Leat go dan maŋimuš 12 mánus váldán oktavuođa fástadoaktáriin oažžun dihte	oktavuođas
veanki danje radild alccet?	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 li guoskevaš
Jus leat, vásihit go ahte ožžot dan veahki maid bivdet?	Rumašlaš váttuid oktavuođas 🛛 🗖 🗖 🗖 🗖 🗖 🗖 🗖 🗖 🗖
In goassige Muhttomin Dábálaččat Álo	Psykalaš váttuid
	oktavuodas
83. Man duhtavaš dahje duhtameahttun leat čuovvovaš osiin	Dagahii go dálkkodeapmi ahte buorránit?
fastadoavtterbaivalusain? Hui	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 liguoskevaš Rumašlaš váttuid
duhta- Duhta- meaht- In	oktavuođas
Man álki fástadoaktára lea	Psykalaš váttuld oktavuođas
fidnet ságaide telefuvnna bokte.	
Vuordináigi beassat fástadoaktára lusa	Ollislaččat, lea go dus luohttámuš buohccivissui dahje spesialistii gean luhtte fitnet?
Áigi fástadoaktára luhtte	Rumašlaš váttuid
Man bures fástadoavttir ádde du váttisvuođaid	oktavuođas UUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUU
Fástadoaktára dieđut du dearvvašvuođaváttisvuođaid, iskkadeami ja dálkkodanvugiid ektui	Ollislaččat, man duhtavaš leat don divššuin ja dálkkodemiin maid ožžot?
	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 li guoskevaš
dahje duhtameahttun leat	kumasias vattuid oktavuođas
don gieldda dearvvašvuođa- bálvalusain?	Psykalaš váttuid oktavuođas

### Vásáhusat čujuhemiin

87. Leat go maŋimuš 12 mánus hálidan čujuhuvvot spesialistta lusa, muhto it leat čujuhuvvon? <i>Rumašlaš váttuid oktavuođas</i>		94. Jus vástidit «sámegiela», muhto ii fállojuvvon sámegielat doavttir maŋimuš go ledjet doaktára luhtte, ožžot go dulkafálaldaga?		
In, in goassige	🗌 Jo, oktii	Fástadoaktára luhtte:		
🗌 Jo, máŋgii	🗌 li guoskevaš	🗌 Jo		
Psykalaš váttuid oktavuoā	tas	🗌 In hálit geavahit dulkka 🗌 li guoskevaš		
🗌 In, in goassige	🗌 Jo, oktii	Rughcciviesus/spesialistta luhtte		
🗌 Jo, máŋgii	🗌 li guoskevaš			
		In hálit geavahit dulkka		
88. Leat go maŋimuš 12 n fysioterapevtta, kiroprakt leat čujubuvyon?	nánus hálidan čujuhuvvot :ora dahje sullasačča lusa, muhto it			
		95. Jus geavahuvvui sámegielat dulka manimus go ledjet doaktára luhtte, gii doaimmai dulkan?		
		Eástadoaktára lubito:		
89 lus čujuhuvvojit man	guhká vurdet diimmu?			
	ganka varact ammina.			
Galle vahku		Buohcciviesus/spesialistta luhtte:		
		🗌 Almmolaš bálkáhuvvon dulka 🗌 Bearašlahttu		
90. Leat go sihtan friddja buohcciviessoválljema go leat čujuhuvvon spesialistadálkkodeapmái?		Eará bargi buohcciviesus Eará		
Jo In	🗌 li guoskevaš			
	_	96. Jus <u>goassige</u> leat leamaš doavtteriskkadeamis/ dálkkodeamis gos lei sámegielat dulka, man duhtavaš leat don du ja doaktára/divššára gulahallamiin/ságastallamiin?		
Giella doaktára	luhtte	Fástadoaktára luhtte:		
91. Maŋimuš go ledjet fás	stadoaktára luhtte, makkár giela			
hálaide doai doaktáriin?	Déveriele Céreoriele Foré Vilner			
Mun hállan				
Mun hallen				
Doavttir nalal		Buohcciviesus/spesialistta luhtte:		
92. Manimuš go lediet bu	obcciviesus/spesialistta lubtte	🗌 Hui duhtavaš 🗌 Duhtavaš		
makkár giela hálaide doa	i doaktáriin?	🗌 Duhtameahttun 🗌 Hui duhtameahttun		
	Dárogiela Sámegiela Eará, čilge:	🗌 In dieđe		
Mun hállen				
Doavttir hálai		97. Leat go goassige vásihan ahte it leat ožžon dárogielat/		
	a i a lla source a sit	sámegielat dulkaveahki vaikke leat bivdán dan?		
95. Makkar giela nalasit n dearvvašvuođabargiiguir	nienasepmosit 1 <b>?</b> (Bija ovtta dahje máŋga ruossa)	🗌 Jo, lea dáhpáhuvvan ahte lean bivdán dulkka in ge leat ožžon		
Dárogiela Sámegiela Eará, čilge:		🗌 li, lean álo ožžon dulkka jus lean bivdán dan		
		🗌 In leat goassige bivdán dulkka		

Dulkka atnin

Giitu go servet jearahallamii!

Questionnaire—Lule Sámi

## Varresvuodaja iellemdile guoradallam



1. Mån guorrasav oassálasstet guoradallamij daj diedoj milta ma li diehtojuohkemtjállagin......

#### letjat varresvuohta

2. Gåktu le duv varresvuohta dál	l <b>a?</b> (Bieja a Buc	<sub>vtav</sub>	ruoss	<sup>av)</sup> ] Huj	buorak	
3. Le gus dujna, jali le gus dujna	goassak l	læh	kám	1 <b>?</b> Ma	in vuoras	
		Le	lj la	lidji	gå oadtjo	
Diabetes (såhkårvihke)	[			Ļ		
Alla varradæddo	[					
Angina pectoris (tsåhkegæsádahk	(a)			Ļ		
Tsåhkehávve	[			Ļ		
Psykalaš vájve masi la viehkev åht	såm			Ļ		
Bisse bronkihtta, emfysema, KOLS	j			Ļ		
Ástmá	[			Ļ		
Eksebma	[			Ļ		
Soriasis	[					
Multippel sklerose (MS)	[			Ļ		
Bechterews dávda	[					
4. Le gus <u>maŋemus jage</u> vájvástuvvam báktjasij ja/jali viednam diehkoj ja gálvam lahtasij <u>binnemusát gålmå máno</u> avtat rajes? Lev Iv la						
<b>Jus le, tjále tabellaj vuollelir</b> (Bieja avtav ruossav juohkka linjáj)	i makta le	e váj v	<b>jvás</b> ehik	tuvv	am <sub>Hui</sub>	

	vájvástuvvam	vájvástuvvam	vájvástuvvan
Nisske, oalge			
Gieda			
Hárddo			
Svirrala			
Nårråsa, juolge			
Oajvve			
Radde			
Tjoajvve			
Vuollevájmmo			
letjá sajijn			

#### 5. Man álu le manemus 4 vahkon bårråm tjuovvovasj

dálkkasijt? (Bieja avtav ruossav juohkka linjáj)

	lv la bårråm maŋemus 4 vahkon	Vuorjábut gå juohkka vahko	Juohkka vahko, valla ij bæjválattjat	Bæjvá- lattjat
Oademdálkkasav				
Ráfájduhttemdálkkasav				
Dálkkasav låssåmiela vuosstij				

6. Makkár javllamusá hiehpi buoremusát duv varresvuoda dilláj uddni?

#### Vádtsem

- Mujna ij la gássjelisvuohta vádtset
- Mujna le vehik gássjelisvuohta vádtset
- Mån iv máhte ietján gå seŋgan vellahit

#### letjat sujtto

- Mujna ij la gássjelisvuohta ietjam sujttit
- Mujna le vehik gássjelisvuohta basádimijn ja gárvvunimijn
- Mån iv ietjam basádit máhte

## Dábálasj dåjma (d.d. barggo, låhkåm, sijddabarggo, famillja- jali asstoájggedåjma)

- 🔲 Mujna ij la gássjelisvuohta dábálasj dåjmajt doajmmat
- Mujna le vehik gássjelisvuohta dábálasj dåjmajt doajmmat
  - 🚽 Mån iv nagá ietjam dábálasj dåjmajt doajmmat

#### Báktjasa ja unugisvuohta

- Mujna ælla báktjasa jalik unugisvuoda
- Mujna le vehik báktjasa ja unugisvuoda
- Mujna le garra báktjasa jali unugisvuoda

#### Ballo ja låssåmiella

- Mujna ij la ballo ij ga låsså miella
- Mujna le vehik ballo jali låsså miella
- Mujna le huj ballo jali huj låsså miella

7. Man ålov viehkki dån?	' (ålles kilojt)
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8. Man allak le dån? (ålles cm).....

9. Gåhttjop duv almodit ietjat rubbmelasj dåjmadimev skálan huj binnás gitta huj ålluj. Skála dánna vuollelin le 1–10 rádjáj. Rubbmelasj dåjmadime li sihke sijddadåjma ja bargo bargodilen, ja aj lásimudallama ja jatjá rubbmelasi dåjmadimev duola degu	15. Man galles årru dan vieson gånnå dån åro? Galla ulmutja				
vádtsem jnv Bieja ruossav dan ruktuj mij buoremusát tjielggi man rubbmelasj dåjmalasj dån le.	16. Galla skåvllåjage le dån tjádadam? (Lågå gájkka jagijt majt la skåvlån vádtsám jali studerim)				
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Huj binná 🗌 🗌 🔲 🗌 🔲 🔲 🔲 Huj ållo	17. Årru gus internáhtan (stáhtainternáhtan, suohkana jali priváhta) gå vuodoskåvlåv vádtsi? Lev Iv la				
Famillja ja gielladuogásj					
Nuortta-Vuonan årru ulmutja gejn le moattelágásj tjerdalasj duogátia. Dat merkaj sij hålli genga gjelajt ja sijájn le genga	18. Ma li læhkám ájnnasamos gáldo duv sisbåhtuj maŋemus jage? (Bieja avtav jali moadda ruossa)				
kultuvra. Åvddåmærkkan tjerdalasj duogátjij, jali tjerdalasj	Bálkkábarggo:				
juohkusij li dádtja, sábmelattja ja guojna.	🗌 Ållessájggáj 🗌 Oasseájggáj 🗌 Jáhpebarggo				
10. Makkár dielav hůla. Makkár dielav hůlli/hůllin duv picáda ja	lesjrádálasj æládus:				
<b>áhko ja ádjá sijdan?</b> (Bieja avtav jali moadda ruossa)	Állessáiggái Qasseáiggái Jábpebarggo				
Dáro- Sáme- Guojna- letjá gielav gielav gielav gielajt, tjielggi:					
Áddjá (iedne áhttje)	Boarrasijpensjavnna/AFP				
Áhkko (iedne ieddne)	Ruhtadoarjja/gasskamuddodoarjja/æjgátrudá				
Áddjá (áhtje áhttje)	Biejvverudá				
Áhkko (áhtje ieddne)	Skihppijrudá				
Áhttje	Barggotjielggidamrudá				
	Fábmálisvuodapensjåvnnå				
	Doarjja viessombierggimij (sosiállaviehkke)				
11. Mii le duy, duy áhtie, duy jedne tierdalasi duogási?	Doarija gállasiguoimes/æigádijs/oarbbenijs/mánási				
(Bieja avtav jali moadda ruossa)					
Muv áhtie tierdalasi duogasi le					
Muv iedne tjerdalasj duogásj le	19. Áryvala gus duina le máhttelisvuohta				
	bargov majt dálla barga masset, jali ietjat sisboadov tjuodtjelij guovten jagen? Árvvalav IV				
1 <b>2. Manen ietjat ana?</b> (Bieja avtav jali moadda ruossa) Dádtjan Sábmen Guojnnan letján, tjielggi:					
	20. Lidji gus jåhttåt das suohkanis gånnå dalla åro jus lidji barggofálaldagáv oadtjot ietjá sajen?				
13. Gåktu dån árvustalá jetjat tjehnudagáv dádjadit, hållat	Lidjiv Dåssju oasev jages				
låhkåt jali tjállet sámegielav?	🗌 lv lim 🗌 lv diede				
Huj Vehik Vehik Soames Iv buoragit buoragit rahtjamijn bágov åvvånis					
Dádjadav	21. Jus le bálkkábargon gåktu soaptso dan bargon/æládusán gånnå le dálla?				
Hålav	Huj buoragit Buoragit Nievret Huj nievret				
	22. Duv varresvuoda ja barggoåtsådallamij milta le gus jáhkedahtte bálkkábargon/æládusán joarká gitta dasik dævddá:				
Barggo, oadjo ja økonomija	Huj jáhke- Jáhke- Binnebut Huj binnáv dabtte dabtte jáhkedabtte jáhkedabtte				
14. Man stuorra bruttosisboahto le familian/αoaden iahkásattiat?					
□ Vuollela 150 000 kr □ 150 000 −300 000 kr					
□ 301 000-450 000 kr □ 451 000-600 000 kr	Sulá 67 jage				
□ 601 000–750 000 kr □ 751 000–900 000 kr	Sulá 70 jage				

601 000–750 000 kr

- 🗌 Badjel 900 000 kr
- ☐ 751 000–900 000 kr

Vuorrasap gå 70 jage.....
### 23. Jus le dujna iesjrádálasj æládus, makkár æládus le dujna?

(Bieja avtav jali moadda ruossa)

- Boatsojæládus Ednambarggo

  - Oasestibme
- Guolástus Miehttseæládus 🗌 letjá

### Psykalasj varresvuohta

#### 24. Vuollelin gávna listav duojna dájna gássjelisvuodajn. Le gus vásedam majdik dájs dáj nielje manemus vahkon? (Bieja avtav ruossav juohkka vájvváj)

,	lv le vájvás- tuvvam	Vehik vájvást- uvvam	Viehka vájvás- tuvvam	Sælldát vájvás- tuvvam
Hæhkka balo sivá dagi				
Dåbddåm balov jali læhkám goavgas				
Njuotsas jali dajnas				
Dåbddåm ietjat niejdedum ja juolodibmen				
lesjlájttem				
Nahkárahtes ijá				
Håjen ja nievresluondok				
Dåbddåm ietjat ávkedibmen, dåbddåm dujna le binná árvvo				
Dåbddåm dåssju rahtjamusáv				
Dårvodisvuodav dåbddåt boahtteájge gáktuj				

25. Gatjálvisá le dan birra makkár dåbdå ja gåktu dujna le læhkám dan manemus vahko. Juohkka gatjálvisán, vállji dav vásstádusáv mij buoremusát tjielggi gåktu dujna le læhkám. Man álu le dån dan manemus vahko: (Bieja ruossav dan ruktuj mij lagámusát tjielggi duv dilev)

aganasat jjerggi aav aner/	Avtat rajes	Vargga avtat rajes	Stuorra oasev ájges	Muhtem oasev ájges	Vehik oasev ájges	lv åvvånis	30.	Suovasta gus, jali le gus suovastam åvddål?			
Dåbddåm ietjam ávon ja											
buorre mielan	. 🗀							Lev muhttijn 📃 Iv, iv goassak			
ja loajttot											
Dåbddåm ietjam dåjmalattjan ja gievrran								Galla sigárehta suovasta dábálattjat bæjvváj?			
Dåbddåm ietjam vieddje ja vuojŋastam								Man vuoras lidji gå álggi suovastit bæjválattjat?			
Dåbddåm muv árggabiejven le ássje majt mån berustav							31.	Snuksi gus, jali le gus åvddål snuksim?			
								Lev bæjválattjat 🛛 Lev åvddål			
26. Le gus <u>maŋemus 12</u> ma li nággim ja ráfeduh	<u>mánc</u> ttám	<u>on</u> váse duv, ja	edam u maj ij	nugis n le læhk	nujtoj <sup>.</sup> ám	t		Lev muhttijn 🗌 Iv, iv goassak			
máhttelisvuohta majdik	dahk	at?		uhttiin		Álu		Dunji guhti snuksi bæjválattjat: Galli snuksi bæivvái?			
	vuoi	jjat		unttijn		Alu		~~~;····;·			
27. Le gus dån manemus 12 mánon mielalattiat garvvám diliit								Dunji guhti snuksi duoloj dálloj: Galli snuksi dábálattiat juohkka vahko?			
unugis mujtoj jali dåbdå dahkamis dav majt hálij	j diel di?	nti nav	vaj da	li hiere	dam c	luv					
Jus lev, man vuoras lidji gå álggi snuksit U lv la U Lev, valla vuoriját Muhttijn Álu bæjválattjat?											

