



PARAGUAY

ITAPÚA

NDPBA DEPARTMENT PROFILE

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CAPITAL: ENCARNACIÓN

Area: 20,009 (km²)

The Itapúa department is located in the Eastern region of Paraguay. This department is divided into 30 districts: Encarnación (The Capital), Bella Vista, Cambyretá, Capitán Meza, Capitán Miranda, Nueva Alborada, Carmen del Paraná, Coronel Bogado, Carlos Antonio López, Natalio, Fram, General Artigas, General Delgado, Hohenau, Jesús, José Leandro Oviedo, Obligado, Mayor Julio Dionisio Otaño, San Cosme y Damián, San Pedro del Paraná, San Rafael del Paraná, Trinidad, Edelira, Tomás Romero Pereira, Alto Verá, La Paz, Yatytay, San Juan del Paraná, Pirapó, Itapúa Poty. The department borders Argentina, and the departments of Misiones, Alto Paraná and Caazapá. The main economic sources are livestock and agriculture.



RISK AND VULNERABILITY COMPONENT SCORE



MULTI-HAZARD RISK (MHR) - Moderate

Score: 0.542 • Rank: 9/18



RESILIENCE (R) - Moderate

Score: 0.523 • Rank: 9/18



MULTI-HAZARD EXPOSURE (MHE) - Moderate

Score: 0.672 • Rank: 9/18



VULNERABILITY (V) - Low

Score: 0.434 • Rank: 12/18



COPING CAPACITY (CC) - Low

Score: 0.481 • Rank: 11/18



Population (2015)

600,011



Infant Mortality Rate

10.5



Illiterate population

8.7%



Access to improved water

84.4%



Average life expectancy

74.3 years

*For more information on data and components please visit: <https://bit.ly/2LqVoUO>



MULTI-HAZARD EXPOSURE (MHE)

RANK: 9 / 18 DEPARTMENT
SCORE: 0.672





MHE
0.672


Raw MHE
0.631


Relative MHE
0.713


ESTIMATED POPULATION AND CAPITAL EXPOSED TO EACH HAZARD:


 **Inland Flood**
5%
 👤 **30,525**
\$563.9 Million

 **Wildfire**
74%
 👤 **439,390**
\$5.2 Billion

 **Water Deficit**
50%
 👤 **299,078**
\$3.1 Billion

 **Drought**
100%
 👤 **597,473**
\$7.5 Billion

 **Extreme Cold**
29%
 👤 **173,252**
\$1.6 Billion

 **Storm**
39%
 👤 **232,303**
\$2.3 Billion



VULNERABILITY (V)

RANK: 12 / 18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED
SCORE: 0.434

Vulnerability in Itapúa is primarily driven by Population Pressures and Economic Constraints. The bar chart indicates the socioeconomic themes contributing to the department's overall Vulnerability score.



Environmental Stress

0 1 **SCORE: 0.361** **RANK: 12/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED**

2.82% Cultivated Area Change
11.30% Deforestation



Vulnerable Health Status

0 1 **SCORE: 0.356** **RANK: 14/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED**

74.31 Life Expectancy (years)
10.5 Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)
104.8 Maternal Mortality Ratio
34.68 Adult Malnutrition
35.8% Population with Disability
43.6% Population Reporting Illness or Injury



Clean Water Vulnerability

0 1 **SCORE: 0.316** **RANK: 11/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED**

84.40% Households with Improved Water Source
76.24% Households with Improved Sanitation



Information Access Vulnerability

0 1 **SCORE: 0.472** **RANK: 11/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED**

8.7% Illiteracy Rate (Age 10+)
7.9 Average Years of Schooling
17.20% Households with Internet
89.10% Households with Television
81.4% Households with Radio



Economic Constraints

0 1 **SCORE: 0.545** **RANK: 9/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED**

59.56 Economic Dependency Ratio
33.16% Poverty Rate
0.47 Income Inequality (GINI)



Gender Inequality

0 1 **SCORE: 0.446** **RANK: 12/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED**

0.07 Female to Male Secondary Education*
0.35 Female to Male Economic Activity*
0.30 Female to Male Average Monthly Income*

*Higher values indicate greater gender disparity.



