Qatar: Health Systems Profile



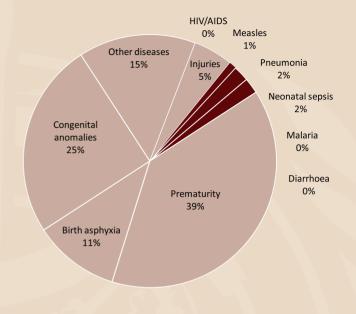
Health status (2013)		
Life expectancy at birth in years	total	79.0
	males	79.0
	females	80.0
Maternal mortality ratio per 100 000 live births	total	6.0

Communicable diseases (2014)	
Tuberculosis notification rate per 100 000 population	50.0
Incidence rate of malaria per 100 000 population	
Number of newly reported HIV cases	

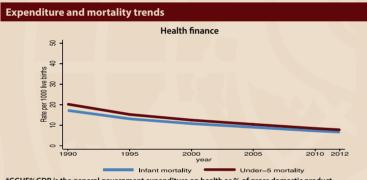
Behavioural risk factors			
Prevalence (%)	males	females	total
Current tobacco smoking (2011)*			
Insufficient physical activity (2008-)			41.6

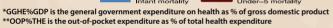
M	etabolic risk factors			
20	14 estimated prevalence (%)	males	females	total
ı	Raised blood pressure			18.1
-/1	Raised blood glucose			23.0
/ (Overweight			78.1
(Obesity			42.3

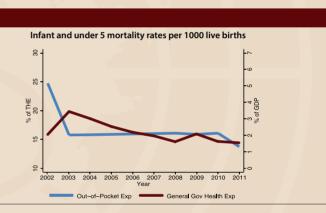
Distribution of causes of death among children aged <5 years (%)



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







Health system: selected coverage interventions		Health system: finance (2013)	
Antenatal care visits (4+ visits) (2013)	85	General government expenditure on health as % of general government	
Measles immunization coverage among 1-year-olds (2014)	100	expenditure	5.8
Treatment success rate of new bacteriologically confirmed TB cases (2014)	74	Out-of-pocket expenditure as % of total health expenditure	8.4
DPT3-containing vaccine / Pentavalent coverage group among children under 1		Per capita total health expenditure at exchange rate (US\$)	
year of age group (2014)	89		2043

Health system: workforce (2014)	Health system: information
Health workforce per 10 000 population	
Physicians 21.	Percentage of births registered 1
Nurses/midwifes 61.	3
Dentists 6.2	Percentage of causes of death recorded 1
Pharmacists 10.	

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		Primary health care facilities per 10 000 population 2.3	3
Number of scanners (in public facilities) per million population ^c	CT MRI	8.3 9.222	Hospital beds per 10 000 population 12	2

... No data available ^a International Classification of Diseases ^b Gross domestic product ^c Computed tomography (CT) and Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)

Please note the data sources are in the attachment

^{*} Age-standardized estimated

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

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Strengths	Weaknesses		
 The Supreme Council of Health has transformed the country's health system through evidence-based policies Government covers close to 90% of the total cost of health care, out-of-pocket health expenditure is one of the lowest in the Region and in the World (5.7% in 2013) Improved the quality of health care management due to mandating international hospital accreditation by the International Society for Quality in Health Care between 2010 and 2014 	 94% of total health workforce is non-Qatari Expenditure on promotive and preventive program is 2.0% of the total health expenditure in 2013 Primary health care in Qatar needs greater attention to become a world class delivery system Surveillance system can be integrated and further strengthened for effective response in the event of an emergency along with the establishment of a national public health laboratory 		
Opportunities	Challenges		
 National Vision 2030, a far-reaching national plan with universal access to the needed levels of healthcare remains a cornerstone Qatar shows a sharp increase in its GDP per capita in the past 10 years, currently highest in the region Reform of the health financing system by introducing a split between providers and purchasers to ensure efficiency and sustainability The use of effective online pharmacy management systems has had a great impact on promoting access to medicines for the population Policy of Qatarization of health workforce can have impact on self sufficiency of health human resources Effective and close collaboration with UN agencies on different aspects of health and human rights 	 Noncommunicable diseases in 2008 were responsible for 69% of all mortality; this is being considered in health care delivery Ensuring a sustainable health care financing system and rapid expansion of coverage to the non-national resident population in Qatar Rapid growth of private sector with variable quality of care 		

Priorities

- Establishing a sustained mechanism for eliminating the noncommunicable diseases risk factors through policies such as reduction of consumption of salt, sugar and transfat acid in food, smoking habit and increasing access to sport facilities
- Implementing family practice, integrating community-based mental health and noncommunicable diseases prevention and control
 as integral part of the health systemSustaining and managing a skilled health workforce-mix capable of providing high-quality health
 services
- Developing and implementing an action plan to address the gaps in essential public health functions
- Strengthening disaggregated health information system and national capacities for public health research
- Developing fair and sustainable health care financing system for maintaining and advancing universal coverage
- Strengthening/developing norms, standards and accreditation systems for personnel and health facilities
- Developing a consolidated public health law and regulations
- Strengthening public-private partnerships in health and regulating private sector

