

ARGENTINA



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

01

Argentina's National Mental Health Plan (2023-2027) was approved and published

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Continuous support of a nation-wide mhGAP programme within 19 committed jurisdictions

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Closing of the ward 5 at Colonia Oliveros Psychiatric Hospital in a joint effort with local authorities and professionals, and COPERSAMM Foundation

ACTIVITIES



Scaling up mental health services

Opening of one protected residence in Santa Fe. The opening of the mental health centre La Posta Norte was supported in March 2023 together with local authorities and the COPERSAMM Foundation. It covers approximately **140,000 inhabitants**.

294 mental health professionals were trained to be trainers and supervisors in mhGAP; with **506 primary health care** professionals so far trained in the mhGAP Intervention Guide.

Closure of ward 5 of the Colonia Oliveros Psychiatric Hospital, following coordinated work with hospital authorities, the provincial mental health directorate, and the team of the Mental Health Centre La Posta Norte.

20 Jurisdiction Plans were co-created with primary health care directors at national and subnational levels: establishing operations teams, analysing the local situation, and planning for rollout of mhGAP and its monitoring and evaluation. Jurisdictions began implementation late-2023 and are ongoing in 2024.

Community tools for mhGAP were launched in **13 jurisdictions**.



Capacity building

In Santa Fe, a Provincial Mental Health Plan was approved by ministerial resolution.

In Chaco, the provincial Inter-ministerial Commission on Mental Health, and Addictions Policies, and the Honorary Advisory Council on Mental Health and Addictions were established.

12,162 new people trained in mental health and psychosocial support

223 organisations engaged and/or strengthened to improve capacity



Advocacy

Strong political support to the deinstitutionalisation process at La Rioja, closing the year with a plan to discharge long-term inpatients and to create second-level community-based structures, in consensus with local teams and authorities.

Santa Fe Costs analysis finalised. Santa Fe province contributes almost 5% of the health budget to MH, **95%** of which goes to sustain three public institutions. The report will be presented to the new authorities.

Advice provided to local policy makers on changes proposed to the national MH law, with emphasis on aligning the law with international standards.

PRIORITIES FOR 2024

Engagement with people with lived experience and their organisations

Accelerating mhGAP implementation in the **20 jurisdictions**. Cascade trainings and supervision.



Community mhGAP training



World Health Organization

