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Population (000s)	5,426	Life expectancy at birth (years)	81
GNI per capita (PPP Int \$)	38,480	Total health expenditure (% GDP)	9.4
Physician density (per 10 000 population)	2.91	ICT Development Index rank	5
Nurse & midwife density (per 10 000 population)	10.86	Mobile-cellular subscriptions (% population)	172.32
Hospital bed density (per 10 000 population)	62	Internet users (% population)	91

### 1. eHealth foundations

National policies or strategies			
	Country response	Global "yes" response§	Year adopted
National universal health coverage policy or strategy	Yes	75%	1972
National eHealth policy or strategy	Yes	58%	1995
National health information system (HIS) policy or strategy	Yes	66%	2007
National telehealth policy or strategy	No	22%	N/A
Funding sources for eHealth			
	Country response	Global "yes" response§	Funding source %**
Public funding	Yes	77%	>75%
Private or commercial funding	No	40%	Zero
Donor/non-public funding	No	63%	Zero
Public-private partnerships	Yes	42%	<25%
Multilingualism in eHealth			
	Country response	Global "yes" response§	Year adopted
Policy or strategy on multilingualism	Yes	28%	1917
Government-supported Internet sites in multiple languages	Yes	48%	
eHealth capacity building			
	Country response	Global "yes" response§	Proportion**
Health sciences students – Pre-service training in eHealth	Yes	74%	25-50%
Health professionals – In-service training in eHealth	Yes	77%	25-50%

## 2. Legal frameworks for eHealth

Policy or legislation – purpose	Country response	Global "yes" responses
Defines <b>medical jurisdiction</b> , <b>liability or reimbursement of eHealth services</b> such as telehealth	Yes	31%
Addresses <b>patient safety and quality of care</b> based on data quality, data transmission standards or clinical competency criteria	Yes	46%
Protects the <b>privacy of personally identifiable data</b> of individuals irrespective of whether it is in <b>paper or digital format</b>	Yes	78%
Protects the <b>privacy of individuals' health-related data</b> held in electronic format in an <b>EHR</b>	Yes	54%
Governs the sharing of digital data between health professionals in other health services in the same country through the use of an EHR	Yes	34%
Governs the sharing of digital data between health professionals in health services in other countries through the use of an EHR	Yes	22%
Governs the sharing of personal and health data between research entities	Yes	39%
Allows individuals electronic access to their own health-related data when held in an EHR	Yes	29%
Allows <b>individuals to demand their own health-related data be corrected</b> when held in an <b>EHR</b> if it is known to be inaccurate	Yes	32%
Allows individuals to demand the deletion of health-related data from their EHR	No	18%
Allows individuals to specify which health-related data from their EHR can be shared with health professionals of their choice	Yes	28%
Governs civil registration and vital statistics	Yes	76%
Governs national identification management systems	Yes	65%



### 3. Telehealth

Telehealth programmes country overview			
	Health system level**	Programme type**	
Teleradiology	Regional	Established	
Teledermatology	Local	Pilot	
Telepathology	Local	Pilot	
Telepsychiatry	Regional, National	Established	
Remote patient monitoring	Local	Pilot	

### 4. Electronic Health Records (EHRs)

EHR country overview		
	Country response	Year introduced
National EHR system	Yes	2007
Legislation governing the use of the national EHR system	Yes	
Health facilities with EHR	Use EHR	Facilities with EHR %**
Primary care facilities (e.g. clinics and health care centres)	Yes	>75%
Secondary care facilities (e.g. hospitals, emergency care)	Yes	>75%
Tertiary care facilities (e.g. specialized care, referral from primary/secondary care)	Yes	>75%
Other electronic systems	Country response	Global "yes" response§
Laboratory information systems	Yes	35%
Pathology information systems	Yes	18%
Pharmacy information systems	Yes	33%
PACS	Yes	26%
Automatic vaccination alerting system	No	10%
ICT-assisted functions	Country response	Global "yes" response§
Electronic medical billing systems	Yes	58%
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Supply chain management information systems	Yes	58%

## 5. Use of eLearning in health sciences

eLearning programmes country overview			
Health sciences students – Pre-service	Country response	Global "yes" response§	
Medicine	Yes	58%	
Dentistry	Yes	39%	
Public health	Yes	50%	
Nursing & midwifery	Yes	47%	
Pharmacy	Yes	38%	
Biomedical/Life sciences	Yes	42%	
Health professionals – In-service	Country response	Global "yes" response§	
Medicine	Yes	58%	
Dentistry	Yes	30%	
Public health	No	47%	
Nursing & midwifery	Yes	46%	
Pharmacy	No	31%	
Biomedical/Life sciences	No	34%	

### 6. mHealth



mHealth programmes country overview		
Accessing/providing health services	Health system level**	Programme type**
Toll-free emergency	Regional, National	Established
Health call centres	Regional, Local	Established
Appointment reminders	Local	Established
Mobile telehealth	Regional, Local	Established
Management of disasters and emergencies	Regional, National	Established
Treatment adherence	Local	Pilot, Established
Accessing/providing health information	Health system level**	Programme type**
Community mobilization	Local	Informal
Access to information, databases and tools	Reg, Nat, Intm, Loc	Established
Patient records	Regional, National, Local	Pilot
mLearning	Regional, National, Local	Established
Decision support systems	Regional, National, Local	Established
Collecting health information	Health system level**	Programme type**
Patient monitoring	Local	Established
Health surveys	Local	Informal
Disease surveillance	National	Informal

#### 7. Social media

Social media and health	Country response	Global "yes" response§	Year adopted
National policy or strategy on the use of social media by government organizations	No	18%	N/A
Policy or strategy makes specific reference to its use in the health domain	‡	5%	
Health care organizations – use of social media		Country response	Global "yes" response§
Promote health messages as a part of health promotion can	Promote health messages as a part of health promotion campaigns		78%
Help manage patient appointments		No	24%
Seek feedback on services		Yes	56%
Make general health announcements		Yes	72%
Make emergency announcements		_	59%
Individuals and communities – use of social media		Country response	Global "yes" response§
Learn about health issues		Yes	79%
Help decide what health services to use		Yes	56%
Provide feedback to health facilities or health professionals		Yes	62%
Run community-based health campaigns		_	62%
Participate in community-based health forums		_	59%

### 8. Big data

Policy or strategy – purpose	Country response	Global "yes" response§	Year adopted
Governing the use of big data in the health sector	No	17%	N/A
Governing the use of big data by private companies	No	8%	N/A

#### **LEGEND**

\* Country context indicators

ICT Development Index Rank. 2015 - https://www.itu.int/net4/ITU-D/idi/2015/ All other country indicators. Global Health Observatory. 2012-2014 http://www.who.int/gho

Glossary

Indicates the percentage of participating Member States responding "Yes"

N/A Not applicable

Indicates question was unanswered Question not asked

Zero No funding

International level: Health entities in different geographic regions

Regional level: Health entities in countries in the same geographic region National level: Referral hospitals, laboratories and health institutes (mainly public, but also private)

Intermediate level: District or provincial facilities: public and private hospitals

and health centres

Local or peripheral level: Health posts, health centres providing basic level of care Informal:

Use of ICT for health purposes in the absence of formal

processes and policies Pilot: Testing and evaluating a programme

Established: An ongoing programme that has been conducted for a

minimum of 2 years and is planned to continue