#### 28. Le gus dån manemus 12 mánon dåbddåm ij la nahkam reagerit dilijn gånnå ienemusá iehtjádijs reagerijin dåbdåj?

🗌 lv la 🗌 Lev, valla vuorjját 🗌 Muhttijn 🗌 Álu

#### 29. Almmuda man buoragit tjuovvovasj tjuottjodus gåvvi duv ja duv familjav Hiehná

	ij hieba		bu	oragit
Luohtedav állásijt dajda merustallamijda ja mærrádusájda majt válldiv				
Mån soaptsov buoremusát gå lav aktan iehtjádij				
Mån soaptsov huj buoragit ietjam familja siegen				
Muv jáhkko allasim viehket muv gassjelis ájgij tjadá				
Mån álkket rádnajt oattjov				
Muv familjan le buorre aktijvuohta				
Vuosstemannamijn nagáv gávnnat buorre ássijt ma låggniji muv				
Lev tjiehppe åttjutjit aktijvuodav amás ulmutjij				
Muv familjan le positijvalasj vuojnno boahtteájggáj, gassjelis ájgij adjáj				
Mån nagáv dåhkkidit dáhpádusájt iellemin majt ij máhte rievddat				
Muv mielas le álkke gávnnat juojddáv buorev man birra máhttá sáhkadit				
Muv familjan lip åskeldisá guhtik guoimmásimme				

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32. Sulá galli le <u>manemus jage</u> alkoholav juhkam? (Giehppisvuola	38. Man álu le daj maŋemus 6 mánon læhkám:
ja alkoholadis vuola ij lägäduvä)	(Bieja avtav ruossav juohkka linjäj) Jenen då
	gålmmi 1–3 1–6 manemus Iv
	mannuj mannuj 6 mannuj goassak
	Tjoaggulvis-/biednadåben
Culé 1 vehklavi	Humánehtalasj tjåhkanimen
	letja vuojnnalasj dåben
	Badjelgæhttjalimev våsedam
33. Le gus juhkam alkoholav <u>daj manemus</u> 4 vahkon?	Badjelgæhttjam le gå ulmusj jali juogos ulmutjijs aneduvvi
	nievrebun gå iehtjáda. Sivvan máhttá liehket sijá tjerdalasj
Jus le, le gus juhkam nav ålov vaj dåbddåm la <u>ietjat</u> storensis 2	duogásj, ássko, jáhkko, doajmmahieredisvuohta, áldar jali seksuálalasi berustime
garramin'	
🗀 TV ta 🗀 Lev, akti – guokti 🗀 Lev, gaimini jai tenep	20. La que vácadam badiolamhttiamav?
34. Manta gus ganttjot letjat alkonoljunkamav jali juhkamvuogev ájggegasskasattjan (jugá álu ja ednagav soames ájge,	Lev, manemus guokta jage Lev, avddal
ja de le <u>guhka ájgge</u> goassa i jugá alkoholav)?	L Iv la L Iv diede
(Bieja avtav jali moadda ruossa)	lus vásstadi lav švdan gatiálvissai vásstada gatiálvisáit 40,47
🗋 Máhtáv, maŋemus 12 máno 🖾 Máhtáv, åvddål 🛄 Iv	Jus le vásstedam iv, maná viiddábut 48. gatjálvissaj.
35. Le gus dujna goassak narkotihkajn dahkamus læhkám?	
(Bieja avtav jali moadda ruossa) jage åvddål la	40. Jus le vásedam badjelgæhttjamav, man álu dáhpáduváj?
Hasj/marihuana (cannabis)	🗌 Huj álu 🗌 Duolluj dalloj 🗌 Vuorjját
letjá narkotihkalasj gárevselga, duola degu	
LSD, amfetamijnna, ecstasy, kokaijnna,	41. Mannen jáhká dån badjelgehtjaduvvi ? Mij lij sivvan
Åssku ja jellemvuojnno	
36. Le gus dån, duv æjgáda jali duv áhko ja ádjá tjanádum	Tjerdalasj duogásj     Geográfalasj gulluvasjvuohta
(Bieja avtav jali moadda ruossa)	🗋 Aldar 📃 Skihpudahka
Mån Áhkoja	🔲 letjá sivá, tjielggi: 🔄 lv diede
iesj leddne Áhttje ádjá	
Stáhtagirkko	
Laestadiánálasj tjoaggulvis	42. Máhtá gus subtsastit gånnå badjelgæhttjam dáhpáduváj?
letjá vuojŋŋalasj tjoaggulvis/aktisasjvuohta 🗌 🔲 🗌	(Bieja avtav jali moadda ruossa)
makkár:	Internentan     Skåulån /åbna dunán
Vuoinnalasiiellemvuoinodis sebrudahkai	
	Barggoåbtsåma aktiivuodan
makkár:	
lj lav sebrulasj makkárik jellemvuojnnosebrudagán	
	Annuasjvuoda æjvvainnen     Berrahii/familia aktiivuodan
37. Makkar aktijvuohta le dujna ässkuj?	Gå áiggu hájkultit bánnkaluoikav
IVIAN IAV JANKUIASJ/GADGASTAV risstalasjvuohtaj (persävnälasj ristagis)	Medisiinalasi dálkudime aktiivuodan
Man Jahkav Jubmel gavnnu, valla jahkos ij le nav stuorra berustibme bæivalattiat	
	Báikálasi sebrudagán
Mån iv jáhke Jubmel gávnnu	letjá sajen, tijelggi:

43. Máhtá gus subtsastit guhti duv badjelvgehtjaj? (Bieia avtav iali moadda ruossa)	50. Le gus vásedam seksuálalasj rähtsatjimev? (Bieja avtav jali moadda ruossa)
Almulasj bargge	Iv, iv goassak Lev, mánnán (vuollel 18 jage)
Amás ulmutia	🗌 Lev, ållessjattugin 🗌 Lev, maŋemus 12 mánon
Bargorádna	(18 jage jali vuorrasabbo)
Akta jali moattes gein le sæmmi tierdalasi duogási gå duina	Jus le, gæssta?
Akta jali moattes gejn le jetić tierdalaci duogćsi gå dujna.	🗌 Amás ulmutjis 🔤 Guojmes
	Berrahis fuolkes
Ahpadiddje/bargge	51. Jus le vásedam makkárik vierredagov, le gus soabmásij
	dáv subtsastam? (Bieja avtav jali moadda ruossa)
44. Dahki gus majdik vájmmelisát hiejtedittjat badjelgæhttjamav? Dahkiv Ittjiv	<ul> <li>Iv la</li> <li>Soames berrahij</li> <li>Rádnajda</li> <li>Fáhkaulmutjijda</li> </ul>
45. Le gus goassak válldám aktijvuodav dássádusoahttsijn	Bádnevarresvuohta
ättjutjit rádev ja viehkev badjelgæhttjama gåktuj?	52. Gåktu le duv bádnevarresvuohta ietjat mielas?
Lev L lv la L lv mujte	🗌 Nievrre 🗌 lj la rat buorre 🗌 Buorre 🗌 Huj buorre
46. Guoskadaláj gus badjelgæhttjam dunji?	53. Le gus dujna luovasbáne? 🗌 Le 🗌 Ælla
47. Le gus vásedam badjelgæhttjamav dan diehti gå la sábme?	54. Ávkástalá gus dån iesj muhtemav dájs tjuovvovasj viehkkenævojs – ja jus, man álu? Duolla Duolla dálla/ moaddi moaddi Vuorijábut/
Lev Iv la Iv diede Iv la sábme	Bæjválattjat vahkon mánon ij goassak
	Fluorbádnegella
Vahágahttem ja vierredahko	Bádnesuodna
	Bádnesåluna
48. Le gus vásedam soames guhkes ájgev ja systemmáhtalattjat le gæhttjalam njejddet, bæssodit jali njuoradit duy? (Bjeja avtav	Fluor-tablehta
jali moadda ruossa)	Bádneskuorun hiebadum
Lev, mánnán (vuollel 18 jage)	luovasbánijda
Lev, ållessjattugin Lev, maŋemus 12 mánon (18 jage jali vuorrasabbo)	55. Goassa maŋemus lidji bádnedåktåra jali bádnesujttára lunna?
Jus le, gæssta?	🗌 Binnep gå jahke das åvddål 🛛 🗌 1–2 jage ájgge
	□ 3–5 jage ájgge □ Badjel 5 jage ájgge
	56. Jus le badjel guovte jage ájgge, mij dasi le sivvan? (Bieja avtav jali moadda ruossa)
49. Le gus vásedam rubbmelasj vierredagov/dierredimev? (Bieja avtav jali moadda ruossa)	Iv le gåhtjoduvvam
□ Iv, iv goassak □ Lev, mánnán (vuollel 18 jage)	Guhka vuorddemájgge le bessat bádnedåktåra lusi
Lev, ållessjattugin	L Iv la asstam
(18 jage jali vuorrasabbo)	Økonomalasj sivát
hus la seconta?	Mujna ij la læhkam dárbbo bádnesujttimij
Jus ie, gæssta?	Ivian balav jali gavav vuolggemis badnedäktära lusi
☐ Amás ulmutjis ☐ Guojmes	Li ietja siva:
🗌 Berrahis, fuolkes 🗌 letjá oahppásis	

<b>57. Gåktu dån ávkki bádnevarresvuodadievnastusáv?</b> (Bieja avtav jali moadda ruossa)	lesjsårmmim ja iesjsårmmimdáhpádus						
Bádnedåktår jali bádnesujttár gåhttju muv duolloj dálloj boahtet	66. Le gus massám soabmásav lagámusájs iesjsårmmima baktu? 🗌 Lev 🗌 Iv la						
Diededav juovnnát bánijt gehtjadittjat							
<ul> <li>Diŋŋguv tijmav gå li báktjasa, jali gå lav bádnedevdadisáv lahppám</li> </ul>	67. Le gus <u>ájádallam</u> ietjat sårmmit?						
🗌 Iv nav álu bádnedåktåra lusi maná	🗌 Lev, maŋemus jagen 🗌 Lev, åvddåla 🗌 Iv, iv goassak						
58. Le gus daj maŋemus guovten jagen oadtjum avtav jali ienebuv dajs diagnosajs bádnedåktåris? Lev Iv la Iv diede	<b>68. Le gus <u>gæhttjalam</u> ietjat sårmmit?</b>						
Alvos bádneoadtjevuolssje							
Bádneoadtjevuolssje mij ij la nav alvos	69. Le gus <u>mielanækton vahágahttám</u> ietjat?						
Njálmme gåjkkåm 🛛 🗌 🗌	Lev manemus jagen Lev åvddåla Llv jy goassak						
Rájgge avtan jali moatten bánen (karies)							
letjá diagnosajt	Jus le gæhttjalam ietjat sårmmit, máhtá vásstedit tjuovvovasj gatjálvisájt. Jus le vásstedam iv gatjálvissaj, máhtá mannat vijddábut 76. gatjálvissaj.						
dudálasj							
1 2 3 4 5 Huj duhtamahtes 🗌 🔲 🔲 🔲 🔲 Huj dudálasj	70. Gåktu gæhttjali ietjat sårmmit? (Bieja avtav jali moadda ruossa)         Hartsastimijn         Vuohtjemværjoj         Bagstelig dávyorijn						
60. Man álu bániit skuorru 10-iagágin?							
Akti bæjvyái jali jenebut							
Vuoriját jali ji goassak	71. Mij lij sivvan gå gæhttjali ietjat sårmmit?						
	Tjielga hállo jábmet 🗌 Lej 🗌 Ij lim						
61. Man álu dárkestin duv æjgáda jali åvdåsvásstediddje jus dån lidji bánijt skuorrum, gå lidji 10-jagák?	Dille lij gierddamahtes Lej Ij lim						
Dájvváj (birrasij bæjválattjat) Duolloj dálloj Ij goassak	·····,···						
62. Jus dujna li máná nuorabu gå 6 jagága gudi duv lunna årru, man dájvváj viehkeda dån sijáv bánijt skuorrot jali dárkesta gus jus sij le bánijt skuorrum?	72. Lidji gus juhkam/gárramin gå gæhttjali ietjat sårmmit? Didjiv Iv lim						
Dájvváj (birrasij bæjválattjat) Duolloj dálloj Ij goassak	73. Man vuoras lidji gå <u>vuostasj bále</u> gæhttjali ietjat sårmmit?						
63. Jus dujna li máná 6–12 jage gaskan gudi duv lunna årru, man dájvváj viehkeda dån sijáv bánijt skuorrot jali dárkesta gus jus sij li bánijt skuorrum?	74. <u>Man galli</u> le gæhttjalam ietjat sårmmit?						
Dájvváj (birrasij bæjválattjat) Duolloj dálloj Ij goassak	75. Subtsasti gus iehtjádijda dån lidji gæhttjalam ietjat sårmmit? (Bieja avtav jali moadda ruossa)						
64. Jus li máná gudi li 0–12 jage gasskan gudi duv lunna årru, le gus diján læhkám njuolgadusá goassa máná oadtju sjokoládav ja ietja hálmugijt bårråt?	<ul> <li>Iv la</li> <li>Soames berrahij</li> <li>Rádnajda</li> <li>Fáhkaulmutjijda</li> </ul>						
Le Ælla	Speallamdábe						
65. Man dudálasj le dån bádnevarresvuodadievnastusájn ietjat suohkanin?	76. Le gus goassak dåbddåm dárbov spellat ienep ja ienep rudái åvdås? (Bieja avtav jali moadda ruossa)						
Huj Huj Huj dudálasj 🗌 🗌 🔲 🔲 🗌 duhtamahtes 🗌 Iv diede	Lev, maŋemus jagen Lev, åvddål I Iv la						