Population Pressures

0 1 **SCORE: 0.545** **RANK: 11/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED**

1.36% Average Annual Population Change



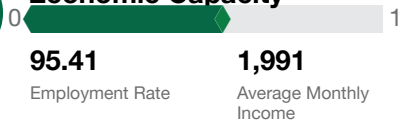
COPING CAPACITY (CC)

RANK: 11 / 18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED
SCORE: 0.481

Itapúa exhibits weaker Coping Capacity in the areas of Health Care Capacity and Transportation Capacity. The bar chart indicates the socioeconomic themes contributing to the department's overall Coping Capacity score.



Economic Capacity

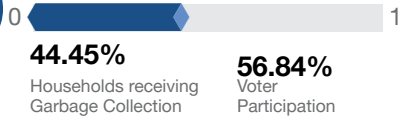


SCORE: 0.556

RANK: 9/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED



Governance



SCORE: 0.424

RANK: 11/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED



Crime Governance

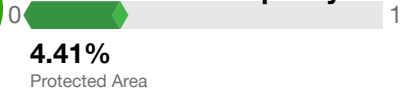


SCORE: 0.734

RANK: 5/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED



Environmental Capacity



SCORE: 0.258

RANK: 11/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED

(COPING CAPACITY CONTINUED)



Infrastructure Capacity



Health Care Capacity **SCORE: 0.254** **RANK: 18/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED**

2.70 Hospital Beds per 10,000 People	8.88 Physicians per 10,000 People	6.11 Nurses per 10,000 People	6,623.05 Average Distance to Nearest Hospital (km ²)	68.88% Vaccination Coverage	69.57% Access to Healthcare
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Transportation Capacity **SCORE: 0.496** **RANK: 8/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED**

1.05 Road Density (km per sq. km)	70.43 Distance to Airport or Seaport (km)
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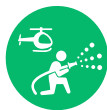
Communications Capacity **SCORE: 0.533** **RANK: 10/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED**

96.4% Households with Mobile Phone	5.90% Households with Fixed Phone
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Energy Capacity **SCORE: 0.921** **RANK: 7/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED**

98.94% Households Connected to Electric Grid



Disaster Management Capacity



3.38 Ambulances per 100,000 People	30.92 Distance to Fire Station	133.06 Distance to Warehouse
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RESILIENCE (R)

RANK: 9 / 18 DEPARTMENTS
SCORE: 0.523

Itapúa's score and ranking are due to Low Vulnerability combined with Low Coping Capacity scores.

Below are the four thematic areas with the weakest relative scores:



Population Pressures



Economic Constraints



Health Care Capacity



Transportation Capacity



HAZARD-SPECIFIC RISK (HSR)



Flood

RANK: 17
SCORE: 0.086



Drought

RANK: 5
SCORE: 0.388



Wildfire

RANK: 12
SCORE: 0.322



Extreme Cold

RANK: 5
SCORE: 0.403



Water Deficit

RANK: 3
SCORE: 0.351



Storm

RANK: 7
SCORE: 0.290



MULTI-HAZARD RISK (MHR)

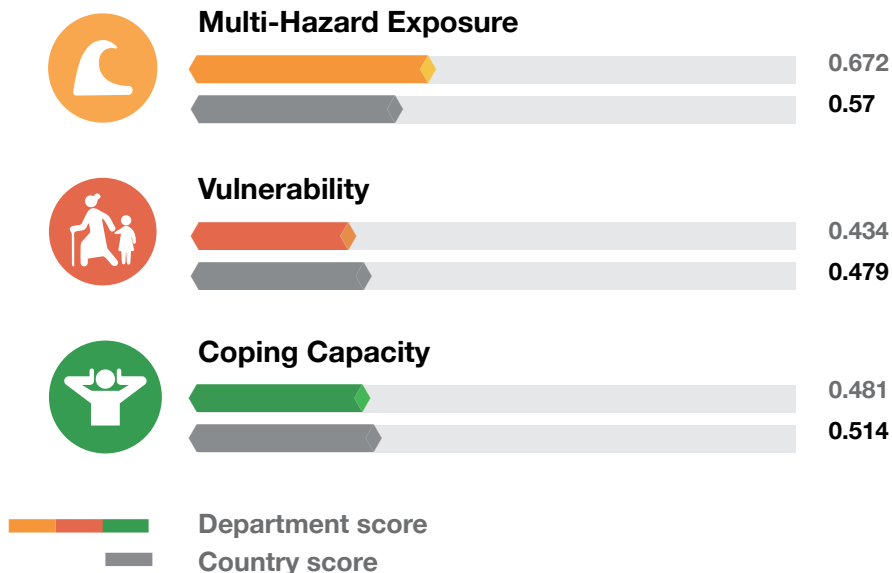


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Rank within departments
Score: 0.542

