



## UPDATES & ACHIEVEMENTS

### PARAGUAY

#### 2022 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Advanced planning for community mental health services with Paraguay's Ministry of Health and district officials
- Reinforcing primary health care facilities and secondary health care services through the training of 40 non-specialized workers in mhGAP and 41 family doctors and paediatricians in Children and Adolescent Mental Health
- Paraguay's government passed a new Mental Health Law that covers assessment treatments and rights of people with mental health disorders, and which elevates the Mental Health Directorate to a National Directorate, allocating it its own budget for the first time in the country's history
- A draft Mental Health policy was established aiming to operationalise the new Mental Health Law, reduce Paraguay's mental health treatment gap and to expand services, including for rural and indigenous communities

#### 2023 IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

- Finalise and validate Paraguay's revised Mental Health Policy
- Dedicated meetings with Regional Directors in the Ministry of Health to orient them to the new Mental Health Policy and Law
- Workshop for validation of the Manual of Operations for new positions to be known as Regional Mental Health Coordinators
- mhGAP training for Family Health Units of P. J. Caballero, Itauguá National Hospital and Acosta Ñu Pediatric Hospital
- Review and adjustments of the Organizational Manual of the Mental Health Network