77. Le gus goassak gielestam sidjij gudi li ájnnasa dunji, man ålov dån spela? (Bieja avtav jali moadda ruossa)	Sierratjiehpij varresvuodadievnastusájn (spesialhelse- tjenesten) árvvaluvvá, skihppijviesso, guovllopsykiatrija guovdáci (DDS) sierratijohnii doktárguovdáci jeli ájnogic					
🗌 Lev, maŋemus jagen 🗌 Lev, åvddål 🔲 Iv la	sierratjiehpe.					
78. Le gus dujna goassak læhkám ájggegasska goassa le massám rudájt avta biejve, le máhtsám ruoptus muhtem ietjá biejve vuojtátjit ruopptot dajt rudájt majt le massám? (Bieja avtav jali moadda ruossa) Lev, maŋemus jage Lev, åvddål	<ul> <li>84. Le gus <u>manemus 12 mánon</u> læhkám guoradallamin jali dálkudimen <i>rubbmelasj gássjelisvuodaj</i> diehti</li> <li>Skihppijvieson</li> <li>Sierratjiehpij doktårguovdátjin</li> <li>Priváhta sierratjiehpe</li> <li>Iv makkárik sajen lunna</li> </ul>					
Iv la Iv diede/iv mujte	85. Le gus <u>maŋemus 12 mánon</u> læhkám guoradallamin jali dálkodimen <i>psykalasj gássjelisvuodaj</i> diehti					
79. Le gus maŋemus jage spellam rollaspelav internehtan?	🗌 Psykiatralasj skihppijvieson 🗌 Guovllopsykiatrija guovdátjin					
🗌 Lev, bæjválattjat 🗌 Lev, vahkutjattjat	Priváhta sierratjiehpe lunna Iv makkárik sajen					
🗌 Lev, mánutjattjat jali vuorjját 🗌 lv la	86. Jus le læhkám sierratjiehpe (spesialista) lunna rubbmelasj jali psykalasj gássjelisvuodaj dálkodime diehti, vássteda tjuovvovasj gatjálvisájt Vássteda 0–10 rádjáj skálán (0 = huj unnán 10 = huj ållo)					
Varresvuodadievnastusáj ávkástallam ja åtsådallama	Oadtju gus máhttelisvuodav subtsastit dav mij duv mielas lej ájnas duv dile gáktuj?					
80. Dat doktår gev dábálattjat ávkástalá le	Rubbmelasj gássjelis-   0   1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10   vasj     vuoda aktijvuodan					
Duv stuovesdoktår 🗌 letjá doktår	Psykalasj gássjelis- vuoda aktijvuodan					
81. Man guhkev le dujna læhkám dat stuovesdoktår gut dujna dálla le?	Hållin gus doktåra/dálkudiddje dunji nav vaj dån dádjadi suv/sijáv?					
🗌 Vuollel 6 mánu 📄 Gaskal 6–11 mánu	Rubbmelasj gássjelis-					
🗌 Gaskal 12–24 mánu 🔲 Guhkebuv gå 2 jage	Psykalasj gássjelis- vuoda aktijvuodan					
82. Le gus dáj maŋemus 12 máno válldam aktijvuodav stuovesdoktårijn åttjutjit	Bessi gus ietjat mielas siegen liehket mierredimen ietjat dálkudimev?					
viehkev jali radijt allasit? Lev Liv la	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 vasj Rubbmelasj gássjelis- vuoda aktijvuodan					
Iv goassak 🗌 Muhttijn 🗌 Dábálattjat 🗌 Agev	Psykalasj gássjelis- vuoda aktijvuodan 🛛 🗌 🗖 💭 💭 💭 💭 💭 💭					
	Dagáj gus dálkkudibme nav vaj buorráni?					
83. Man dudálasj jali duhtamahtes le tjuovvovasj åsij stuovesdoktårdievnastusájn? <sup>Huj</sup>	0       1       2       3       4       5       6       7       8       9       10       vasj         Rubbmelasj gássjelis-         vuoda aktijvuodan					
Huj Dudá- Duhta- duhta- lv dudálasj lasj mahtes mahtes dieda Man åledabtte le stuovesdoktår	Psykalasj gássjelis- vuoda aktijvuodan					
telefåvnå baktu	Ålles láhkáj, le gus dujna luohtádus skihppijviessuj jali cierratizebenáj gen lunna lidij2					
stuovesdoktåra lusi	Bubbmelasi gássielis-					
Ájgge stuovesdoktåra lunna	vuoda aktijvuodan					
Man buoragit stuovesdoktår dádjat duv gássjelisvuodajt 🗌 🗌 🗌 🗌	Psykalasj gássjelis- vuoda aktijvuodan 🛛 🗆 🗖 🗖 🗖 🗖 💭 💭 💭 💭					
Stuovesdoktåra diedo duv varresvuodagássjelisvuodaj, guoradallamij ja dálkudimvuogij	Ålles láhkáj, man dudálasj le sujtujn ja dálkudimijn majt oattjo?					
hárráj	Rubbmelasj gássjelis- vuoda aktijvuodan					
duhtamahtes le dån suohkana varresvuodadievnastusájn?	Psykalasj gássjelis- vuoda aktijvuodan 🛛 🗌 🔲 🗬 🗬 🖛 🖛 🔲 🗌					

## Vásádusá rájaduvvamijn

87. Le gus maŋemus 12 m sierratjiehpij lusi, valla illa	ánon hálijdam rájaduvvat rájaduvvam?	94. Jus le vásstedam «sámegielav», valla ittjij fáladuvá sámegielak doktår maŋemus gå lidji doktåra lunna, fáladuváj							
Rubbmelasj gássjelisvuoda	a ktijvuodan	gus de dålkkå?							
🔲 Iv, iv goassak	Lev, akti	Stuovesdoktåra lunna:							
Lev, moaddi	🗌 lj guoskadalá	🗌 Fáladuváj	🗌 Ittjij						
Psykalasj gássjelisvuoda a	ktijvuodan	🗌 lv hálijdam adnet dålkåv	🗌 lj guoskadalá						
🔲 Iv, iv goassak	Lev, akti	Skihppijvieson/sierratjiehpe lunna:							
Lev, moaddi	🗌 lj guoskadalá	Fáladuváj	🗌 Ittjij						
88. Le gus maŋemus 12 m fysioterápevta, kiroprákto rájaduvvam?	ánon hálijdam rájaduvvat ra jali sulásattja lusi, valla ij la	<ul> <li>Iv hálijdam adnet dålkåv</li> <li>95. Jus lij sámegjelak dålkkå mane</li> </ul>	Ij guoskadalá mus gå lidii doktåra lunna.						
Iv, iv goassak	🗌 Lev, akti	guhti dåjmaj dålkkån?	inas ga naji asntara ranna,						
🗌 Lev, moaddi	🗌 lj guoskadalá	Stuovesdoktåra lunna:							
		🗌 🛛 Almulasj bálkkiduvvam dålkkå	Beraj						
89. Jus rájaduvvi, man gu	hkev vuorddi tijmav?	Doktårkontåvrå bargge	🗌 lehtjáda						
Galla vahko		Skihppijvieson/sierratjiehpe lunna:							
		🗌 Almulasj bálkkiduvvam dålkkå	Beraj						
90. Le gus sihtam friddja s rájaduvvam sierratjiehpijo	skihppijviesoválljimav gå le Jálkudibmáj?	Ietjá bargge skihppijviesos	🗌 lehtjáda						
Lev Iv la	🗌 lj guoskadalá	96. Le gus <u>goassak</u> læhkám doktårguoradallamin/dálkudimen gånnå lij sámegielak dålkkå, man dudálasj lidji dån, duv ja doktåra/dálkudiddie, ságastallamiin?							
Giella doktåra lu	nna	Stuovesdoktåra lunna:							
91. Maŋemus gå lidji stuo hållabihtte dåi doktåriin?	vesdoktåra lunna, makkár gielav	Huj dudálasj	Dudálasj						
Dárogielav	Sámegielav letjá gielav, tjielggi:	Duhtamahtes	Huj duhtamahtes						
Mån hålliv		🗌 Iv diede							
Doktår hålaj 📃		Skibaniivisson/siowstiisbas lunas							
			Dudálasi						
92. Maŋemus gå lidji skih	ppijvieson/spesialista lunna, makkár								
Dárogielav	Sámegielav letjá gielav, tjielggi:		Huj duntamantes						
Mån hålliv									
Doktår hålaj 🛛 🗌		97. Le gus <u>goassak</u> vásedam ij le o	adtjum dárogielak/						
93. Makkár gielav háliida	ienemusát hållat	sámegielak dålkåviehkev vájku le a	ádnum?						
varresvuodabarggij? (Bieja	avtav jali moadda ruossa)	Lev vásedam dålkåv lev ádnum	n, valla iv la oadtjum						
Dárogielav Sámegielav letjá g	jielav, tjielggi: 	└┘ Iv la, agev lev dålkåv oadtjum j	us lev ádnum						
		lv la goassak dålkåv ádnum							

Dålkåv adnem

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Questionnaire—Southern Sámi

# Healsoe- jïh jieledegoerehtimmie

1. Manne luhpehtem meatan årrodh goerehtimmesne dej bïevnesi tsegkie mah leah bïevneseprievesne vadteme...... 🗌 Jaavoe

### Jïjtse healsoe

2. Guktie dov healsoe daelie?	(Bïejh ajve akt	tem kroe	essem)	oen hiiven	
			JOEK	Jennijven	Åorom
3. Datne åtnah, jallh datne na	an aejkien	<b>åtnem</b> Jaavoe	<b>ie?</b> Ijje	Aaltere gosse eelki	Bådtja Bådtja
Sohkerjaamedh-gæbja					vööste
Jolle virretrygke					6 Mal
Angina pectoris (vaajmoe-geas	adimmie).				buerk
Vaajmoe-domhpenasse					Vaedt
Psykiske vaejvieh mej åvteste o viehkiem ohtseme	latne				└── In └── Să
Kronihken bronkidte, emfysem	e, KOLS				L M
Aastma					Persov
Ekseeme					In In
Psoriasise					∐ Să
Multippel sklerose (MS)					
Bechterews skïemtjelasse					<b>Siejhm</b> eejehtal
4. Datne dan <u>minngemes jaepi</u> åtneme jïh/jallh gæhtjoes orre jïh lïhtsine mah <u>unnemes 3 ask</u> iktemierien?	<u>en</u> bååktje me åedtjine <u>ch</u> vaaseme	ge e	Jaavo	pe 🗌 ljje	L In Să di In
Jis jaavoe, vuesehth gukt kråahpen ovmessie bielir (akte kroesse fïerhtene linjesne) Tiovrese, åelkieh	ie dah bae ne goeresno Im njåvtasovvh	ktjiedi e vueli <sup>Ånne</sup> njåvtaso	mmie elisni etji ovvem	eh orreme ie Tjarki njåvtasovvem	Baektj
Gïeth			]		Asve ji
Rudtjen bijjiebielie			]		🗌 In
Gaatna			]		M
Nyhtelh, juelkieh			] ı		L M
Aejjie			J		
Mïelkebielie			J		7. Mar
Tjåejjiebielie			J		
Tsuepie			J		8 Mar

#### 5. Man daamtaj datne dej minngemes 4 våhkoej daejtie

oådtjide nåhtadamme	? (bïejh aktem	ı kroessem fïer	hten linjese)	
	lm nåhta- damme dej minngemes 4 våhkoej	Sveekebe goh fïerhten våhkoen	Fïerhten våhkoen, men ij biejjieladtje	Biejjie- ladtje
Åeremebådtja				
3ådtja mij jaskele				
3ådtja depresjovnen /ööste				

### h lahtesh bööremeslaakan dov healsoetsiehkiem estieh daan biejjien?

### seme

- n dåeriesmoerh utnieh bïjre jarkan vaedtsedh
- åemies dåeriesmoerh åtnam bijre jarkan vaedtsedh
- lanne seangkosne gællan

### vneles flæjjadimmie

- n dåeriesmoerh utnieh jïjtjemem flæjjadidh
- åemies dåeriesmoerh åtnam bïssedidh jallh gåårvedidh
- n buektehth bïssedidh

**e darjomesh** (v.g. barkoe, studijh, gåetiebarkoe, fuelhkie jallh lemedarjomh)

- n dåeriesmoerh utnieh mov sïejhme darjomesh darjodh
- åemies dåeriesmoerh åtnam mov sïejhme darjomesh arjodh
- n buektehth mov sïejhme darjomesh darjodh

### jiedimmie jïh vaejvie

- lov vallah baektjiedimmie jallh vaejvie
- lov gaskemedtien baektjiedimmie jallh vaejvie
- lov tjarke baektjiedimmie jallh vaejvie

### ïh depresjovne

- n asvem jallh depresjovnem utnieh
- anne ohtje asvem jallh depresjovnem åtnam
- lov tjarke asve jallh depresjovne

Man leevles datne? (ellies kg)	1	<u> </u>	
Man guhkies datne? (ellies cm)			

9. Mijjieh datnem gihtjebe dov fysiske darjomh vuesiehtidh akten skaalan mietie, gaajh vaenie fysiske darjomistie gaajh jijnjh darjomidie. Skaala lea 1–10. Fysiske darjomh leah dovne barkoe gåetesne jih ålkone, jih saavreme jih jeatjah fysiske darjomh goh ålkone vaedtsedh j.pl. Bïejh kroessem dan ruvtese mij bööremes dov daltesem vuesehte dov fysiske darjomistie.

Gaaih	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Gaajh
vaenie											jïjnje

### Fuelhkie jïh gïelemaadtoe

Noerhte-Nöörjesne almetjh veasoeh joekehts etnihken maadtojne. Daate sæjhta jiehtedh dah joekehts gïelh soptsestieh jïh joekehts kultuvrh utnieh. Goh etnihken maadtoe jallh etnihken dåehkie lea nöörjen, saemien jïh kveenen.

