**Ecuador**

**Total population (UN official estimates):**

- 15,982,551

**Burden of mental disorders (WHO official estimates)**

- Disability-adjusted life years (per 100,000 population): 3,101
- Suicide (age-standardized rate per 100,000 population): 9.2

**WHO Region:** AMR

**Income group:** Upper-middle-income

**Total health expenditure per person (US$, 2013):** 441

**Mental health system governance**

**Mental health policy**

- Stand-alone policy or plan for mental health: Yes
- Implementation status: Available and partially implemented

**Mental health legislation**

- Stand-alone law for mental health: No
- Implementation status: Not developed / not available

**Policy / plan in line with human rights covenants**

- (self-rated 5-point checklist score; 5 = fully in line)
- Law is in line with human rights covenants: Not reported

**Involvement of service users and families**

- INFORMATION gathered / disseminated by MoH: Fully implemented

**RESOURCES FOR MENTAL HEALTH**

**Mental health financing**

- Main source of funds for care of severe mental disorders: Households
- Inpatient / outpatient budget breakdown reported: Yes

**Human resources for mental health**

- Total reported staff (mental health inpatient care): 1,550
- Total reported staff (mental health outpatient care): 42

**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: 3
- Mental health day treatment facility: Not reported

**Inpatient care (total facilities)**

- Mental hospitals: 4
- Psychiatric units in general hospitals: 1
- Residential care facilities: 2

**Mental hospitals**

- Total number of inpatients: Not reported
- Admissions that are involuntary: Not reported
- Discharged inpatients followed up within one month: Not reported

**Treated prevalence (total cases)**

- Treated cases of severe mental disorder: 8,385

**Mental health promotion and prevention**

- Existence of at least two functioning programmes: No
- Existence of a suicide prevention strategy: No

**Programme examples**

- Plan de promoción de la salud mental: Mental health awareness/prevention/anti-stigma

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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.