### Republic of Korea

**Total population (UN official estimates):** 49,512,023

**WHO Region:** WPR

**Income group:** High income

**Total health expenditure per person (US$, 2013):** $1,880

**Suicide (age-standardized rate per 100,000 population):** 28.9

**Burden of mental disorders (WHO official estimates):** 3,026

### Mental Health System Governance

#### Mental Health Policy

- **Stand-alone policy or plan for mental health:** Yes (Year of policy / plan: 2014)
- **Implementation status:** Available but not implemented
- **Policy / plan is in line with human rights covenants (self-rated 5-point checklist score; 5 = fully in line):** 4

#### Mental Health Legislation

- **Stand-alone law for mental health:** Yes (Year of policy / plan: 2014)
- **Implementation status:** Available and partially implemented
- **Law is in line with human rights covenants (self-rated 5-point checklist score; 5 = fully in line):** 5

#### 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: Partially implemented
- c. EARLY INVOLVEMENT in mental health policy and law: Not implemented
- d. PARTICIPATION in MoH planning, policy, service development and evaluation: Partially implemented
- e. 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
- **Psychiatrists:** Not reported
- **Other medical doctors:** Not reported
- **Nurses:** Not reported
- **Psychologists:** Not reported
- **Social workers:** Not reported
- **Occupational therapists:** Not reported
- **Other mental health workers:** Not reported
- **Inpatient / outpatient budget breakdown reported:** Yes
- **If yes, estimated mental health spending per capita (US$):** $44.81

#### Human Resources for Mental Health

- **Total reported staff (mental health inpatient care):** 16,490
- **Total reported staff (mental health outpatient care):** 2,717
- **Total mental health workers per 100,000 population:** Not reported

### Mental Health Service Availability and Uptake

#### Outpatient care (total facilities)

- **Mental health outpatient facility:** 1,353
- **Mental health day treatment facility:** 79

#### Inpatient care (total facilities)

- **Mental hospitals:** 314 (Mental hospital beds / annual admissions: 113.1)
- **Psychiatric units in general hospitals:** 265 (General hospital psychiatric unit beds / annual admissions: 54.5)
- **Residential care facilities:** 197 (Residential care beds / annual admissions: 4.7)

#### Mental Hospitals

- **Total number of inpatients:** 65,976 (Inpatients staying less than 1 year: 63%)
- **Admissions that are involuntary:** 74% (Inpatients staying 1-5 years: 29%)
- **Discharged inpatients followed up within one month:** 68% (Inpatients staying more than 5 years: 8%)

#### Treated Prevalence (total cases)

- **Treated cases of severe mental disorder:** 646,458 (Treated cases of severe mental disorder: 1305.7)

### Mental Health Promotion and Prevention

#### Existence of at least two functioning programmes

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

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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.