#### 10. Maam hïejmegïelide datne åtnah/utnih, dov eejhtegh jih aahkah/aajjah utnieh/utnin? (Bïejh aktem jallh jienebh kroessh)

Nöörjen Saemien Kveenen Jeatjah, buerkesth:

	Noorjen	Saemien	Kveenen	Jeatjan,	buerkestn:
Tjidtj'-aajja					
Tjidtj'-aahka					
Aehtj'-aajja					
Aehtj'-aahka…					
Aehtjie					
Tjidtjie					
Manne					
<b>11. Mij dov, do</b> (Bïejh aktem jallh j Mov etnihken maad	ov aehtjie <sup>jienebh</sup> kroe toe lea	e <b>n jïh dov</b> essh) Nöörjen	<b>/ tjidtjien</b> Saemien <i>k</i>	veenen J	en maadtoe? leatjah, buerkesth:
Mov aehtiien etnihke	en maadtoe l	ea 🗌			
Mov tjidtjien etnihke	en maadtoe le	ea 🗌			
12. Maam datr	ne aerved Nöör	<b>h datne l</b> i jen Saen	<b>eah?</b> (Bïejł nien Kveer	n aktem jall nen Jeatja	h jienebh kroessh) ah, buerkesth: ]
13. Guktie dat soptsestidh, lo	ne vienh ohkedh ja	th datne Illh saem	maahtah ien tjaele	guarke edh?	dh,

	Joekoen hijven	Naa hijven	Tjoerem pradtjedh	Naan gille baakoeh	lm mejtegh maehtieh
Guarkedh					
Soptsestidh					
Lohkedh					
Tjaeledh					

### Barkoe, jielemedåarjoe jïh ekonomije

14. Man stoerre fuelhkien/gåetieguntien bruttobaalhka fierhten jaepien?

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Kr 150 000-300 000
K. 151 000 CO0 000

- Kr 601 000–750 000
- 🗌 Bijjelen 900 000
- └ Kr 451 000-600 000
   └ Kr 751 000-900 000

15. Man gellie almetjh dov gåetieguntesne årroeh? Man gellie almetjh
<b>16. Man gellie jaepieh datne skuvlesne tjïrrehtamme?</b> (Vaeltieh meatan gaajhkh jaepieh datne         skuvlem vaadtseme jallh lohkeme)
17. Datne internaatesne (tjïelten, staaten jallh privaate) årroejih gosse maadthskuvlem veedtsih?
18. Mestie datne åajvahkommes beetnegh dïenesjamme dan minngemes jaepien? (Bïejh aktem jallh jienebh kroessh)
Baalhkabarkoe:
🗌 Elliestijjen 🗌 Bielietijjen 🗌 Boelhken
Jïjtjeraarehke jieleme:
🗌 Elliestijjen 🗌 Bielietijjen 🗌 Boelhken
Aalterepensjovne/AFP
Kontantdåarjoe/overgangsdåarjoe/eejhtegebeetnegh
Biejjiebeetnegh
Skïemtjebeetnegh
Barkoe-avklaringbeetnegh
Uførepensjovne
Dåarjoe jieliemassese (sosijale dåarjoe)
Dåarjoe paarrebieleste/eejhtegijstie/åerpienistie/maanijste
Lööneme/studijelööneme jïh stipende
Jeatjah (spååreme vierhtieh/aerpie/gevinste jnv.)
19. Datne vienhth datne maahtah dov daaletje barkoem jallh baalhkam dassedh dej mubpie 2 jaepiej? 🗌 Jaavoe 🗌 ljje
20. Datne lih sïjhteme juhtedh dov daaletje årrometjïelteste jis datne faalenassem åadtjoejih barkoen bïjre aktene jeatjah lehkesne?
Jaavoe Ajve bielieh jaepeste
🗌 ljje 🗌 Im daejrieh
21 Dactagh dataa baalbkabarkacaa guktia dataa tråsiiadh

# 21. Dastegh datne baalhkabarkosne, guktie datne trăăjjedh dov daaletje barkosne/jieliemisnie?

🗌 Gaajh nåake

Gaajh hijven	🗌 Hijven	Nåake
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### 22. Våaroemisnie dov healsoste jïh dååjrehtimmijste barkoejieliedistie, man seapan datne vienhth datne leah baalhkabarkosne/jieliemisnie goske datne:

	Gaajh seapan	Seapan	Ånnetji seapan	lj dan seapan
62 jaepien båeries				
67 jaepien båeries				
70 jaepien båeries				
Båarasåbpoe goh 70 jaepien båeries				

#### 23. Jis datne jijtjeraarehke jieliemisnie, magkarinie jieliemisnie barkh? (Bïejh aktem jallh jienebh kroessh)

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Båatsoe

- Jåartaburrie
- Sïelteburrie
- GöölemeSkåajjeburrieJeatjah
- Psykiske healsoe

### 24. Vuelielisnie aktem læstoem gaavnh ovmessie dåeriesmoerigujmie. Datne maam akt daestie dååjreme dej <u>minngemes 4 våhkoej</u>? (Bïejh aktem kroessem fiereguhten vaajvan)

	lm njåvta- sovvh	Ånnetji njåvta- sovvem	Naa jijnje	Joekoen jïjnje
Faahketji asvem damteme bielelen fåantoe				
Skaabroeh jallh aerkies domteme				
Samhtjas jallh svååjpeles				
Stråarkan jallh fuehpies domteme				
Jïjtjemdh kradtjoehtamme				
Dåeriesmoerh åtneme åeredh				
Håjnoes, haarmoes				
Domteme ovnuhteligs orreme				
Domteme gaajhke lea slæjhtoes				
Domteme båetijen biejjien nåake				

25. Dah gyhtjelassh leah guktie datne damteme jih guktie datnine orreme <u>dan minngemes våhkoen</u>. Fiereguhten gyhtjelassese edtjh dam vaestiedassem veeljedh mij bööremeslaakan buerkeste guktie datnine orreme. Man daamtaj <u>dan minngemes våhkoen</u> datne: (Biejh kroessem dan ruvtese mij bööremes buerkeste guktie datnine)

	lkte- gisth	Mahte ikte- gisth	Mahte abpe tïjjen	Såemies aejkien	Ånnetji	lm gåessie gænna
Geerjene domteme jïh buerie bievsterisnie						
Seadtoes domteme						
Eadtjohke jïh veaksehks domteme						
Madtjeles jïh liegkes domteme						
Domteme mov biejjie- ladtje jieleme dieves						
orreme destie maam lyjhkem						

#### 26. Datne <u>dej minngemes 12 askh</u> dååjreme nåake mojhtesh båateme jïh datnem sturreme bielelen datne buektiehtamme maam akt dejnie darjodh?

ljje	
Muvhten aejkien	

Jaavoe, men sveekes Daamtaj

27. Datne dej <u>minngemes 12 askh</u> voerkeslaakan tsiehkieh
rïeveme juktie nåake mojhtesh jallh domtesh slyöhpedh,
naemhtie guktie dïhte datnem heerredamme darjodh maam
sïjhth?

	ljje
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- Jaavoe, men sveekes
- Muvhten aejkien 📃 Daamtaj

- 28. Datne dej <u>minngemes 12 askh</u> ih buektiehtamme domtesigujmie reageradidh dejnie tsiehkine gusnie dah jeanatjommes reageradieh?
- IjjeMuvhten aejkien
- Jaavoe, men sveekes

### 29. Vuesehth man hijven daah jiehtegh datnem jih dov fuelhkiem buerkiestieh

	sjeahta	sjeahta
Manne mov vuarjasjimmieh jïh sjæjsjalimmieh eevre leajhtedem		
Manne bööremeslaakan mubpiejgujmie murredem		
Manne mov fuelhkesne joekoen hijven murredem		
Ihke manne jijtsanne jaahkam dle buektehtem geerve boelhki tjirrh båetedh		
Manne aelhkieslaakan orre voelph åadtjoem		
Mov fuelhkesne hijven siemesvoete		
Trïegkenassesne buektehtem maam akt hijven gaavnedh mesnie maahtam sjïdtedh		
Manne væjkele orre almetjigujmie govlehtalledh		
Mov fuelhkie dan båetijen bejjan hijvenlaakan vuartesje, aaj geerve boelhkine		
Manne åajsoem heannadimmieh jieliedisnie jååhkesjidh mah eah gåaredh jarkelidh		
Manne tuhtjem aelhkie maam akt gaavnedh man bïjre hijven soptsestidh		
Mov fuelhkesne libie eerlege sinsætnan		

Da	ågkah jïh ruvsevierhtieh
30. C	Datne rïevhkesth, jallh datne aarebi rïevhkestamme? Jaavoe, biejjeladtje 🛛 Jaavoe, aarebi
L .	Jaavoe, muvnten aejkien 🛛 🗀 Ijje, im gaessie gænnan
	Man gellie sigaredth sïejhmemes rïevhkesth?
	Man båeries lih gosse eelkih rïevhkestidh biejjeladtje?
31. S	inåhkah, jallh aarebi snåhkeme?
	Jaavoe, biejjeladtje 🛛 Jaavoe, aarebi
	Jaavoe, muvhten aejkien 🛛 Ijje, im gåessie
	Dutnjien mij biejjieladtje snåhka: Man gellie åesieh snåhkah fierhten biejjien?
	Dutnjien mij muvhten aejkien snåhka: Man gellie åesieh snåhkah sïejhmemes fïerhten våhkoen?
	Man båeries Jis jaavoe, man båeries lih gosse eelkih biejjieladtje snuhkedh?

32. Medtie man daamtaj datne dan <u>minngemes jaepien</u> alkohovlem jovkeme? (Viesijesvoelege jih voelege namhtah alkohovle eah	<b>38. Man daamtaj datne orreme dej minngemes 6 askh:</b> (Bïejh aktem kroessem fierhten linjese) Vielie goh 1–3 1–6 aej/
leah meatan)	3 aej./ aej/ minngemes Im asken asken asken gåessie
Im gåessie alkohovlem jovkeme	Gærhkosne
Im alkohovlem jovkeme dan minngemes jaepien	Krirrie-/åålmegegåetesne
Naan gille aejkieh dan minngemes jaepien	Humanetihken gaavnesiimmesne
Ovrehte ikth asken	Jeatiah religijööse gåetesne
2–3 aejkieh f  üerhten asken	
Medtie 1 aejkien våhkoen	
2–3 aejkieh våhkoen	Jïjtjedåårjeme sïerredimmie
🗌 4–7 aejkieh våhkoen	Sïerredimmie lea gosse akte almetie iallh dåehkie almetiiistie
33. Datne alkohovlem jovkeme dej minngemes 4 våhkoeh? Jaavoe 🗌 ljje	nåakebe gietedimmiem åadtjoeh goh jeatjebh, v.g. sov etnihken maadtoen gaavhtan, jallh religijovne, jaahkoe, funksjovneheaptoe, aaltere jallh seksuelle voete.
Jis jaavoe, datne dan jijnjem jovkeme guktie datne	
domteme <u>tjarki tjiervesisnie</u> ?	39. Datne sierredimmiem daajreme?
☐ ljje ☐ Jaavoe, 1–2 aejkieh	
☐ Jaavoe, 3 aejkieh jallh vielie	□ Ijje □ Im daejrieh
<b>34. Datne vienhth dov åtnoe alkohovleste jallh jovkemevuekie goh boelhkine</b> ( <u>daamtai</u> jovkh jïh <u>jïjnjem</u> boelhkine, jïh mænngan <u>guhkebe</u> <u>boelhkh</u> åtnah bielelen alkohovlem jovkedh)? (bïejh aktem jallh jienebh kroessh)	Jis jaavoe vaestiedih evtebe gyhtjelassesne, vaestedh gyhtjelassh 40–47. Jis ijje vaestiedamme dle gyhtjelassine 48 aalkah.
🗌 Jaavoe, dej minngemes 12 askh 🗌 Jaavoe aarebi 🗌 Ijje	40. Jis datne sïerredimmiem dååjreme, man daamtaj daate heannadi?
<b>35. Datne naan aejkien narkotijkam</b> <b>nåhtadamme?</b> (bïejh aktem jallh jienebh kroessh) Jaavoe minngemes jaepien aarebi Ijje	<ul> <li>Gaajh daamtaj</li> <li>Såemies aejkien</li> <li>Akten sveekes aejkien</li> </ul>
Hasj/marihuana (cannabis) Jeatjah narkotijkah goh LSD, amfetamijne, ecstacy, heroin, Ghb j.pl	41. Mannasinie datne vienhth datne sïerredimmiem dååjrih?         Sïerredimmie lij dannasinie: (Bïejh aktem jallh jienebh kroessh)         Funksjovneheaptoe       Seksuelle voete         Dåeriesmoerh lïeredh       Tjoele
Religijovne jïh jielemevuajnoe	Religijovne jallh jaahkoe Nasjovnalitete
	Etninken maadtoe     Geografijen sijjie     Aaltere     Skiemtielesse
36. Datne, dov eejhtegh jallh dov aahkah/	Adlere Skiemijelasse
jielemevuajnoekrirrijste: (bïejh aktem jallh jienebh kroessh) Aahkah	
Manne Tjidtjie <sub>Aehtjie</sub> aajjah	
Staategærhkoe	
Læstadijanen krirrie	jallh jienebh kroessh)
Jeatjah religijööse krirrie/ektievoete	Internettesne
Magkeres:	Skuvlesne/ööhpehtimmesne
lj religijööse jielemevuajnoekrirrie	Barkoejieliedisnie
Magkeres:	Gosse barkoem syökim
Im leah lihtseginie aktede	Jïjtjevyljehke barkosne/åårganisasjovnine
jielemevuajnoekrirreste	Gosse byögkelesvoetine govlehtallim
	Fuelhkesne/sliektesne     Coorse adtiik looiiadle (foots like af attail
37. Maam datne vienhth religijovnen bijre?	Gosse edtjih leejjedh/aestedh gaetiem
Manne jaehkije/bæjhkoje kristegassje (persovneles kristegassje)	Gosse edujim paangnkeloonemem skaamedn
Manne vienhtem akte Jupmele gååvnese, men religijovne ij dan stoerre ulmiem utnieh munniien bieiiieladtie	Bovresne jallh restaurantesne
Im seekere	Voenges siebriedahkesne
🗌 Im jaehkieh naan Jupmele gååvnese	Jeatjah sijjesne, tjaelieh

<b>43. Maahtah vuesiehtidh gie datnem sïerredi?</b> (Bïejh aktem jallh jienebh kroessh)	50. Datne seksuelle daaresjimmieh dååjreme? (Bïejh aktem jallh ijenehk kroessh)
Bvögkeles barkije	Ijie, im gåessie gænnah
	Jaavoe, goh maana (nuerebe goh 18 jaepieh)
	Jaavoe goh geerve (18 jaepien båeries jallh båarasåbpoe)
	Jaavoe, dej minngemes 12 askh
Akte Jalin Jienebn seamma etninken tjierteste gon Jijtjemdn	lisionus sistis?
Akte jallh jienebh jeatjah etnihken tjierteste goh jijtjemdh	Jis Jaavoe, giestie
Meatanlearohkh/studenth	Fuelhkie, sliekte     Jeatiah åehpies
Lohkehtæjjah/barkijh	
🗌 Jeatjebh	51. Jis datne naan såarhts daaresjimmiem dååjreme, datne
44. Datne jijtje maam akt darjoejih ihke sïerredimmiem nåhkehtidh?	dan bijre naakenidie soptsestamme? (Biejh aktem jallh jienebh kroessh)
45. Datne naan aejkien govlehtalleme Mïrrestalleme- jïh sïerredimmietjirkijinie juktie raeriem jallh viehkiem åadtjodh sïorradimmion büra?	Baeniehealsoe
	52. Guktie dov baeniehealsoem vuarjesjh?
🗀 Jaavoe 🗀 ljje 🗀 Im mujhtieh	🗌 Nåake 🗌 Ij dan hijven 🗌 Hijven 🗌 Joekoen hijven
46. Mennie mieresne sïerredimmie datnem gïetedi?	53. Dov baenieprotese/gebisse? 🗌 Jaavoe 🗌 Ijje
📙 lj mejtegh gænnah 🔄 Ånnetji	
🗌 Naa jijinje 🔤 Jijinje	54. Datne naaken daejstie viehkiedïrregijstie nåhtedh, jïh jis,
	man daamtaj? Iktegisth/ Ij iktegisth/ Ij iktegisth/ Sveekebe/
47. Datne sïerredimmiem dååjreme dannasinie datne saemie?	fierhten såemies såemies aejkien im gåessie biejjien aejkien asken gænnah
🗌 Jaavoe 🔲 Ijje 🗌 Im daejrieh 🗌 Im saemie	Baenieskubpe
	Baeniekreeme fluorine
Vædtsoesvoete jib daaresjimmie	Baenielaejkie
	Såålemasse
48. Datne dååjreme naaken datnem systemen mietie jïh	
haeniehtidh? (Bïejh aktem jallh jienebh kroessh)	Proteseskubpe
🗌 ljje, im gåessie gænnah	
Jaavoe, goh maana (nuerebe goh 18 jaepieh)	55. Gåessie lih minngemes aeikien baeniedåakteren luvnie
Jaavoe goh geerve (18 jaepien båeries jallh båarasåbpoe)	jallh baeniesåjhteren luvnie?
Jaavoe, dej minngemes 12 askh	Unnebe goh akten jaepien gietjeste
Jis jaavoe, giestie?	□ 1–2 Jaepien gietjeste
Ammes almetje	□ 3–5 Jaepien gietjeste
🗌 Fuelhkie, sliekte 🗌 Jeatjah åehpies	
<b>49. Datne fysiske daaresjimmieh dååjreme?</b> (Bïejh aktem jallh jienebh kroessh) 	<b>56. Jis vielie goh 2 jaepien gietjeste, mannasinie?</b> (Bïejh aktem jallh jienebh kroessh) Im manne αohtiedimmiem åådtieme
📙    Ijje, im gåessie gænnah	Tjuara guhkiem vuertedh baeniedåakterasse båetedh
Jaavoe, goh maana (nuerebe goh 18 jaepieh)	Im asteme
Jaavoe goh geerve (18 jaepien båeries jallh båarasåbpoe)	Ekonomijen gaavhtan
L Jaavoe, dej minngemes 12 askh	Im baeniebåehtjierdimmiem daarpesjamme
Jis jaavoe, giestie?	Manne billem baeniedåakteren luvnie mïnnedh
Ammes almetje	🔟 Jeatjah fåantoeh:
🗌 Fuelhkie, sliekte 🗌 Jeatjah åehpies	

