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