Liberia

Total population (UN official estimates): 4,396,871

WHO Region: AFR
Income group: Low income
Total health expenditure per person (US$, 2013): $44
Availability / status of mental health reporting: Not reported

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Burden of mental disorders (WHO official estimates)
Disability-adjusted life years (per 100,000 population): 2,298
Suicide (age-standardized rate per 100,000 population): 4.3

Mental health system governance

Mental health policy
Stand-alone policy or plan for mental health:
(Year of policy / plan): Yes 2010
Implementation status: Available and partially 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:
(Year of policy / plan): Not applicable
Implementation status: Not developed / not available
Law is in line with human rights covenants
(self-rated 5-point checklist score; 5 = fully in line): Not reported

Involvement of service users and families (as reported by MoH focal point)
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 reported
e. RESOURCES available for participation and reimbursement: Not reported

Resources for mental health

Mental health financing
Main source of funds for care of severe mental disorders: Government
Inpatient / outpatient budget breakdown reported: No
If yes, estimated mental health spending per capita (US$): Not applicable

Human resources for mental health

Total reported staff (mental health inpatient care): 51
Total reported staff (mental health outpatient care): 50
Total mental health workers per 100,000 population: 4.5

Mental health workforce (rate per 100,000 population)

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE AVAILABILITY AND UPTAKE

Outpatient care (total facilities)
Mental health outpatient facility: 2
Mental health outpatients: Not reported
Mental health day treatment facility: Not reported
Mental health day treatment sessions: Not reported

Inpatient care (total facilities)
Mental hospitals: 1
Mental hospital beds / annual admissions: 1.8 / 13.5
Psychiatric units in general hospitals: Not reported
General hospital psychiatric unit beds / annual admissions: Not reported / Not reported
Residential care facilities: Not reported
Residential care beds / annual admissions: Not reported / Not reported

Mental hospitals
Total number of inpatients: 72
Inpatients staying less than 1 year: Not reported
Admissions that are involuntary: Not reported
Inpatients staying 1-5 years: Not reported
Discharged inpatients followed up within one month: Not reported
Inpatients staying more than 5 years: Not reported
Treated prevalence (total cases): 1,961
Treated cases of severe mental disorder: 44.6

Mental health promotion and prevention

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

Programme examples
Liberia Association of Psychosocial Services (LAPS). Community Mental Health Services.
www.lapsliberia.com

Category of programme: Mental health awareness/prevention/anti-stigma
Target group: All ages
Scope: Selective

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.

WHO Global Health Expenditure Database; http://apps.who.int/nha/database