**Supplementary online content – Mental health policies in 17 Latin American countries:**

*Source: WHO MHA Atlas 2017(1) and respective WHO AIMS reports*

*URL:* [*https://www.who.int/mental\_health/who\_aims\_country\_reports/en/*](https://www.who.int/mental_health/who_aims_country_reports/en/)

**Argentina:**

Existing stand-alone law for mental health (Year of enaction or latest revision: 2013)

No update since 2013

WHO AIMS report mentions downsizing of psychiatric bed numbers.

Source available: **Ley nacional de Salud mental No.26.657** (2013)

**Statements from the Ley nacional de Salud mental:** community based services prefered (Art. 9+11), hospitalization should be ultima ratio (14), as short as possible (15), in general hospitals (28), construction of new hospitals (28)  
URL: <http://www.msal.gob.ar/images/stories/ryc/graficos/0000001237cnt-2018_ley-nacional-salud-mental-decreto-reglamentario.pdf>

**Bolivia:**

Mental health legislation integrated into general health or disability law in 2012, no revision since.

WHO AIMS Report 2008 mentions no policy or legislation, but National Plan for Mental Health 1999-2000 including reforms of mental hospitals.

**Brazil:**

Existing stand-alone law for mental health (Year of enaction or latest revision: 2001)

No update since 2013

WHO AIMS Report 2007 mentions sound legislation on mental health and a list of documents, but states that the country would benefit from an official document.

**Chile:**

Mental health legislation integrated into general health or disability law in 2012, no revision since then.

WHO AIMS Report mentions the transition from psychiatries to general hospitals

Modelo gestion 2018 promotes community based services

**Colombia:**

Mental health legislation integrated into general health or disability law with a revision since 2013. Current legislation promotes the transition towards mental health services based in the community.

No WHO AIMS Report exists.

Ley 1616 focuses on outpatient services (Art.13+21)

URL: <https://www.minsalud.gov.co/sites/rid/Lists/BibliotecaDigital/RIDE/DE/DIJ/ley-1616-del-21-de-enero-2013.pdf>

Plan accion salud mental 2013-2020 (Art.48+56)

URL: <https://www.who.int/mental_health/publications/action_plan/es/>

**Costa Rica:**

Mental health legislation integrated into general health or disability law in 2013 and revised since.

Current legislation promotes the transition towards mental health services based in the community.

WHO AIMS report

WHO AIMS Report 2008 mentions downsizing of psychiatric bed numbers (2006 National Mental Health policy: Organization of mental hospitals)

Politica nacional de Salud Mental 2012-2021: 5% of general hospital beds for mental health, implementation of goals set by the Declaration of Caracas  
URL: <http://www.sipi.siteal.iipe.unesco.org/sites/default/files/sipi_intervencion/politica_nacional_de_salud_mental.pdf>

**Ecuador:**

Mental health legislation integrated into general health or disability law in 2012, no revision since.

WHO AIMS Report 2015 mentions downsizing of psychiatric bed numbers (Plan Estratégico Nacional de Salud Mental 2015-2017, Atención Primaria en Salud promotes deinstitutionalization and short hospitalizations)

**El Salvador:**

No existing stand-alone law for mental health or integration to general health or disability law.

WHO AIMS report does not mention downsizing of psychiatric bed numbers.

Statements from WHO AIMS Report 2006: Last revision of Mental Health Plan in 2005: Organization and development of services, optimizing of psychiatric hospitals, two existing psychiatric hospitals

**Guatemala:**

No existing stand-alone law for mental health or integration to general health or disability law.

WHO AIMS report 2006 does not mention downsizing of psychiatric bed numbers.

Statements from WHO AIMS Report 2006: existing Código de Salud 1999, one article about Mental health, Actions of mental health promote community services and integration to primary health

**Honduras:**

No existing stand-alone law for mental health or integration to general health or disability law.

WHO AIMS report 2008 does not mention downsizing of psychiatric bed numbers.

Statements from WHO AIMS Report 2008: Policy revised in 2001 and 2007 promoting organization, development and integration

**Mexico:**

Existing stand-alone law for mental health (Year of enaction or latest revision: 2017)

Current legislation promotes the transition towards mental health services based in the community.

WHO AIMS report mentions downsizing of psychiatric bed numbers.

Statements from WHO AIMS Report (Programa de Acción Específico 2007-2012: Atención en Salud Mental; Programa de Acción Específico Salud Mental 2013-2018 promotes less beds in psychiatric hospitals, more general hospitals with at least one psychiatric bed, goal 30% of general hospitals)

**Nicaragua:**

Existing stand-alone law for mental health (Year of enaction or latest revision: 2008)

WHO AIMS report does not mention downsizing of psychiatric bed numbers.

Statements from WHO AIMS Report 2006 (1998 Proposal for National Health Policy not approved, 2004 National Mental Health Plan promotes organization of services, only one existing psychiatric hospital; Estratégia de cooperación de país 2016-2021 mentions Promotion and development of services)

**Panama:**

Mental health legislation integrated into general health or disability law, no revision since.

WHO AIMS report mentions downsizing of psychiatric bed numbers.

Statements from WHO AIMS Report 2006: National plan on mental health in 2003, downsizing large mental hospitals, development of new models, centralizing community and consultations services

**Politica nacional de salud 2016-2025** (Paragraph about mental health 14.1.4e p.108, promoting both, in and outpatient care)

URL: <http://www.minsa.gob.pa/sites/default/files/transparencia/politicas_de_salud_del_minsa.pdf>

**Paraguay:**

Mental health legislation integrated into general health or disability law in 2008, no revision since.

WHO AIMS report mentions downsizing of psychiatric bed numbers.

Statements from WHO AIMS Report 2006: National mental health plan 2003 promotes community services and downsizing of mental hospitals

**Politica nacional de salud 2015-2030** mentions mental health once in a general description of health provision

URL: <https://iris.paho.org/bitstream/handle/10665.2/28550/Politica_NacionalPRY-spa.pdf?sequence=4&isAllowed=y>

**Politica Salud Mental 2011-2020** states that 10% of hospital beds should be dedicated for short stay psychiatric patients

URL: <https://www.paho.org/par/index.php?option=com_docman&view=download&category_slug=publicaciones-con-contrapartes&alias=333-politica-de-salud-mental&Itemid=253>

**Peru:**

Existing stand-alone law for mental health (Year of enaction or latest revision: 2012)

Has been updated since 2013

Current legislation promotes the transition towards mental health services based in the community.

WHO AIMS report mentions downsizing of psychiatric bed numbers.

Statements from Politica nacional de salud mental 1986 and WHO AIMS Report 2008: Organization and developement of services

**Lineamentos para la acción en Salud Mental 2004**: decentralization and dehospitalization, 1% of beds dedicated to mental health (in hospitals with more than 50 beds)

URL: <http://bvs.minsa.gob.pe/local/promocion/153_lineamsm.pdf>

**Uruguay:**

Existing stand-alone law for mental health (Year of enaction or latest revision: 1936)

No update since 2013.

WHO AIMS report mentions downsizing of psychiatric hospitals.

Statements from WHO AIMS Report 2006: Mental health policy in 1986 promotes development of community services and downsizing of large mental hospitals

**Venezuela:**

No information on existing stand-alone law for mental health of integration into general health or disability law.

WHO AIMS report mentions downsizing of psychiatric hospitals.

Statements from WHO AIMS Report 2013: revision in 2010 promotes development of community services and optimising large mental hospitals)

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