Jordan: Health Systems Profile



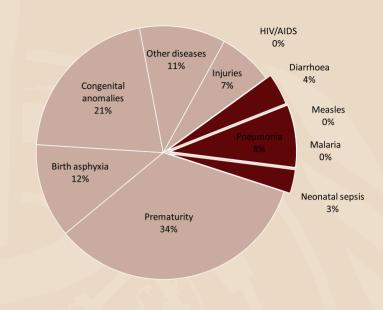
Health status (2013)		
Life expectancy at birth in years	total	74.0
	males	72.0
	females	76.0
Maternal mortality ratio per 100 000 live births	total	50.0

Communicable diseases (2014)	
Tuberculosis notification rate per 100 000 population	5.0
Incidence rate of malaria per 100 000 population	
Number of newly reported HIV cases	

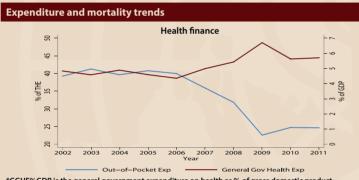
Behavioural risk factors			
Prevalence (%)	males	females	total
Current tobacco smoking (2011)*	10.2	65.5	38.4
Insufficient physical activity (2008-)		•••	15.6

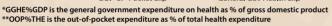
1	Metabolic risk factors			
-	2014 estimated prevalence (%)	males	females	total
	Raised blood pressure			19.3
	Raised blood glucose			14.9
	Overweight			65.9
	Obesity			30.5

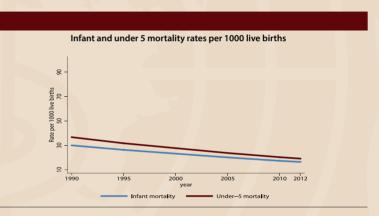
Distribution of causes of death among children aged <5 years (%)



Communicable diseases are estimated to account for 49% of all deaths among children aged <5 years







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Health system: selected coverage interventions		Health system: finance (2013)	
Antenatal care visits (4+ visits) (2013)		General government expenditure on health as % of general government	
Measles immunization coverage among 1-year-olds (2014)	98	expenditure	13.5
Treatment success rate of new bacteriologically confirmed TB cases (2014)	90	Out-of-pocket expenditure as % of total health expenditure	23.5
DPT3-containing vaccine / Pentavalent coverage group among children under 1		Per capita total health expenditure at exchange rate (US\$)	336
year of age group (2014)	98		

Health system: workforce (2014)	Health system: information		
Health workforce per 10 000 population			
Physicians 29.4	Percentage of births registered 0.98		
Nurses/midwifes 31.7			
Dentists 10.3	Percentage of causes of death recorded 0.65		
Pharmacists 18.3			

Health system: medicines and medical devices (2013)			Health system: service delivery (infrastructure) (2014)	
Availability of selected essential medicines and medical products in health facilities (%)	public private	27.8 80	Primary health care facilities per 10 000 population	2.3
Number of scanners (in public facilities) per million population ^c	CT MRI	5.4992 2.0622	Hospital beds per 10 000 population	18.9

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^a International Classification of Diseases

^b Gross domestic product

 $^{\rm c}$ Computed tomography (CT) and Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)

* Age-standardized estimated

Please note the data sources are in the attachment

Health System Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Challenges, and Priorities – Jordan 2015

Strengths

- High population coverage with prepayment schemes, covering 87.5% of the population and reducing the share of out-of-pocket spending to 22% of total health expenditure (in 2013)
- Government health expenditure represents more than 10.5% of general government expenditure in 2012 and total health expenditure as percentage of GDP was 7.6% in 2012
- National Health Strategy developed under the auspices of the High Health Council endorsed by the government
- Well trained health workforce, with particular emphasis on good quality training for nurses
- National Hospital Accreditation Programme functions since 2004 and Jordanian Health Care Accreditation Council (HCAC) since
- Quality Control Directorate in the Ministry of Health implements, supervises and monitors quality assurance programs
- Comprehensive National Drug Policy, Essential Drug List and standardized treatment protocols supported by a well performing regulatory body
- Enhanced partnership between public and private sectors in the context of health reforms

Weaknesses

- Centralized management practices, weak performance management and lack of human resources for health planning
- Disparity in distribution of health care personnel between public and private sectors and urban and rural areas
- Inadequate in-service training despite good quality pre-service training
- Lack of effective systems for monitoring and auditing of clinical practices
- Essential Drug List has not been widely promoted nor properly implemented at the level of health facilities
- Health information relies on population studies and not on a routine health management information system
- Lack of disaggregated data and weak data analysis, reporting and use in decision-making processes
- Absence of a comprehensive National NCD Action Plan with vertical National Strategy and Plan of Action for Diabetes, Hypertension, Dyslipidemia and Obesity (2011) adopted by the Council of Ministers
- Inefficient monitoring and performance assessment in the public health sector

Opportunities

- High government commitment and potential for achieving universal health coverage
- High Health Council provides the right forum to align and coordinate among all health-related parties
- Conducive environment for Ministry of Health to align with bilateral and multilateral development partners
- Thriving medical tourism sector that is a source of revenue of up to US\$ 1.0 billion allows for earmarking a proportion of funds to health
- Mass communication network which can facilitate information sharing on health-related matters
- Ministry of Higher Education has established standards for all health professional programmes that will positively affect the quality of newly graduated health professionals

Challenges

- Influx of over a million Syrian refuges has put an undue burden on the health system
- Health system development approach continues to be diseaseoriented and not health promotion—oriented
- High burden of noncommunicable diseases and their risk factors (e.g. 50% of those 20 years old and above are smokers and more than 70% are overweight), accidents and health of the elderly
- Standardized treatment protocols are not based on cost-effective approaches leading to high cost of drugs and hospital care
- Low nurse-to-doctor ratio; shortage of specialists such as: cardiovascular surgeons, anaesthetists, intensive care and trauma specialists
- Surplus of sophisticated and advanced diagnostic facilities (number of CT scanners and MRI units per population is higher than some industrialized countries), which increases the cost of health care
- Insufficient cooperation and coordination among health sector components
- Overlapping in health legislation and regulations
- Inability to contain the escalating health care expenditures
- Under regulated private sector with weak monitoring and supervision

Priorities

- Develop a vision, strategy and roadmap to achieve universal health coverage by 2025
- Consolidate and scale up the family practice programme, including a functioning referral system across the country which is universally
 accessible
- Earmark a proportion of the revenues generated through medical tourism for preventive and promotive health interventions
- Develop a certificate of needs programme to ensure rational distribution of health care and diagnostic facilities and introduce health technology assessment tools to promote cost-effective use of technologies in the public and private sectors
- Apply policies and incentives to attract health care providers to work in the public sector and rural areas
- · Establish a system of continuing professional development and recertification of health professionals
- Reinforce health information systems, including: civil registration, risk factor and morbidity monitoring and health systems performance; and promote informed decision-making
- Institutionalize health system research and promote evidence-based health policy development
- Use knowledge management systems efficiently and effectively
- · Manage risks, crises and disasters effectively

