Chile

Total population (UN official estimate): 17,772,871

WHO Region: AMR

Income group: High income

Total health expenditure per person (US$, 2013): $1,204

Disability-adjusted life years (per 100,000 population): 3,110

Suicide (age-standardized rate per 100,000 population): 13.0

Availability / status of mental health reporting: Mental health specific data compiled in last two years for public sector only

MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM GOVERNANCE

Mental health policy

Stand-alone policy or plan for mental health: Yes

(Year of policy / plan): 2001

Implementation status: Available and partially implemented

Policy / plan in line with human rights covenants (self-rated 5-point checklist score; 5 = fully in line) 2

Mental health legislation

Stand-alone law for mental health: No

(Year of policy / plan): Not applicable

Implementation status: Available and partially implemented

Law is in line with human rights covenants (self-rated 5-point checklist score; 5 = fully in line) 1

Involvement of service users and families (as reported by MoH focal point)

a. INFORMATION gathered / disseminated by MoH Partially implemented

b. POLICY on participation developed / published by MoH Not implemented
c. EARLY INVOLVEMENT in mental health policy and law Partially implemented
d. PARTICIPATION in MoH planning, policy, service development and evaluation Partially implemented
e. RESOURCES available for participation and reimbursement Not implemented

RESOURCES FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Mental health financing

Main source of funds for care of severe mental disorders: Government

Inpatient / outpatient budget breakdown reported: Yes

If yes, estimated mental health spending per capita (US$): 4.7

Human resources for mental health

Total reported staff (mental health inpatient care): 1,728

Total reported staff (mental health outpatient care): 2,457

Total mental health workers per 100,000 population: 16.3

Mental health workforce (rate per 100,000 population)

- Psychiatrists
- Other medical doctors
- Nurses
- Psychologists
- Social workers
- Occupational therapists
- Other mental health workers

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE AVAILABILITY AND UPTAKE

Outpatient care (total facilities)

Mental health outpatient facility: 136

Mental health day treatment facility: 45

Inpatient care (total facilities)

Mental hospitals: 4

Psychiatric units in general hospitals: 31

Residential care facilities: 199

Mental hospitals: Total number of inpatients: 1,164

Admissions that are involuntary: 8%

Discharged inpatients followed up within one month: Not reported

Treated prevalence (total cases)

Treated cases of severe mental disorder: 314,914

Treated prevalence (per 100,000 population): 1771.9

MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION AND PREVENTION

Existence of at least two functioning programmes: Yes

Existence of a suicide prevention strategy: Yes

Programme examples

CHILE CRECE CONTIGO (Chile Growths with You)

Maternal mental health

Target group: All ages

Scope: Universal

Note: Age-standardized suicide rates - computed using standard categories, definitions and methods - are reported to facilitate comparisons over time and between countries, and may not be the same as official national estimates.