El Salvador

Total population (UN official estimates) \( ^a \): 6,383,753
WHO Region: AMR
Income group: Lower middle-income
Total health expenditure per person (US$, 2013) \( ^b \): $266
Availability / status of mental health reporting

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Burden of mental disorders (WHO official estimates) \( ^c \):
Disability-adjusted life years (per 100,000 population): 3,256
Suicide (age-standardized rate per 100,000 population) \( ^d \): 13.6

Mental health system governance

Mental health policy
- Stand-alone policy or plan for mental health:
  - (Year of policy / plan): Yes 2011
- 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): 5

Mental health legislation
- Stand-alone law for mental health:
  - (Year of policy / plan):
- Implementation status:
- Law is in line with human rights covenants:
  - (self-rated 5-point checklist score; 5 = fully in line):

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:
  - Partially 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:
  - Not reported
- 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): 413
- Total reported staff (mental health outpatient care): 43
- Total mental health workers per 100,000 population: 7.1

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: 29
- Mental health day treatment facility: 1

Inpatient care (total facilities)
- Mental hospitals: 2
- Psychiatric units in general hospitals: 2
- Residential care facilities: 0

Mental hospitals
- Total number of inpatients:
- Admissions that are involuntary:
- Discharged inpatients followed up within one month:

Treated prevalence (total cases)
- Treated cases of severe mental disorder: 2,445

Mental health promotion and prevention

Existence of at least two functioning programmes:
- Yes
- Existence of a suicide prevention strategy:
- Not reported

Programme examples
- PROGRAMA DE ADOLESCENTES / www.salud.gob.sv /
- PREVENCIÓN DE VIOLENCIA / www.salud.gob.sv /

\(^a\) UN World Population Prospects, 2013; http://esa.un.org/unpd/wpp/
\(^b\) WHO Global Health Expenditure Database; http://apps.who.int/nha/database
\(^c\) WHO Global Health Estimates; http://www.who.int/healthinfo/global_burden_disease/en/
\(^d\) WHO, 2013: Preventing suicide: a global imperative; http://www.who.int/mental_health/suicide-prevention

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.