57. Guktie baeniehealsoedïenesjem nåhtedh? (Bïejh aktem jallh jienebh kroessh)	Aemielueseme jïh aemielueseme- dåemiedimmie
Vihties tijjen gohtjedimmiem åadtjoem baeniedåakteristie iallh baeniesåihteristie	66. Datna naakanam aomioluosiomisnio
Jütie govlehtallem goerehtæmman båetedh vihties aeikien	dasseme, mij dov lihke orreme? Jaavoe 🗌 Ijje
<ul> <li>Baeniedåakterinie govlehtallem gosse baektjede jallh dievhtesem dasseme</li> </ul>	
Im provhkh baeniedåakteren luvnie mïnnedh dan daamtaj	67. Datne <u>ussjedamme</u> aemieluesedh? Jaavoe, dan minngemes jaepien Jaavoe, aarebi
58. Datne dej minngemes göökte jaepiej aktem jallh jienebh daeistie diagnosijste baenjedåakteren luvnje åådtjeme?	
Jaavoe ljje daejrieh	68. Datne <u>voejhkelamme</u> aemieluesedh?
letjmies gïngse-ovleme	Jaavoe, dan minngemes jaepien 🗌 Jaavoe, aarebi
Lijnies gïngse-ovleme	□ Ijje, im gaessie gænnah
Gejhkie njaelmesne	
Raejkie (karijes) aktene jallh jienebinie baenine	69. Datne jijtjemdh <u>væljojne irhkeme</u> ?
Jeatjah diagnosh	Jaavoe, dan minngemes jaepien Jaavoe, aarebi
	ljje, im gåessie gænnah
59. Datne madtjeles dov baeniejgujmie jallh protesigujmie? Vuesehth vaestiedassem aktene skaalesne gusnie 1 lea joekoen nåjjoeh jïh 5 lea joekoen madtjeles.	Jis datne voejhkelamme aemieluesedh, maahtah daejtie minngebe gyhtjelasside vaestiedidh. Jis ijje vaestiedamme
1 2 3 4 5 Gaajh nåjjoeh 🗌 🗌 🔲 🔲 🔲 Gaajh madtjeles	dan gyhtjelassese, maahtah aelkedh gyhtjelassine nr. 76.
60. Man daamtaj datne dov baenide skubpih gosse lih 10 jaepien båeries?	70. Guktie datne pryövih aemieluesedh? (Bïejh aktem jallh jienebh kroessh)
Ikth biejiege jallh vielie	Besteles aate
Muvhten aeikien	
Sveekes jallh im gåessie gænnah	
61. Man daamtaj dov eejhtegh giehtjedin datne lih baenide skubpeme gosse lih 10 jaepien båeries?	71. Mannasinie datne pryövih aemieluesedh? Sijhtim amma jaemedh
Daamtaj (ovrehte biejjieladtje) Muvhten aejkien	Mov jielede dan nåake 🔲 Jaavoe 🗌 Ijje
Eah gåessie gænnah	Viehkiem sijhtim naakenijstie 🗌 Jaavoe 🗌 Ijje
62. Jis maanah åtnah mah leah nuerebe goh 6 jaepien båeries jïh dov luvnie årroeh, man daamtaj datne viehkehth baenide skubpedh jallh giehtjedh maanah baenide skubpeme?	72. Mah tjïervesisnie gosse <u>pryövih</u> aemieluesedh? Ijje
<ul> <li>Daamtaj (ovrehte biejjieladtje)</li> <li>Muvhten aejkien</li> <li>Eah gåessie gænnah</li> </ul>	73. Man båeries lih gosse <u>voestes aejkien</u> pryövih aemieluesedh?
63. Jis maanah åtnah mah leah gaskem 6–12 jaepieh jïh dov luvnie årroeh, man daamtaj datne viehkehth baenide skubpedh jallh giehtjedh maanah baenide skubpeme?	74. Man <u>gellie aejkieh</u> pryöveme aemieluesedh?
<ul> <li>Daamtaj (ovrehte biejjieladtje)</li> <li>Muvhten aejkien</li> <li>Eah gåessie gænnah</li> </ul>	75. Datne aemieluesemepryövemen/i bijre giese akt soptsestih? (Biejh aktem jallh jienebh kroessh)
64. Jis maanah aalterisnie 0–12 jaepieh åtnah mah dov luvnie årroeh, dah åadtjoeh sjokolaadem jïh jeatjah sietiesaath byöpmedidh vihties tïjjen?	Ijje Naaken fuelhkesne Voelph Faagealmetjh
🗌 Jaavoe 🗌 ljje	Spïelemedåemiedimmie
65. Man madtjeles datne baeniehealsoedïenesjinie dov tjïeltesne? Gaaih	76. Datne naan aejkien domteme datne daarpesjamme jiene jienebh beetnegi åvteste spealadidh? (Bïejh aktem jallh jienebh kroessh)
nåjjoeh	🗌 Jaavoe, minngemes jaepien 🗌 Jaavoe, aarebi 🗌 Ijje

77. Datne naan aejkien slaarvestamme almetjidie mah leah vihkeles dutnjien, man jijnjh beetnegi åvteste datne spealedh? (Bïejh aktem jallh jienebh kroessh)	Sjïerehealsoedïenesjinie vienhtebe skïemtjegåetie, distriktepsykiatrijen jarnge (daaroen DPS), sjïeredåakterejarnge jallh sjïeredåaktere.	
🗋 Jaavoe, minngemes jaepien 🔲 Jaavoe, aarebi 🔲 ljje		
78. Datne naan aejkien boelhkh åtneme gosse datne, mænngan beetnegh teehpeme spealadimmesne akten biejjien, bååstede båateme akten jeatjah biejjien juktie dejtie bååstede vitnedh? (Brejh aktem jallh jienebh kroessh)         Jaavoe, minngemes jaepien       Jaavoe, aarebi         Ijje       Im daejrieh/im mujhtieh	<ul> <li>84. Datne naan aejkien dej <u>minngemes 12 askh</u> goerehtimmesne jallh båehtjierdimmesne orreme <i>fysiske vaejviej</i> gaavhtan</li> <li>Skïemtjegåetesne</li> <li>Sjïeredåakterejarngesne</li> <li>Privaatepraksisen sjïeredåakteren luvnie</li> <li>Im gusnie orreme</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>79. Datne dan minngemes jaepien online råållespïelem spealadamme?</li> <li>Jaavoe, biejjieladtje</li> <li>Jaavoe, fierhten våhkoen</li> <li>Jaavoe, fierhten asken jallh sveekebe</li> <li>Ijje</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>85. Datne naan aejkien dej <u>minngemes 12 askh</u> goerehtimmesne jallh båehtjierdimmesne orreme <i>psykiske vaejviej</i> gaavhtan</li> <li>Psykiatrijen skïemtjegåetesne</li> <li>Distriktepsykiatrijen jarngesne</li> <li>Privaatepraksisen sjïeredåakteren luvnie</li> <li>Im gusnie orreme</li> <li>86. Jis datne båehtijerdimmesne siïeredåakteren luvnie</li> </ul>	
Dååirehtimmieh jïh åtnoe	orreme fysiske jallh psykiske vaejviej gaavhtan, vaestedh	
healsoedïenesjijstie	<b>Gaejtie gyntjelasside</b> Vaestedh aktene skaalesne 0–10 (0 = anntji 10 = jijnje)	
	Nuepiem åadtjoejih soptsestidh maam datne domtih lij vihkeles dov tsiehkien büre?	
80. Dinte daaktere maam slejnmemes nantedn, dinte	siyöh- 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 tehke	
	Fysiske vaejvide	
81. Man guhkiem datne dov daaletje staeriesdåakterem åtneme?	Psykiske vaejvide	
🗌 Unnebe goh 6 askh 🔲 6–11 askh		
□ 12–24 askh □ Vielie goh 2 jaepieh	Dah dåakterh/båehtjierdæjjah naemhtie soptsestin guktie datne deitie guarkgijh?	
	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 tehke	
82. Datne naan aejkien dej minngemes 12 askh dov staeriesdåakterinie	Fysiske vaejvide	
govlehtalleme juktie viehkiem jallh raeriem åadtjodh jïjtsadth? 🗌 Jaavoe 🗌 Ijje	Psykiske vaejvide	
	Datne damth datne åadtioejih meatan årrodh	
Jis jaavoe, datne tuhtjh datne dam viehkiem åadtjoejih man mietie gihtiih?	nænnoestidh dov båehtjierdimmien bijre? <sup>Ij</sup>	
Im gåessje gænnah Muyhten æikien		
Sieihmemes	Fysiske vaejvide	
	Psykiske vaejvide	
83. Mennie mieresne datne madtjeles daej aatigujmie	Datna huaraha ciiidtama håahtijardimmosta?	
staeriesdåakteredïenesjisnie? Gaajh Im	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 tehke	
madtje- Madtje- Gaajh daej- les les Nåijoeh nåijoeh rieh	Fysiske vaejvide	
Staeriesdåakterem jaksedh	Psykiske vaejvide	
Vuertemetijje juktie tæjmoem åadtjodh staeriesdåakterisnie	Ållesthlaakan, datne skïemtjegåetiem jallh sjïeredåakterem leajhtedh gusnie datne lih?	
Tijje staeriesdåakterisnie	3jyon- 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 tehke	
Staeriesdåaktere dov	Fysiske vaejvide	
	Psykiske vaejvide	
Staeriesdäakteren bïevnesh dov healsoevaejviej bïjre, goerehtimmie jïh båehtjiedimmiesoejkesjh	Ållesthlaakan, man madtjeles datne sujhteminie jïh båehtjierdimmine datne åadtjoejih? <sup>Ij</sup> 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 tehke	
Ållesthlaakan, mennie mieresne	Fysiske vaejvide	
dathe madtjeles jalih najjoeh tjïelten healsoedïenesjinie?	Psykiske vaejvide	

### Dååjrehtimmieh saehteminie

87. Datne naan aejkien dej minngemes 12 askh sïjhteme sjïeredåakterasse båetedh, men ih åådtjeme? <i>Fysiske vaejviej åvteste</i>	94. Jis datne vaestiedamme «saemien», men idtjih faalenassem åadtjoeh dåakteren bïjre mij saemiesti minngemes aejkien datne lih dåakteren luvnie, faalehti toelhkem dellie?
☐ Ijje, im gåessie gænnah ☐ Jaavoe, ikth	Staeriesdåakteren luvnie:
Jaavoe, gellien aejkien 🗌 Ij sjyöhtehke	🗌 Jaavoe 🗌 Ijje
Psykiske vaejviej åvteste	🗌 Im sijhth toelhkem utnedh 🗌 Ij sjyöhtehke
🗌 Ijje, im gåessie 🗌 Jaavoe, ikth	Skïemtjegåetesne/sjïeredåakteren luvnie:
Jaavoe, gellie aejkieh 🗌 Ij sjyöhtehke	☐ Jaavoe
	🗌 Im sijhth toelhkem utnedh 🗌 Ij sjyöhtehke
88. Datne naan aejkien dej 12 minngemes askh sïjhteme fysioterapeutese, kiropraktovrasse jallh plearoeh båetedh, men ih åådtjeme?	95. Jis toelhkem utnih mii saemiesti minngemes aeikien datne
☐ Ijje, im gåessie ☐ Jaavoe, ikth	lih dåakteren luvnie, gie lij toelhkine dellie?
Jaavoe, gellie aejkieh 🗌 Ij sjyöhtehke	Staeriesdåakteren luvnie:
	Byögkeles toelhke     Fuelhkie
89. Jis datne saehtemem åadtjoejih, man guhkiem tjoerih vuertedh goske tæjmoem åadtjoejih?	Akte barkije dåakterekontovresne 🗌 Jeatjah
	Skïemtjegåetesne/sjïeredåakteren luvnie:
Man gellie vähkoeh	Byögkeles toelhke     Fuelhkie
	🗌 Jeatjah barkije skïemtjegåetesne 🗌 Jeatjah
datnem saehteme sjïerebåehtjierdæmman?	
Jaavoe Ijje Ij sjyöhtehke	96. Jis datne <u>naan aejkien</u> goerehtimmesne/båehtjierdimmesne orreme dåakteren luvnie gusnie toelhke mij saemiesti, man hijven datne vienhth soptsestalleme lij dov jïh dåakteren/ båehtjierdæjjan gaskem?
Gïele dåakteren luvnie	Staeriesdåakteren luvnie:
91. Minngemes aeikien datne lih staeriesdåakteren luvnie.	Gaajh madtjeles Gaajh madtjeles
mennie gïelesne datne jïh dåaktere ektesne soptsestin?	🗌 Nåjjoeh 🔅 🗍 Gaajh nåjjoeh
Nöörjen Saemien Jeatjah, buerkesth:	🗌 Im daejrieh
	Skiemtiegåetecne/siigredåaktoren luunie:
	Gazih madtieles Madtieles
92. Minngemes aejkien datne lih skïemtjegåetesne/	
sjïeredåakteren luvnie, mennie gïelesne datne jïh dåaktere	
Nöörjen Saemien Jeatjah, buerkesth:	
Manne soptsestim	
Dåaktere sontsesti	97. Datne <u>naan aejkien</u> dååjreme datne ih nöörjen/saemien toehlhkeviehkiem åådtieme, jalhts datne dan mietie gihtijh?
Dåaktere soptsesti	<ul> <li>97. Datne <u>naan aejkien</u> dååjreme datne ih nöörjen/saemien toehlhkeviehkiem åådtjeme, jalhts datne dan mietie gihtjih?</li> <li>Jaavoe, nov lea heannadamme manne toelhken mietie gihtjeme, men im dam åådtjeme.</li> </ul>
Dåaktere soptsesti	<ul> <li>97. Datne <u>naan aejkien</u> dååjreme datne ih nöörjen/saemien toehlhkeviehkiem åådtjeme, jalhts datne dan mietie gihtjih?</li> <li>Jaavoe, nov lea heannadamme manne toelhken mietie gihtjeme, men im dam åådtjeme.</li> <li>Ijje, manne iktegisth toelhkem åådtjeme jis dan mietie gihtjeme</li> </ul>

Åtnoe toelhkeste

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Questionnaire—English translation

# Survey on health and living conditions



1. I consent to participating in this survey in accordance with the information provided in the information letter......  $\Box$  Yes

