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## New Caledonia

### GENERAL INFORMATION

New Caledonia is a country with an approximate area of 19 thousand square kilometers (UNO, 2008). The population is 253,743 and the sex ratio (men per hundred women) is 100 (UNO, 2009). The proportion of the population under the age of 18 years is unknown; the proportion above age 60 is 8% (UNO, 2009). The life expectancy at birth is 72 years for males and 79 years for females (UNO, 2005-2010). The healthy life expectancy at birth is 79 years for females (UNPD, 2010). The healthy life expectancy of males is unknown. The country is in the high income group (based on 2010 World Bank criteria). Data regarding the total expenditure on health as a percentage of gross domestic product, and the per capita government expenditure on health (PPP int. \$) are not available. Suicide rates and the global burden of disease of neuropsychiatric disorders in New Caledonia are also unknown.

### GOVERNANCE

An officially approved mental health policy does not exist and mental health is not specifically mentioned in the general health policy.

A mental health plan does not exist.

Dedicated mental health legislation exists and was initiated, or most recently revised, in 2008. Legal provisions concerning mental health are also covered in other laws (e.g., welfare, disability, general health legislation etc.).

Note: In 2003, a proposal for a Mental Health Plan was drafted, but was not adopted by the government. Work on developing a new plan was scheduled to start in 2011.

### FINANCING

Mental health expenditures by the government health department/ministry are unknown.

Note: Mental hospital expenditures are 5.5% of the total health budget.

### MENTAL HEALTH CARE DELIVERY

#### Primary Care

Prescription regulations authorize primary health care doctors to prescribe and/or to continue prescription of psychotherapeutic medicines. In contrast, the department of health does not authorize primary health care nurses to prescribe and/or to continue prescription of psychotherapeutic medicines. Similarly, official policy does not permit primary health care nurses to independently diagnose and treat mental disorders within the primary care system.

The majority of primary health care doctors and nurses have not received official in-service training on mental health within the last five years. Officially approved manuals on the management and treatment of mental disorders are not available in the majority of primary health care clinics. Official referral

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procedures for referring persons from primary care to secondary/tertiary care exist as do referral procedures from tertiary/secondary to primary care.

## Mental Health Services

### Availability of mental health facilities

	Total number of facilities/beds	Rate per 100,000 population	Number of facilities/beds reserved for children and adolescents only	Rate per 100,000 population
Mental health outpatient facilities	12	4.73	4	1.58
Day treatment facilities	6	2.36	3	1.18
Psychiatric beds in general hospitals	0	0.00	0	0.00
Community residential facilities	8	3.15	0	0.00
Beds/places in community residential facilities	98	38.62	0	0.00
Mental hospitals	1	0.39	0	0.00
Beds in mental hospitals	113	44.53	0	0.00

### Access to care

	Rates per 100,000 population)	Females (%)	Under age 18 (%)
Persons treated in mental health outpatient facilities	UN	UN	UN
Persons treated in mental health day treatment facilities	UN	UN	UN
Admissions to psychiatric beds in general hospitals	121.78	UN	UN
Persons staying in community residential facilities at the end of the year	UN	UN	UN
Admissions to mental hospitals	287.3	UN	UN

### Long term care in mental hospitals (% of persons staying):

Less than 1 year	UN
More than 1 and less than 5 years	UN
More than 5 years	UN

Note: A specialized mental hospital (CHS Mental Hospital) has been recently established with the aim of increasing mental health resources throughout the territory of New Caledonia.

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The CHS Mental Hospital has developed two additional satellite centers in the northern provinces of New Caledonia (Poindimié and Koumac), each with a dedicated team of psychiatrists.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

### Workforce and training

	Health professionals working in the mental health sector Rate per 100,000	Training of health professions in educational institutions Rate per 100,000
Psychiatrists	9.06	UN
Medical doctors, not specialized in psychiatry	0.00	UN
Nurses	63.45	10.64
Psychologists	12.22	UN
Social workers	2.36	UN
Occupational therapists	1.18	UN
Other health workers	40.59	NA

### Informal human resources (Family and User Associations)

	User	Family
Present in the country?	No	Yes
Number of members	NA	UN
Participation in the formulation/implementation of policy/plan/legislation?	NA	not routinely

## MEDICINES

Expenditures for medicines for mental and behavioral disorders at country level

Type of Medicines	Expenditures at country level per year and per 100,000 population (in USD)
All the psychotherapeutic medicines <sup>1</sup>	1,061,572
Medicines used for bipolar disorders <sup>2</sup>	103,838
Medicines for psychotic disorders <sup>3</sup>	480,170
Medicines used for general anxiety <sup>4</sup>	134,293

<sup>1</sup> N03AG01, N05A, N05B, N05C, N06A

<sup>2</sup> N03AG01, N05A, N05B, N05C, N06A

<sup>3</sup> N05A (excluding N05AN)

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Medicines used for mood disorders <sup>5</sup>	343,272
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## INFORMATION SYSTEMS

	Data on number of people/ activities are collected and reported	Data on age and gender are collected and reported	Data on patient's diagnosis are collected and reported
Persons with mental disorders treated in primary health care	Yes	No	No
Interventions (psychopharmacological and psychosocial) delivered in primary health care for people with mental disorders	No	No	No
Persons treated in mental health outpatient facilities	Yes	No	No
Contacts in mental health outpatient facilities	Yes	No	No
Persons treated in mental health day treatment facilities	Yes	No	No
Admissions in general hospitals with psychiatric beds	Yes	No	No
Admissions in mental hospitals	Yes	No	No
Days spent in mental hospitals	Yes	No	No
Admissions in community residential facilities	Yes	No	No

Note: Mental health data (either on the public system, private system, or both) have been compiled for general health statistics in the last three years, but not in a specific mental health report.

<sup>4</sup> N05B & N05C

<sup>5</sup> N06A

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