



# PARAGUAY

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# MISIONES

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## NDPBA DEPARTMENT PROFILE

# PARAGUAY

## MISIONES

### CAPITAL: POSADAS

Area: 10,304 (km<sup>2</sup>)

The Misiones department is located in the Eastern region of Paraguay. This department is divided into 10 districts: San Juan Bautista (The Capital), Ayolas, San Ignacio, San Miguel, San Patricio, Santa María, Santa Rosa, Santiago, Villa Florida, Yabebury. The department borders Argentina, and the departments of Itapúa, Caaguazú, Paraguari and Ñeembucú. The main economic sources are cattle breeding and some agriculture.



## RISK AND VULNERABILITY

### COMPONENT SCORE



#### MULTI-HAZARD RISK (MHR) - Very Low

Score: 0.411 • Rank: 16/18



#### RESILIENCE (R) - Very High

Score: 0.649 • Rank: 3/18



#### MULTI-HAZARD EXPOSURE (MHE) - Low

Score: 0.531 • Rank: 11/18



#### VULNERABILITY (V) - Very Low

Score: 0.335 • Rank: 15/18



#### COPING CAPACITY (CC) - Very High

Score: 0.632 • Rank: 3/18



Population (2015)

**124,954**



Infant Mortality Rate

**9.8**



Illiterate population

**9.1%**



Access to improved water

**94.6%**



Average life expectancy

**74.4 years**

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



## MULTI-HAZARD EXPOSURE (MHE)

**RANK: 11 / 18 DEPARTMENT**  
**SCORE: 0.531**



**MHE**  
**0.531**

**Raw MHE**  
**0.288**

**Relative MHE**  
**0.774**

### ESTIMATED POPULATION AND CAPITAL EXPOSED TO EACH HAZARD:



**Inland Flood**

**54%**

**67,115**  
**\$1.3 Billion**



**Wildfire**

**71%**

**88,508**  
**\$1.1 Billion**



**Water Deficit**

**49%**

**61,612**  
**\$787.2 Million**



**Drought**

**100%**

**124,969**  
**\$1.4 Billion**



**Extreme Cold**

**-**  
**-**  
**-**



**Storm**

**-**  
**-**  
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## VULNERABILITY (V)

**RANK: 15 / 18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.335**

Vulnerability in Misiones is primarily driven by Vulnerable Health Status and Population Pressures. The bar chart indicates the socioeconomic themes contributing to the department's overall Vulnerability score.



### Environmental Stress

0 1 **SCORE: 0.243** **RANK: 15/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED**

**3.12%** Cultivated Area Change  
**3.06%** Deforestation



### Vulnerable Health Status

0 1 **SCORE: 0.514** **RANK: 7/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED**

**74.35** Life Expectancy (years)  
**9.8** Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)  
**154.2** Maternal Mortality Ratio  
**54.18** Adult Malnutrition  
**36.7%** Population with Disability  
**49.9%** Population Reporting Illness or Injury



### Clean Water Vulnerability

0 1 **SCORE: 0.149** **RANK: 15/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED**

**94.59%** Households with Improved Water Source  
**83.61%** Households with Improved Sanitation



### Information Access Vulnerability

0 1 **SCORE: 0.413** **RANK: 14/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED**

**9.1%** Illiteracy Rate (Age 10+)  
**8.6** Average Years of Schooling  
**17.91%** Households with Internet  
**88.54%** Households with Television  
**84.4%** Households with Radio



### Economic Constraints

0 1 **SCORE: 0.441** **RANK: 11/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED**

**57.07** Economic Dependency Ratio  
**27.48%** Poverty Rate  
**0.47** Income Inequality (GINI)



### Gender Inequality

0 1 **SCORE: 0.125** **RANK: 18/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED**

**0.00** Female to Male Secondary Education\*  
**0.22** Female to Male Economic Activity\*  
**0.26** Female to Male Average Monthly Income\*

\*Higher values indicate greater gender disparity.



### Population Pressures

0 1 **SCORE: 0.461** **RANK: 13/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED**

**1.18%** Average Annual Population Change



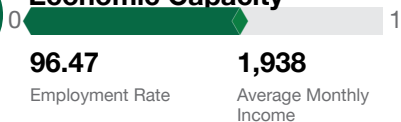
## COPING CAPACITY (CC)

