Dominican Republic

Total population (UN official estimates): 10,528,954
WHO Region: AMR
Income group: Upper middle-income
Total health expenditure per person (US$, 2013): $315
Availability / status of mental health reporting: Mental health data compiled only for general health statistics

**Burden of mental disorders (WHO official estimates)**
- Disability-adjusted life years (per 100,000 population): 3,019
- Suicide (age-standardized rate per 100,000 population): 4.1

**MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM GOVERNANCE**

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**Involvement of service users and families (as reported by MoH focal point):**
- INFORMATION gathered / disseminated by MoH: Partially implemented
- POLICY on participation developed / published by MoH: Partially implemented
- EARLY INVOLVEMENT in mental health policy and law: Partially implemented
- PARTICIPATION in MoH planning, policy, service development and evaluation: Partially implemented
- RESOURCES available for participation and reimbursement: Partially 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$): $0.09

- **Human resources for mental health**
  - Total reported staff (mental health inpatient care): 221
  - Total reported staff (mental health outpatient care): 464
  - Total mental health workers per 100,000 population: 6.5

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE AVAILABILITY AND UPTAKE**

- **Outpatient care (total facilities)**
  - Mental health outpatient facility: 36
  - Mental health day treatment facility: 2

- **Inpatient care (total facilities)**
  - Mental hospitals: 1
  - Psychiatric units in general hospitals: 5
  - Residential care facilities: 0

- **Mental hospitals**
  - Total number of inpatients: 1,382
  - Admissions that are involuntary: 96%
  - Discharged inpatients followed up within one month: 95%
  - Inpatients staying less than 1 year: Not reported
  - Inpatients staying 1-5 years: Not reported
  - Inpatients staying more than 5 years: 100%

**MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION AND PREVENTION**

- **Existence of at least two functioning programmes**
  - No (or not reported)

- **Existence of a suicide prevention strategy**
  - Yes

**Programme examples**

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Note: Age-standardised 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.

1 UN World Population Prospects, 2013; http://esa.un.org/wpp/  
2 WHO Global Health Expenditure Database; http://apps.who.int/nha/database  