Itapúa's score and ranking are due to Moderate Multi-hazard exposure combined with Low Vulnerability and Low Coping Capacity scores.

Multi-hazard risk component scores compared to overall average country scores:



ITAPÚA RECOMMENDATIONS

1

Population Pressures

Rapid changes in population size and distribution can alter population vulnerability characteristics presenting planning challenges and destabilizing social, economic, and environmental systems. Increased population pressures require disaster managers to realign needs, institutional structures, and available resources to support delivery of basic resources before, during, and after an event.

As the population grows, so do the risks associated with disasters due to urbanization and expanded public needs. Increasing demands for health care and emergency services put strain on already limited resources. Continue to closely monitor the population to adjust plans, policies and programs accordingly. Promoting economic development opportunities for an increasing population will help alleviate economic constraints, another key driver of Vulnerability in Itapúa.

As Itapúa ranks 4th in overall Multi-Hazard Population Exposure, sustainable development of resilient infrastructure needs to be a priority. Access to clean water, education, healthcare, and disaster management resources should be the primary areas of investment. Seek public-private partnerships to help fund projects to increase access to critical infrastructure and services.

ITAPÚA RECOMMENDATIONS

2

Economic Constraints

Economic constraints have individual, household, community, and district-wide influence. Limitations on available financial resources reduce opportunities to invest in mitigation and preparedness measures and limit Itapúa's ability to facilitate short- and long-term recovery.

A third of the population in Itapúa lives in poverty. Expand public assistance programs to increase opportunities for economic mobility and enhance access to resources, particularly for elderly populations and families with young children. Focus efforts on creating public policies that ensure equal opportunity for employment and fair wages.

Assess disaster response and recovery plans to ensure that economically vulnerable populations are incorporated. This includes plans for short-term response and long-term recovery plans, as economically disadvantaged populations are often more likely to be severely impacted by disasters and have slower to recovery times.

ITAPÚA RECOMMENDATIONS

3

Health Care Capacity

Robust access to skilled caregivers and the dedicated facilities for the treatment of injury and disease during non-disaster times greatly enhances the ability of the served population to absorb and manage post-disaster impacts to health, and increases the likelihood that disaster associated health and medical impacts may be addressed.

Findings show that Itapúa ranks lowest in the country in overall Health Care Capacity. The department has the fewest hospital beds and nurses per 10,00 persons (2.7 and 6.1, respectively). Combined with the 4th lowest vaccination coverage rate (69%), these challenges highlight significant gaps in access to health care.

With the growing population, the need to invest in healthcare capacity through increase human resources, infrastructure, and community education is critical. Invest in increased inpatient capacity by expanding inpatient health care infrastructure and acquiring more hospital beds. Work with regional and international health networks, NGOs, and other partners to increase the number of skilled medical workers available and ensure they are stationed equitably throughout the department.

Invest in community public health outreach and education to promote utilization of preventive medical services for the growing population.

ITAPÚA RECOMMENDATIONS

4

Transportation Capacity

Denser and more diverse transportation networks provide more options for bringing outside resources into an impacted area and increase the ability of response stakeholders to access department populations. Improved transportation capacity supports all aspects of Itapúa's ability to distribute resources before, during, and after a disaster.

Invest in transportation infrastructure that incorporates holistic risk assessment and sustainable development plans. Ensure that environmental mitigation plans for transportation projects consider the environmental stresses and hazards that impact Itapúa.

Increased transportation networks can also enhance access to markets, which can help reduce the economic constraints within the population. Economic benefits and enhanced access to health care should be the focus of enhancements to the transportation network in Concepción. Evacuation routes and emergency response plans should be adapted as construction is planned and implemented.

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