### **Personal health**

Other areas

2 How is your current state of	f health?	(Put one cross	only)
Poor Not so good		Good 🗌 🔪	/ery good
-			, .
3. Do you have, or have you ev	/er had, a	any of the fo Yes No	ollowing? Age at onset
Diabetes			
High blood pressure			
Angina pectoris (stable angina)			
Myocardial infarction (heart att	ack)		
Psychological problems for whi have sought help	ich you		
Chronic bronchitis, emphysema	a, COPD		
Asthma			
Eczema			
Psoriasis			
Multiple sclerosis (MS)			
Bechterew's disease			
<ol> <li>In the last year, have you su pains and/or stiffness in mu joints that have lasted for <u>3 months or more</u>?</li> <li>If yes, what was the degree of your body? (Put one cross</li> </ol>	ffered fro scles and ee of pain per line)	om d \ \ n in differen	/es □ No nt parts
	No pain	Some pain	Strong pain
Neck, shoulders			
Unner hack			
l ower back			
Hips, legs, feet			
Head			
Chest area			
Stomach area			
Genitals			

# 5. In the last 4 weeks, how often have you used the following medications? (Put one cross per line)

+	Not used for the last 4 weeks	Less than every week	Every week, but not daily	Daily
Sleeping pills				
Tranquilizers				
Antidepressants				

6. In each of the following cases, which statement best describes your health condition today?

### Walking

- I have no problems walking
- I have some problems walking
- l am bedridden

### Personal hygiene

	Personal hygiene
	I have no problems with personal hygiene
	I have some problems with hygiene and getting dressed
	I am not able to clean myself
	Usual activities (e.g. work, studies, house chores, family or leisure activities)
	I have no problems performing my usual activities
	I have some problems performing my usual activities
	I am unable to perform my usual activities
	Pain and discomfort
	I have no pain or discomfort
	I have moderate pain or discomfort
ı	I have strong pain or discomfort
	Anxiety and depression
	I am not anxious or depressed
	l am somewhat anxious or depressed
	I am very anxious or depressed
	7. How much do you weigh? (in whole kg)

8. How tall are you? (in whole cm) .....

9. We will now ask you to state your physical activity on a scale from very low to very high. The scale below runs from 1 to 10. Physical activity includes both housework and activity at work, as well as exercise and other physical activities such as walking, etc. Mark the number that best matches your level of activity: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Very low I I I I I Very high I Very high Family and linguistic backgrounds People of different ethnic backgrounds live in Northern Norway. That is, they have different languages and cultures. Examples of ethnic backgrounds, or ethnic groups, are	15. How many people live in your household?         Number of people
Norwegian, Sami and Kven.	
10. What language(s) do/did you, your parents and your grand- parents speak at home? (Put one or more crosses)	
Norwegian Sami Kven Other, describe:	Self-employed work:
Mother's father	🗌 Full-time 🗌 Part-time 🗌 Seasonal
Mother's mother	Age pension/contractual pension
Father's father	Cash benefit/transition benefit/parental benefit
Father's mother	Unemployment benefit
Father	Sick pay
	Work assessment allowance
	Disability pension
11. What ethnic backgrounds do you, your father and your	Social benefits
mother have? (Put one or more crosses)	Support from spouse/parents/siblings/shildren
Norwegian Sami Kven Other, describe:	
My father's ethnic background is	
My mother's ethnic background is	Other (saved means/inheritance, etc.)
<b>12. What do you consider yourself to be?</b> (Put one or more crosses) Norwegian Sami Kven Other, describe:	19. Do you worry you may lose your current job or income in the next 2 years? Yes No
12. How would you access your skills in understanding	20. Would you consider moving from your current municipality if you were offered work elsewhere?
speaking, reading and writing the Sami language?	Yes Only seasonally No Don't know
Very well Fairly well With difficulty A few words None at all	
Understand	21. If you are employed, how happy are you in your current
Speak	job/industry?
Read         I         I         I         I           Write         I         I         I         I         I	U Very happy Satisfied Not satisfied Very unhappy
Employment benefits and economy	22. Based on your health and work experience, how likely are you to continue in employed work/industry until the following ages?
Employment, benefits and economy	Very Not very Very likely Likely likely unlikely
14. What is your family's/household's gross income per year?	
Less than NOK 150,000	
□         NOK 301,000-450,000         □         NOK 451,000-600,000           □         NOK (01,000,750,000)         □         NOK 451,000-600,000	
□ NOK 601,000-750,000 □ NOK 751,000-900,000	70 years
	Older than 70 years 🗀 📖 🛄

# 23. If you are self-employed, what type of industry do you work in? (Put one or more crosses)

🗌 Reindeer husbandry	E Fishing
Farming	Forest farming
Business	Other

### **Psychological health**

24. Below is a list of various problems. Have you experienced any of these in the last 4 weeks? (Put one cross for each problem)

	Not affected	Slightly affected	Affected quite a lot	Severly affected
Suddenly scared for no reason				
Feeling fearful or anxious				
Faintness or dizziness				
Feeling tense or keyed up				
Blaming yourself for things				
Insomnia/sleeplessness				
Feeling blue/melancholic				
Feeling of worthlessness/of little value				
Feeling everything is an effort				
Feeling hopeless about future				

25. The questions below relates to how you have been feeling over <u>the last week</u>. For each statement, please indicate which is closest to how you have been feeling. How often in <u>the last week</u> have you felt the following? (Put one cross on each line in the box with the most applicable answer.)

+	All the time	Almost all the time	Often	Some- times	A few times	Not at all
I have felt cheerful and in good spirits						
l have felt calm and relaxed						
I have felt active and vigorous						
I have felt fresh and rested						
My daily life has been filled with things that interest me						
26. <u>In the last 12 month</u> uncomfortable memorie without being able to de	<u>s</u> , hav es tha o any	ve you e at have thing a	experie disturi bout ti	enced bed you hem?	J,	
🗌 No 🗌 Yes, but r	arely		Somet	times	Of	ten
27. <u>In the last 12 months</u> situations to avoid unco a way that stopped you	s, hav mfor from	ve you c table m doing	conscio nemori what y	ously av es or fe ou war	voided eelings, nted to	in do?
🗌 No 🗌 Yes, but i	rarely	/	Some	times	🗌 Of	ten

# 28. In the last 12 months, have you been unable to react emotionally to situations where most people react?

No Yes, but rarely	Sometimes Oft	en
29. Indicate how well the follow and your family:	ving statements describe y	l vou
	fit	well
I fully trust my own assessments decisions	and	
I am happiest in the company of	others	
I am very happy with my family		
My self-confidence gets me thro difficult periods	ugh 	
I make new friends easily		
There is a high level of unity with family	nin my	
l use times of adversity as an opp to grow	oortunity	
l easily connect with new people	<u>.</u>	
My family is positive about the fu	uture	
l accept events in my life that are impossible to change	<u>و</u>	
It is easy for me to find somethin interesting to talk about	Ig	
In my family, we are loyal to each	n other 🗆 🗆 🗆	

### Tobacco and drug use

30. Do you smoke, or have you smoked previously?
Yes, daily Yes, previously Yes, sometimes No, never
How many cigarettes do you usually smoke per day?
Age in years How old were you when you started to smoke daily?
31. Do you use, or have you previously used, snus?         Yes, daily       Yes, previously         Yes, sometimes       No, never
If you use snus daily, how many portions do you use per day?
If you use snus occasionally, how many portions do you usually use per week?
Age in years If yes, how old were you when you started to use snus daily?

32. How often <u>in the last year</u> have you consumed alcohol?	38. In the last 6 months, how often have you been to:
(Light and alcohol-free beer should not be included)	(Put one cross per line) More than 1–3 times 1–6 times 3 times per in last
Never consumed alcohol	per month month 6 months Never
Not had alcohol in the last year	Church
A few times in the last year	A conjugation building
Approximately once per month	A Humanist Association event
2–3 times per month	Another religious building
Approximately once per week	+
2–3 times per week	1
4–7 times per week	Experienced discrimination
33. Have you consumed alcohol in the <u>last</u> <u>4 weeks</u> ? Yes No If yes, have you had so much that you have felt <u>strongly</u>	Discrimination occurs when a person or group of people are treated less favorably than others because of, for example, their ethnicity, religion, faith, disability, age or sexual orientation.
□ No □ Yes, 1−2 times □ Yes, 3 times or more	39. Have you experienced discrimination?
34. Would you describe your alcohol consumption or	Yes, in the Yes, No Don't last 2 years previously know
then have longer periods with no alcohol consumption)? (Put one or more crosses)	If you answered "Yes" to the last question, answer questions 40–47. If you answered "No", go to question 48.
☐ Yes, in the last 12 months ☐ Yes, previously ☐ No	
	40. If you have experienced discrimination, how often does/did
<b>35. Have you ever used narcotic drugs?</b> (Put one or more crosses)Yes, in last yearYes, previouslyNo	Very often Sometimes Rarely
Weed/marijuana (cannabis)	
Other drugs such as LSD, amphetamines, ecstasy, cocaine, heroin, GHB, etc.	<b>41. Why do you think you are/were discriminated against?</b> (Put one or more crosses)
	Physical disability  Sexual orientation
	Learning disability Gender
Religion and beliefs	Religion or faith     Nationality
36. Are you, your parents or your grandparents affiliated with	Ethnicity Geographical provenance
any of the following religious organizations? (Put one or more crosses	S) Age
Grand- Me Mother Father parents	Uther reasons, specify: Don't know
The state church	
Laestadian congregation	
Other religious organization/community	42. Where did the discrimination occur? (Put one or more crosses)
Please state which one:	At school (education
Non-religious life-stance organization/	
community	
Please state which one:	
Not member of any religious/life-stance	
organization	Among family/relatives
	While conting /huving a property
37. What is your view on religion?	While applying for a bank loan
I am a Christian (practicing Christian)	write applying for a bank loan
I think there is a God, but religion doesn't mean that much	
$\Box$ Unsure $+$	

<b>43.</b>	Who discriminates/discrimina	ted against you?	50. Have you been sexua	Illy abused? (Put	one or more crosse	s)
	A government employee		No, never	🗌 Ye	s, as a child (ur	ıder 18)
	Someone not known to me		Yes, as an adult (18 or	older) 🗌 Ye	s, in the last 12	2 months
	Work colleagues					I
	One or more people from my	ethnic aroun	If yes, by whom?			-
	One or more people from ano	ther ethnic group	A stranger	□ A :	spouse/partne	r
		ther ethnic group.	Family/a relative	🗌 Ar	n acquaintance	÷
	Tooshors/stoff					
	Othor		51. If you have experience	ed any kind of a	abuse, have yo	ou
	other			ne or more crosses)	iends 🗌 Pro	fessionals
44. disc	Did you actively do anything 1 rimination?	to end the Yes No				1233011813
			Dental health			
45. and helj	Have you ever been in contact Anti-Discrimination Ombuds with discrimination?	t with the Equality man for advice or	52. How is your dental he	alth?		
	Yes 🗌 No 🗌 I don't re	member	Poor Not ver	ry good 🗌 Go	ood 🗌 Very	good
46	How much does/did the discri	mination affect you?	53. Do you have denture	s?	🗌 Yes	🗌 No
<b></b>	Not at all A bit	Somewhat A lot				
			54. Do you use any of the	following, and	if so, how ofte	en?
47. San	Have you ever been discrimin ni?	ated against for being	Regularly/ daily	Not regularely/ a few times per week	Not regularly/ a few times per month	Less/ never
	Yes No Don't kr	now 🗌 I'm not Sami	Toothbrush			
			Fluoride toothpaste 🗌			
			Dental floss			
V	iolence and abuse		Toothpicks			
			Fluoride tablets			
48. trie	Has anyone ever systematical d to subdue, degrade, or hum	ly and over a longer period iliate you? (Put one or more crosses)	Depture brush			
	No, never	Yes, as a child (under 18)				
	Yes, as an adult (18 or older)	Yes, in the last 12 months				
	,		55. When did you last see	a dentist or der	ntal nurse?	
	lf yes, who?		Less than a year ago	□ 1-2 y	years ago	
	A stranger	A spouse/partner	☐ 3–5 years ago		e than 5 years a	ago
	Family/a relative	An acquaintance				
			56. If more than 2 years a (Put one or more crosses)	go, what is the	reason?	
<b>49.</b> more	Have you experienced physica crosses)	al attacks/abuse? (Put one or	The dentist dian t ser	t the dentist	any appointme	int
	No, never	Yes, as a child (under 18)	L haven't had time	t the dentist		+
	Yes, as an adult (18 or older)	Yes, in the last 12 months	Financial reasons			I
			I have not needed de	ntal treatment		
	If yes, by whom?		l am scared of going	to the dentist		
	A stranger	A spouse/partner	Other reasons:			
	Eamily/a relative	An acquaintance				

57. How do you access dental services? (Put one or more crosses)	Suicide and suicidal behavior
$\square$ Regularly get an appointment with dentist or dental nurse	
Regularly request an appointment	66. Have you lost anyone close to you through suicide? Yes No
$\square$ Request an appointment when I'm in pain or have lost a filling	
I don't go to the dentist that often	67. Have you ever <u>thought about</u> committing suicide
+	☐ Yes, in the last year ☐ Yes, previously ☐ No, never
58. <u>In the last 2 years</u> , have you been given one or more	
of these diagnoses by a dentist?	68. Have you ever <u>tried</u> to commit suicide?
Serious gum disease	Yes, in the last year Yes, previously No, never
Mild gum disease	
Mouth dryness	69. Have you ever <u>hurt yourself on purpose</u> ?
Cavities in one tooth or more	Yes, in the last year Yes, previously No, never
Other diagnoses	If you have tried to commit suicide, please answer the
59. Are you satisfied with your teeth or prosthetics? Indicate the answer below where 1 is very dissatisfied and 5 is very satisfied.	following questions. If you answered "No" to question 68, please go to question 76.
1 2 3 4 5	70. How did you try to commit suicide?
Very dissatisfied 🗌 🗌 🔲 🗌 Very satisfied	Hanging A gun
	Sharp object Overdose of pills/medicines
60. How often did you brush your teeth as a 10-year-old?	Another way
Once per day or more	_ ·
Sometimes	71. Why did you try to commit suicide?
Rarely or never	A clear desire to die
	The situation felt intolerable Ves 🗌 No
61. How often did your parents or guardians check that you had brushed your teeth when you were 10 years old?	I wanted help from somebody
Often (almost daily) Sometimes Never	
62. If a child younger than 6 years old is living with you, how often do you help them to brush their teeth or check	72. Were you intoxicated/high when you <u>tried</u> to commit suicide? Ves No
that they have brushed their teeth?	73. How old were you <u>the first time</u> you tried to
63. If a child between 6 and 12 years old is living with you, how often do you help them to brush their teeth or check that they have brushed their teeth?	74. <u>How many times</u> have you tried to commit suicide?
Often (almost daily) Sometimes Never	<b>75. Did you tell anyone about the suicide attempt(s)?</b> (Put one or more crosses)
64. If you have a child between 0 and 12 years old living with you, do you have set rules for the children for eating chocolate and other sweets?	No Someone in my family Friends Professionals
Yes No	Gambling
65. How satisfied are you with the dental health care offered in your municipality?	76. Have you ever felt a need to gamble for more and more money? (Put one or more crosses)
Very Very Very Dissatisfied Don't know	Yes, in the last year Yes, previously No

