## Guyana

**Total population (UN official estimate):** 803,677

**WHO Region:** AMR

**Income group:** Lower middle-income

**Total health expenditure per person (US$, 2013):** $250

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

**Disability-adjusted life years (per 100,000 population):** 3,482

**Suicide (age-standardized rate per 100,000 population):** 34.8

**Availability / status of mental health reporting:** No mental health data compiled in last two years

### Mental Health System Governance

#### Mental Health Policy

- **Stand-alone policy or plan for mental health:** Yes (Year of policy / plan: 2015)
- **Implementation status:** Available and partially implemented
- **Policy / plan is in line with human rights covenants:** 5

#### Mental Health Legislation

- **Stand-alone law for mental health:** Yes (Year of policy / plan: 1990)
- **Law is in line with human rights covenants:** Not reported

#### Involvement of service users and families

- a. INFORMATION gathered / disseminated by MoH: Not implemented
- b. POLICY on participation developed / published by MoH: Not implemented
- c. EARLY INVOLVEMENT in mental health policy and law: Not implemented
- d. PARTICIPATION in MoH planning, policy, service development and evaluation: Not 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
  - No

- **Inpatient / outpatient budget breakdown reported**
  - Not applicable

#### Human Resources for Mental Health

- **Total reported staff (mental health inpatient care):** 10
- **Total reported staff (mental health outpatient care):** 1

### Mental Health Service Availability and Uptake

#### Outpatient Care

- **Mental health outpatient facility:** 6
- **Mental health day treatment facility:** 0

#### Inpatient Care

- **Mental hospitals:** 1
- **Psychiatric units in general hospitals:** 1
- **Residential care facilities:** 0

#### Mental Hospitals

- **Total number of inpatients:** 189
- **Inpatients staying less than 1 year:** Not reported
- **Inpatients staying 1-5 years:** Not reported
- **Inpatients staying more than 5 years:** Not reported

#### Treated Prevalence

- **Treated cases of severe mental disorder:** Not reported

### Mental Health Promotion and Prevention

#### Existence of at least two functioning programmes

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

#### Programme examples

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**Notes:**

- WHO Global Health Expenditure Database: [http://apps.who.int/nha/database](http://apps.who.int/nha/database)

**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.