**RANK: 3 / 18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.632**

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



### Economic Capacity

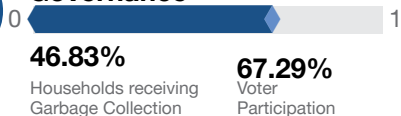


**SCORE: 0.606**

**RANK: 6/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED**



### Governance

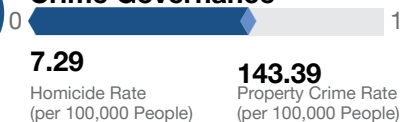


**SCORE: 0.689**

**RANK: 3/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED**



### Crime Governance

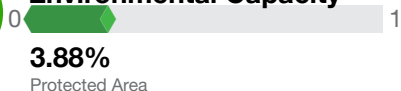


**SCORE: 0.617**

**RANK: 8/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED**



### Environmental Capacity



**SCORE: 0.222**

**RANK: 13/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED**

**(COPING CAPACITY CONTINUED)****Infrastructure Capacity****SCORE: 0.622****RANK: 6/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED****Health Care Capacity****SCORE: 0.588****RANK: 3/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED****11.58**Hospital Beds per  
10,000 People**20.66**Physicians per  
10,000 People**22.68**Nurses per 10,000  
People**9,949.26**Average Distance to Nearest  
Hospital (km<sup>2</sup>)**76.80%**Vaccination  
Coverage**80.10%**Access to  
Healthcare**Transportation Capacity****SCORE: 0.431****RANK: 10/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED****0.48**

Road Density (km per sq. km)

**66.66**

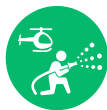
Distance to Airport or Seaport (km)

**Communications Capacity****SCORE: 0.637****RANK: 5/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED****95.3%**

Households with Mobile Phone

**10.68%**

Households with Fixed Phone

**Energy Capacity****SCORE: 0.832****RANK: 13/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED****97.84%**Households Connected to  
Electric Grid**Disaster Management Capacity****SCORE: 0.852****RANK: 1/18 DEPARTMENTS ASSESSED****9.72**Ambulances per  
100,000 People**32.44**

Distance to Fire Station

**40.97**

Distance to Warehouse

**RESILIENCE (R)****RANK: 3 / 18 DEPARTMENTS****SCORE: 0.649**

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

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

**Vulnerable  
Health Status****Population  
Pressures****Transportation  
Capacity****Health Care  
Capacity**



## HAZARD-SPECIFIC RISK (HSR)



**Flood**

RANK: 7  
SCORE: 0.289



**Drought**

RANK: 15  
SCORE: 0.239



**Wildfire**

RANK: 14  
SCORE: 0.202



**Extreme Cold**

RANK: 9  
SCORE: 0.000



**Water Deficit**

RANK: 11  
SCORE: 0.135

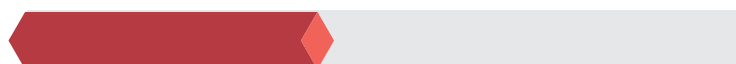


**Storm**

RANK: 12  
SCORE: 0.000



## MULTI-HAZARD RISK (MHR)



**16 / 18**

Rank within departments  
Score: 0.411

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

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



**Multi-Hazard Exposure**



0.531

0.57



**Vulnerability**



0.335

0.479



**Coping Capacity**



0.632

0.514



Department score  
Country score

## MISIONES RECOMMENDATIONS



### Vulnerable Health Status

A population with a compromised health status will have a greatly reduced ability to manage short- and long-term disaster outcomes. Improving health is often correlated with decreased susceptibility to injury, disease, and stress associated with disasters. Acute or prolonged vulnerable health status limits the basic capacity of response functions.

Misiones is among the highest in the country in prevalence of households experiencing disability (36.7%) and self-reported sickness or injury (50%). The maternal mortality ratio is 4th highest in the country, and malnutrition is pervasive at a rate of 54%.

Focus efforts on reducing malnutrition efforts by providing public assistance, as well as monitoring and regulating market prices. Ensure access to goods even in rural communities through incentives and direct support for underserved communities. Continue to monitor the health of the community and promote healthy lifestyles.

Ensure that disaster plans account for special needs populations, including the sick and disabled, who may need medical assistance during evacuation and in shelters. Communities with vulnerable health status are also more susceptible to the negative health impacts of disasters. Misiones is susceptible to flood, among other hazards.



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## MISIONES RECOMMENDATIONS

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### 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. Increases in the demands for health care and emergency services will strain the already limited resources. Continue to closely monitor the population to adjust plans, policies and programs accordingly.

Increases in demands on health care, emergency services, and public programs put strain on already limited resources. Continue to closely monitor the population to adjust plans, policies and programs accordingly. Promoting accessibility to quality health services and infrastructure will help alleviate vulnerable health status, another key driver of Vulnerability in Misiones.

## MISIONES RECOMMENDATIONS

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#### **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 Misiones' 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 flood and drought hazards that impact Misiones. In addition, the growing population will likely change urbanization dynamics, requiring coordination with land use planners.

Closely monitor hotspots of population growth and ensure emergency plans from evacuation and resource transportation routes are updated.

## MISIONES RECOMMENDATIONS

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### 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.

Although Misiones ranks 3rd in overall Health Care Capacity, findings show that the department has the 7th lowest vaccination coverage rate (77%). Promotion of vaccinations, healthy lifestyles and availability of primary care will help boost the health of the population to reduce the burden on the healthcare sector.

With the population's vulnerable health status, community health campaigns and expanded partnerships with NGOs and the private sector are needed to educate the communities and provide programs and services that meet their specific health care needs.

**Better solutions.  
Fewer disasters.**

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