77. Have you ever lied to peo about how much you gambl	ople who are im e? (Put one or more	e crosses)	ou	Specialized health se psychiatric centers ( and individual speci	ervice refe (DPS), spec ialists.	rs to hospita ialized doct	ils, district ors services	;
Yes, in the last year	Yes, previously	🗌 No 🕂						+
78. Have you ever had period	ds where you, h	aving lost		84. In the <u>last 12 mo</u> treatment for <i>physic</i>	onths, have al problem	you been fo s to the follo	or examinat owing?	ion or
money on gambling one day another day? (Put one or more cr	<b>v, returned to w</b>	vin it back		The hospital		Specia	list medical	center
Yes, in the last year	Yes, previous	sly		Private specialist	t	None o	of these	
No	Don't know/	don't rememt	ber	85. In the <u>last 12 mo</u> treatment for <i>psycho</i>	onths, have ological pro	you been fo oblems to th	or examinat e following	ion or ?
79. Have you played role-pla	ying games on	line in the las	t year?	Psychiatric hosp	oital	District	: psychiatric	center
Yes, daily	_ γ	′es, weekly		Private specialist	t	None o	of these	
Yes, monthly or less frequ	uently 🗌 N	lo						
E-monitor and an				86. If you have been physical or psycholo answer the following	for treatm ogical prob g question	ent with a s lems in the s. Answer on a	pecialist for last 12 mor	<b>r 1ths,</b> 5 10,
Experience and us	e of nealth	services		Did vou aet a chance	t, 10 = to a lai	rge extent. <b>at vou felt wa</b>	ıs importan	t about
80. Who is the doctor you no	rmallv use			your condition?	0 1 2	3 4 5 6	, 5789	Not 10 relevant
Vour GP	Another doc	tor		Physical issues				
				Psychological issues				
81. How long have you had y	our current GP	?						
Less than 6 months	🗌 6 to 11	months		Did the doctors speal	k to you in a	a way you ui	nderstood?	
12 to 24 months	More th	nan 2 years			0 1 2	3 4 5 6	7 8 9	Not 10 relevant
		,		Physical issues				
82 In the last 12 months, hav	ve vou			Psychological issues				
contacted your doctor for he	lp or advice			Did you fool you got	to holp mal	ka dagisiang	aboutvour	
for yourself?		res 🗋	J NO	treatment?	to neip mai	<i>ce decisions</i>	about your	Not
If yos, did you got the be	le vou askod fo	Nr7		Physical issues		3 4 5 6	, 789 ] [ ] [ ] [	10 relevant
	s 🗌 Usually			Psychological issues				
				1 sychological issues				
83. How satisfied are you wit	h the following	aspects of th	ne	Did the treatment he	elp you impl	rove?		Not
doctor's service (regular GP s	scheme)?	Dis- Very			0 1 2	3 4 5 6	; 789 	10 relevant
+	Very satisfied Satisfied	satis- dis- fied satisfied	Don't know	Physical issues				
The doctor's accessibility on the phone				Psychological issues				
The waiting time for an appointment				Do you trust the hosp	oital or speci	ialist who say	<b>v you?</b> 5789	Not 10 relevant
Time with the doctor				Physical issues				
The doctor's understanding o your problems	f 			Psychological issues				
Their information about your health issues, examination	_			All in all, how satisfie	ed are you w	vith the care	and treatm	nent +
and treatment plan	. []			you eventually receiv	0 1 2	3 4 5 6	i 789	Not 10 relevant
In total, how satisfied are you with the municipal				Physical issues				
health service?				Psychological issues				

### **Experiences with referrals**

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87. In the last 12 months to a specialist, but been	, have you wanted to be referred refused?	94. If you have answered "Sami" but were not offered Sami-speaking doctor at your last doctors visit, did the	a ey
For physical problems		offer you an interpreter?	
No, never	Yes, once	With your general practitioner:	
Yes, many times	Not relevant	☐ Yes ☐ No	
For psychological probler	ns	I do not want an interpreter I Not relevant	
No, never	Yes, once	In the hospital/with a specialist:	
Yes, many times	Not relevant	Yes No	
		I do not want an interpreter Not relevant	
88. In the last 12 months a physiotherapist, chirop	, have you wanted to be referred to practor, or similar, but been refused?	95. If a Sami-speaking interpreter was offered at the la	ast
No, never	Yes, once	doctors visit, who was the interpreter?	
Yes, many times	Not relevant	With your general practitioner:	
		A government interpreter 🛛 Family	
89. If you were referred,	how long did you wait for an	An employee at the office Other	
appointment?			
Num	iber of weeks	In the hospital/with a specialist:	
		A government interpreter Family	
90. Have you requested specialized treatment?	free hospital choice on referral to	Another hospital employee Other	
Yes No	Ontrelevant g doctors visits	96. If you have <u>ever</u> been to a doctors appointment or treatment where a Sami-speaking interpreter was use satisfied were you with the communication/conversat between you and the doctor/health professional?	d, how tion
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Thank you for participating in the survey!

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### Jearaldat searvat SAMINOR 2 dutkanprošektii

### Duogáš ja áigumuš

Dá lea dutnje jearaldat searvat dutkanprošektii man ulbmil lea loktet gelbbolašvuođa dearvvašvuođa, buozalmasvuođa ja eallindili birra guovlluin gos ásset sápmelaččat ja dážat. Don guhte searvvat dán guorahallamii bivdojuvvot vástidit jearahallanskovi mii lea dearvvašvuođa ja eallindili birra.

Don leat bovdejuvvon searvat dán dutkamii go don leat gaskal 18-69 jagi, ja orut ovtta dain gielddain mii lea válljejuvvon gullat guorahallamii. Lea Sámi dearvvašvuođadutkama guovddáš Romssa universitehtas mii čađaha dutkama.

SAMINOR 2 dearvvašvuođadutkama oaiveulbmil lea oažžut eanet gelbbolašvuođa riskafáktoriid ja iešguđetge dávddaid gávdnosiid ektui ja vejolaš sivaid daidda.

### Maid mielddisbuktá dutkan?

Guorahallamis bovdejuvvot vástidit jearranskovi mii lea dás mielddusin ja sáddet dan ruovttuluotta midjiide, dahje atnit jearahallanskovi mii lea interneahtas. Jus ovdal válljet neahttačovdosa, go dán jearahallanskovi de manat <u>http://saminor.uit.no</u> ja geavahat čuovvovaš geavaheaddjinama ja čoavddasáni:

### Mii dáhpáhuvvá dieđuin mat leat du birra?

Dieðut mat registrerejuvvojit du birra galget dušše geavahuvvot nu go lea čilgejuvvon dutkama áigumušas. Buot dieðut gieðahallojuvvojit nama ja riegádannummira haga dahje eará mihtilmas dieðuid haga. Biddjojuvvo koda mii čatná du iežat dieðuide nammalistu bokte. Dat mearkkaša ahte dieðuin leat váldojuvvon eret oasit mat sáhttet leat identifiserejeaddjin. Leat dušše autoriserejuvvon bargit geat gullet prošektii geain lea vejolašvuohta nammalisttuid oaidnit ja geat sáhttet gávdnat du dieðuid nama bokte. Dutkanulbmilin sáhttet dieðut du birra biddjojuvvot oktii dieðuiguin mat leat eará registariin Datatilsynet dohkkehemiin. Buot dáin oktavuoðain váldojuvvo namma ja persovdnanummir eret. Dát sáhttet leat registarat oaju, buozalmasvuoða, sisaboaðu, oahppu, virggi ja eará dieðuid birra mat leat vižžon ovdalaš SAMINOR- dahje eará dearvvašvuoðadutkamiin (sihke jearahallanskovit ja varraiskosat). Ášsáigullevaš registarat leat Borasdávdaregisttar, Jápminsivvaregisttar, Boazodoaluhálddahusa diehtovuoðđu, álbmotregisttar ja olmmošlohkamat. Dáhkádusfitnodagain dahje eará kommersiála ásahusain ii leat vejolašvuohta oažžut dieðuid. Viidásat gieðahallan dearvvašvuoðadieðuin dáhpáhuvvá Regional komité for medisinsk og helsefaglig forskningsetikk dohkkehemiin.

Ii leat vejolaš du identifiseret dutkama bohtosiin go dat almmuhuvvojit. Duinna sáhttá váldot oktavuohta manit áiggis ja dalle jerrojuvvot hálidat go vástidit liigejearaldagaid dahje searvat klinihkalaš dearvvašvuođaiskosii. Prošeavtta loahpaheapmi lea biddjon 31.12.2067. Dan manná sihkkojuvvojit dieđut dahje anonymiserejuvvojit.

#### Eaktodáhtolaš searvan

Lea eaktodáhtolaš searvat dutkamii. Go vástidat skovi ja sáddet dan ruovttuluotta poastta mielde dahje go vástidat skovi neahtas de mieđat searvat dutkamii. Sáhtát vaikke goas geassádit dutkamis, it dárbbaš almmuhit makkárge siva jus geassádat. Dus lea vuoigatvuohta beassat oaidnit makkár dieđut leat registrerejuvvon du birra. Ja dus lea vuoigatvuohta divvut jus leat boasttuvuođat registrerejuvvon du birra. Jus geassádat dutkamis, sáhtát gáibidit ahte dieđut du birra sihkkojuvvojit, eaktun ahte dieđut eai jo leat geavahuvvon analiissain dahje geavahuvvon dieđalaš publikašuvnnain.

Jus don maŋit áiggis hálidat geassádit dahje jus leat jearaldagat dutkama ektui, sáhtát váldit oktavuoða **Anne Karen** Hættain tlf. 404 90 467 dahje **Ketil Lenert Hansen tlf. 907 91 116**', Sámi dearvvašvuoðadutkama guovddáš, Romssa universitehta. Sáhtát poastta bokte oažžut bovdejumi searvat SAMINORa klinihkalaš dearvvašvuoðadutkamii/iskosii ja oðða jearahallanskovidutkamiidda.

### Ruhtadilli

Golbma davimus fylkkagieldda, Dearvvašvuohta Davvin, Romssa universitehta, Sámi našunala gealboguovddáš - psyhkalaš dearvvašvuođadikšu (SÁNAG), Ođasmahttin-, hálddahus- ja girkodepartemeanta (FAD), Sámediggi ja fuolahusdepartemeanta leat ruhtadan dutkama dutkanruđaiguin. Dáid instánssain eai eat beroštusriiddut dutkama oktavuođas.

### Dieđut dutkama bohtosiid birra

Dutkama bohtosat almmuhuvvojit internašunála ja našunála dieđalaš áiggečállagiin ja iešguhtetge populearadieđalaš kanálain ja mediain.

Dearvvuođat

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### Gatjálvis oassálasstet SAMINOR 2 dutkamprosjæktaj

### Duogásj ja ájggomus

Dát le dunji gatjálvis oassálastátjit soames dutkamprosjæktaj man ulmmen le låpptit máhtudagáv varresvuoda, skihpudagáj ja iellemdile birra guovlojn gånnå sáme ja dáttja årru. Dån guhti oassálastá dán guoradallamij gåhtjuduvá vásstedit varresvuoda ja iellemdile birra.

Dån le gåhtjoduvvam oassálasstet dán dutkamij gå dån le 18-69 jage gaskan, ja åro avtan dáj suohkanijn mij le válljiduvvam gullut guoradallamij. Sáme varresvuoda dutkamguovdásj Råmså universitehtan dutkamav tjádat.

SAMINOR 2 varresvuodadutkama oajvveulmme le oadtjot ienep diedojt sihke vádáfaktåvråj ja duon dan skihpudagá gávnnusij gáktuj ja vejulasj sivájt dajda.

### Majt dutkam merkaj?

Guoradallamin gåhtjoduvá vásstedit gatjálvissjiemáv mij tjuovvu ja midjij dav ruoptus rádjat, jali adnet mijá gatjálvissjiemáv mij le internehtan. Jus vállji næhttatjoavddusav de maná http://saminor.uit.no ja ávkki addnenamáv ja bessambágov mij tiuovvu:

### Mij dáhpáduvvá tjoahkkidum diedoj duv birra?

Diedo ma registreriduvvi duv birra galggi dåssju aneduvvat nav gåktu le tjielggiduvvam dutkama ájggomusán. Gájkka diedo giehtadaláduvvi namá ja riegádimnummara dagá jali ietjá dåbddelis diedoj dagá. Biejaduvvam le kávddå mij tjádná duv ietjat diedojt nammalista baktu. Dat merkaj diedo le válljiduvvam ierit åsijs maj milta aktak ij máhte gávnnat guhti le vásstedam. Dåssju dåhkkidum prosjæktabargge oadtju nammalistav gæhttjat ja gávnnat diedojt duv birra. Dutkam måhkken máhtti diedo duv birra biejaduvvat aktan diedoj ma li ietjá registarijn Datatilsynet (Dáhtábærrájgæhttje) dåhkkidimijn. Gájkka dájs diedojs váldeduvvi namma ja persåvnnånummar ierit. Dá máhtti liehket regisstara oajo, skihpudagá, sisboado, åhpadusá, virge ja ietjá diedoj birra ma gávnnuji åvdep SAMINOR- jali ietjá varresvuodadutkamijn (sihke gatjálvissjiemá ja varraåtsålvisá). Almma regisstara li Bårredávddaregisstar, Jábmemoarreregisstar, Boatsojæládusá dáhtábássa ja Álmmuklåhkoregisstar ja ulmusjlåhkåma. Buohttidusvidnudagájda jali ietjá kommersijála institusjåvnåjda ij le vejulasjvuohta oadtjot diedojt. Divna ietjá giehtadallam varresvuodadiedojs dáhpáduvvá Regional komité for medisinsk og helsefaglig forskningsetikk (Guovlo medisijna ja varresvuodafágalasj komitea dutkametihka) dåhkkidimijn.

Ij galga liehket máhttelis duv birra (ájnegis ulmutjin) majdik gávnnat dutkama båhtusij gå dá almoduvvi. Maŋŋela máhttá dujna váldeduvvat aktijvuohta gatjálvisáj jus hálijda vásstedit lijggegatjálvisájt jali oassálasstet klinihkalasj varresvuodadutkamij. Prosjevta loahppa le biejadum 31.12.2067. Dan mannela diedo gádoduvvi jali anonymiseriduvvi.

### Luojvoj oassálasstem

Oassálasstem guoradallamij le luojvoj. Gå sjiemáv vássteda ja dav ruopptot rája, påsta maŋen jali gå sjiemáv nehtan vássteda, de miededa aj dutkamij oassálasstet. Dån máhtá goassa sidá, ja váni sivva vattek, gæssádit ietjat miededusáv guoradallamij oassálasstet Dujna le rievtesvuohta vuojnnet makkár diedo duv birra li tjoahkkidum. Dujna le aj rievtesvuohta oadtjot divodum dajt diedojt majt mij lip dujsta tjoahkkim jus la juoga boasstot. Jus gæssáda dutkamis, de máhtá gájbbedit tjoahkkidum diedojt oadtjot gádodum, jus diedo juo ælla adnuj váldedum analysajn jali diedalasj almodusájn.

Jus dån mannela hálijda gæssádit, jali jus dujna li gatjálvisá dutkama hárráj, máhtá aktijvuodav válldet Anne Karen Hættajn tlf. 404 90 467 jali Ketil Lenert Hansen tlf. 907 91 116, Sáme varresvuoda dutkamguovdásj, Råmså universitehtta. Máhtá påsta baktu oadtjot gåhttjomav oassálasstet SAMINORa klinihkalasj varresvuodadutkamij ja ådå gatjálvissjiebmádutkamijda.

### Ruhtadibme

Gålmmå nuorttamus fylkasuohkana, Varresvuohta Nuorttan, Sáme nasjåvnålasj máhtudakguovdásj – psykalasj varresvuodasuoddjim (SANKS), Råmså universitehtta, Ådåsmahttem-, háldadus-, ja girkkodepartementa (FAD), Sámedigge ja huksodepartemænnta li ruhtadam dutkamav dutkamrudáj. Dáj instánsaj ij la berustimrijddo dutkama hárráj.

### Diedo dutkama båhtusij birra

Dutkama båhtusa almoduvvi internasjonálalasj ja nasjonálalasj diedalasj ájggetjállagijn ja duon dan populærdiedalasj kanálajn ja mediajn.

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# Forespørsel om deltakelse i forskningsprosjektet SAMINOR 2

#### Bakgrunn og hensikt

Dette er et spørsmål til deg om å delta i et forskningsprosjekt for å få mer kunnskap om helse, sykdom og levekår i områder med samisk og norsk bosetting. Du som deltar i denne undersøkelsen vil bli bedt om å svare på et spørreskjema om helse og levekår.

Du er invitert til å være med i denne studien fordi du er i alderen 18-69 år og bosatt i en av kommunene som er valgt ut til å inngå i undersøkelsen. Studien utføres av Senter for samisk helseforskning ved Universitetet i Tromsø.

Det overordnede målet med SAMINOR 2 helseundersøkelsen er å få mer kunnskap om forekomst av både risikofaktorer og ulike sykdommer samt deres mulige årsaksforhold.

#### Hva innebærer studien?

I undersøkelsen vil du bli invitert til å svare på vedlagte spørreskjema og sende det tilbake til oss eller benytte vår nettbaserte spørreskjemaløsning. Dersom du velger nettbasert løsning framfor spørreskjemaet går du til <u>http://saminor.uit.no</u> og benytter følgende brukernavn og passord:

#### Hva skjer med den innsamlede informasjonen om deg?

Informasjonen som registreres om deg skal kun brukes slik som beskrevet i hensikten med studien. Alle opplysningene vil bli behandlet uten navn og fødselsnummer eller andre direkte gjenkjennende opplysninger. En kode knytter deg til dine opplysninger gjennom en navneliste. Det betyr at opplysningene er avidentifisert. Det er kun autorisert personell knyttet til prosjektet som har adgang til navnelisten og som kan finne tilbake til deg. Etter godkjenning fra Datatilsynet kan opplysningene dine settes sammen med opplysninger fra andre registre for forskningsformål. I alle disse tilfellene blir navnet og personnummeret fjernet. Dette kan være registre om trygd, sykdom, inntekt, utdanning, yrke og opplysninger fra tidligere SAMINOR- eller andre helseundersøkelser (både spørreskjema og blodprøver). Aktuelle registre er Kreftregisteret, Dødsårsaksregisteret, Reindriftsforvaltningens database, Folkeregisteret og folketellinger. Forsikringsselskaper eller andre kommersielle institusjoner vil ikke få tilgang til dataene. All videre behandling av helseopplysninger skjer etter godkjenning av Regional komité for medisinsk og helsefaglig forskningsetikk.

Det vil ikke være mulig å identifisere deg i resultatene av studien når disse publiseres. Du kan seinere bli kontaktet med forespørsel om du vil svare på tilleggspørreskjema eller vil delta i en klinisk helseundersøkelse. Prosjektslutt er satt til 31.12.2067. Etter dette vil dataene slettes eller anonymiseres.

#### Frivillig deltakelse

Det er frivillig å delta i studien. Ved å svare på skjemaet og returnere det per post eller svare på nettbasert skjema samtykker du i deltakelse i studien. Du kan når som helst og uten å oppgi noen grunn trekke ditt samtykke til å delta i studien. Du har rett til å få innsyn i hvilke opplysninger som er registrert om deg. Du har videre rett til å få korrigert eventuelle feil i de opplysningene vi har registrert. Dersom du trekker deg fra studien, kan du kreve å få slettet opplysninger, med mindre opplysningene allerede er inngått i analyser eller brukt i vitenskapelige publikasjoner.

Dersom du senere ønsker å trekke deg eller har spørsmål til studien, kan du kontakte **Anne Karen Hætta tlf. 404 90 467** eller **Ketil Lenert Hansen tlf. 907 91 116**, ved Senter for samisk helseforskning, Universitetet i Tromsø. Du kan bli kontaktet igjen per post med invitasjon om å delta i SAMINORs kliniske helseundersøkelse og nye spørreskjemaundersøkelser.

#### Økonomi

Studien er finansiert gjennom forskningsmidler fra de tre nordligste fylkeskommunene, Helse Nord, Samisk nasjonalt kompetansesenter, psykisk helsevern (SANKS), Sametinget, Universitetet i Tromsø og Helse og omsorgsdepartementet. Ingen av disse instansene har interessekonflikter i undersøkelsen.

#### Informasjon om utfallet av studien

Resultater av undersøkelsen vil publiseres i internasjonale og nasjonale vitenskapelige tidsskrifter i tillegg til ulike populærvitenskapelige kanaler og media.

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# Sijhth meatan årrodh dotkemeprosjektesne SAMINOR 2

#### Våarome jïh aajkoe

Daate akte gyhtjelasse dutnjien mejtie sijhth meatan årrodh aktene dotkemeprosjektesne juktie vielie daajroem åadtjodh healsoen, skiemtjelassi jih jielemetsiehkiej bijre dejnie dajvine gusnie saemien jih nøørjen årrojh. Mijjieh birrebe datnem mij lea meatan dennie goerehtimmesne, aktem gihtjemegoerem vaestiedidh healsoen jih jielemetsiehkiej bijre.

Datne bøøresovveme meatan årrodh daennie goerehtimmesne juktie datne leah aalterisnie 18-69 jaepieh, jih aktene dejstie tjïeltijste årroeh mij lea veeljeme meatan årrodh goerehtimmesne. Saemien healsoedotkemejarnge Romsen universiteetesne daam goerehtimmiem dorje.

Dïhte bijjemes ulmie SAMINOR 2 healsoegoerehtimmine lea vielie daajroem åadtjodh mij gååvnese dovne vaahrafaaktovrijstie jih ovmessie skiemtjelassijste, jih mannasinie dagkerh fåantoeh jijhteme.

#### Maam goerehtimmie faarhmeste?

Goerehtimmesne datne bøøresovvh dam baalte bïejeme gihtjemegoerem vaestiedidh, jïh dam bååstede mijjese seedtedh, jallh mijjen gihtjemegoerem nedtesne nuhtedh. Jis buerebh veeljh nedtesne vaestiedidh dle vaadtsah diekie <u>http://saminor.uit.no</u> jïh nåhtedh dam utnijenommem jïh tjeakoesbaakoem mij lea baalte bïejeme:

### Mij dej tjöönghkeme bïevnesigujmie dov bïjre heannede?

Dah bïevnesh mejtie dov bïjre registrerede edtjieh ajve åtnasovvedh goh goerehtimmien aajkosne buerkiestamme. Gaajhkh bïevnesh jallh jeatjah ryøktesth damtijes bïevnesh sïjhtebe bielelen nommem jïh reakedsnommerem gïetedidh. Akte kode datnem ektede dov bïevnesidie akten nommelæstoen tjïrrh. Dihte sæjhta jiehtedh dah bïevnesh leah tjeakoes dorjeme. Ajve autoriseradamme barkijh mah leah prosjektese ektiedamme, mah luhpiem utnieh nommelæstose, jïh mah maehtieh dutnjien bååstede gaavnedh. Jååhkesjimmien mænngan Daatavaaksjomistie, dle dov bïevnesh maehtieh tjåanghkan bïejesovvedh dej bïevnesigujmie jeatjah registeristie dotkemen gaavhtan. Gaajhki daej veajkoej dle nommem jïh almetjenommerem laahpehte. Daate maahta årrodh registerh tjïrkemen bïjre, skiemtjelassh, maam dïenesjamme, øøhpehtimmie, barkoe jïh bievnesh aarebi SAMINOR-jallh jeatjah healsoegoerehtimmijste (dovne gihtjemegoere jïh vïrrepryøvenassh). Sjyøhtehke registerh lea Kreftregistere, Dødsårsakregistere, Båatsoeburriej reeremen daatabaase, Almetjeregistere jïh almetjeryøknemh. Tjïrkemesielth jallh jeatjah kommersijelle institusjovnh eah sïjhth luhpiedimmiem åadtjodh daatide. Gaajhke vijriebasse gïetedimmie healsoebïevnesijstie lea jååhkesjimmien mietie Regijovnale moenehtsistie medisijnen jïh healsofaagen dotkemeetihkese / Regional komite for medisinsk og helsefaglig forskningetikk.

Ij gåaredh datnem identifiseradih goerehtimmien illedahkine gosse dejtie bæjhkohte. Mænngan maahta datnine govlehtalledh jïh gihtjedh mejtie sïjhth aktem lissiegihtjemegoerem vaestiedidh, jallh meatan årrodh aktene kliniske healsoegoerehtimmesne. Prosjekten galhkuve lea 31.12.2067. Dan mænngan sæjhta daatide laahpehtidh jallh daatide tjeakoes darjodh.

#### Jïjtjevyljehke meatan årrodh

Jijtjevyljehke meatan årrodh goerehtimmesne. Gosse goerem vaestedh jih dam påastine jallh nedtesne vaestedh, dle jååhkesjh meatan årrodh goerehtimmesne. Maahtah saaht gåessie jih bielelen fåantoe, jååhkesjimmiem hiejhtedh jih goerehtimmesne orrijidh. Datne reaktoem åtnah daejredh mah bïevnesh mah leah registreradamme dov bïjre. Datne aaj reaktoem åtnah fiejlieh staeriedidh jis fiejlieh sjïdteme dejnie bïevnesinie mijjieh registreradamme. Dastegh goerehtimmiem laahpah, maahtah krievedh dah bïevnesh smualkoeh, bene ij jis dah bïevnesh joe leah meatan giehtjedimmine, jallh nåhtadamme vitenskapeles bæjhkoehtimmine.

Jis datne mænngan sijhth orrijidh jallh gyhtjelassh åtnah goerehtimmien bijre, maahtah govlehtalledh Anne Karen Hætta tell. 404 90 467 jallh Ketil Lenert Hansen tell. 907 91 116, Saemien healsoedotkemejarnge, Romsen universitetesne. Maahta datnem vihth govlehtalledh påastesne mejtie sijhth meatan årrodh SAMINOR'en kliniske healsoegoerehtimmesne jih orre gihtjemegoeregoerehtimmine.

#### Ekonomije

Goerehtimmie beetnehdåarjoem åådtjeme dotkemevierhtijste dejstie golme noerhtemes fylhkentjïeltijste, Healsoe Noerhte, Saemien nasjovnale maahtoejarnge, psykiske healsovaarjelimmie (SANKS), Saemiedigkie, Romsen universitete jïh Healsoe jïh hoksedepartemente, Saemien Nasjovnale maahtoejarnge, psykiske healsoevaarjelimmie jïh Saemiedigkie. Ij guhte dejstie suerkijste iedtjevigkieh goerehtimmesne utnieh.

#### Bïevnesh illedahki bïjre goerehtimmeste

Sæjhta illedahkh goerehtimmeste bæjhkoehtidh gaskenasjovnale jih nasjovnale vitenskapeles tjaaleginie, lissine ovmessie populærevitenskapeles kanaaline jih meedijinie.

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Approval from the Norwegian Regional Committees for Medical and Health Research Ethics—Norwegian



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Vår referanse må oppgis ved alle henvendelser

Anna Rita Spein Avrusning

# 2016/1766 NordTRO: Religion og helse i Nord-Norge

# Forskningsansvarlig institusjon: Finnmarkssykehuset Prosjektleder: Anna Rita Spein

Vi viser til søknad om forhåndsgodkjenning av ovennevnte forskningsprosjekt. Søknaden ble behandlet av Regional komité for medisinsk og helsefaglig forskningsetikk (REK nord) i møtet 24.11.2016. Vurderingen er gjort med hjemmel i helseforskningsloven (hfl.) § 10, jf. forskningsetikkloven § 4.

# Prosjektleders prosjektomtale

Hovedvekten av forskningen viser at religion er forbundet med bedre helse, men det er store forskjeller mellom ulike religioner og etniske grupper. Noen religiøse oppfatninger og menighetsstrukturer kan disponere for angst og depresjon. Finnmark har landets høyeste andel samer, men også høyeste andel overvektige menn og røykere, og har ligget øverst på selvmordsstatistikken for menn i flere år. Det mangler regional forskning om betydningen av positive eller negative følger av religion (f.eks. læstadianismen) på helse, der man samtidig kontrollerer for etnisitet. Med utgangspunkt i spørreskjema fra SAMINOR 2-undersøkelsen om helse og levekår i områder med samisk og norsk bosetning i Nord-Norge i 2012, er NordTRO i stand til å svare på dette. Vårt hovedmål er å finne betydningen av religiøs familiebakgrunn og egen religiøs identitet for livsstilssykdommer, selvmord og bruk av helsetjenestene blant voksenpopulasjonen i områder med samisk, kvensk og norsk bosetning.

# **Om prosjektet**

Prosjektleder beskriver at hovedmålet er å finne betydningen av religiøs familiebakgrunn og egen religiøs identitet for livsstilssykdommer, selvmord og bruk av helsetjenestene blant voksenpopulasjonen i områder med samisk, kvensk og norsk bosetning.

Det skal utelukkende behandles allerede innsamlede data. Dette er registerdata som ble samlet inn i den delen av Saminor 2 som kalles NordTRO. Prosjektet er et samarbeid mellom SANKS og UIT, hvor UiT - Norges arktiske universitet oppgis som databehandlingsansvarlig.

Saminor har behandlet søknad om utlevering av data til prosjektet og funnet at disse kan utleveres. REK legger til grunn at det er inngått tilfredsstillende avtale mellom forskningsansvarlig Finnmarkshusehuset og databehandleransvarlig UIT.

# Vurdering av om samtykket for Saminor er dekkende

I det avgitte samtykket fra Saminor har deltagerne samtykket til forsking på sammenhengen mellom helse, levekår og etnisitet. Spørsmål om psykisk og fysisk helse, samt rusmidler er besvart, man må dermed anta at deltagerne var klar over at det ville bli forsket på disse opplysningene.

Besøksadresse: MH-bygget UiT Norges arktiske universitet 9037 Tromsø Telefon: 77646140 E-post: rek-nord@asp.uit.no Web: http://helseforskning.etikkom.no/ All post og e-post som inngår i saksbehandlingen, bes adressert til REK nord og ikke til enkelte personer Kindly address all mail and e-mails to the Regional Ethics Committee, REK nord, not to individual staff

# Vedtak

Med hjemmel i helseforskningsloven §§ 2 og 10 godkjennes prosjektet.

# Sluttmelding og søknad om prosjektendring

Prosjektleder skal sende sluttmelding til REK nord på eget skjema senest 30.06.2020, jf. hfl. § 12. Prosjektleder skal sende søknad om prosjektendring til REK nord dersom det skal gjøres vesentlige endringer i forhold til de opplysninger som er gitt i søknaden, jf. hfl. § 11.

# Klageadgang

Du kan klage på komiteens vedtak, jf. forvaltningsloven § 28 flg. Klagen sendes til REK nord. Klagefristen er tre uker fra du mottar dette brevet. Dersom vedtaket opprettholdes av REK nord, sendes klagen videre til Den nasjonale forskningsetiske komité for medisin og helsefag for endelig vurdering.

Med vennlig hilsen

May Britt Rossvoll sekretariatsleder

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