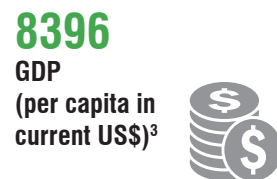
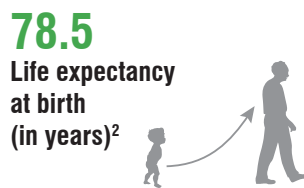


Maldives pharmaceutical profile 2017

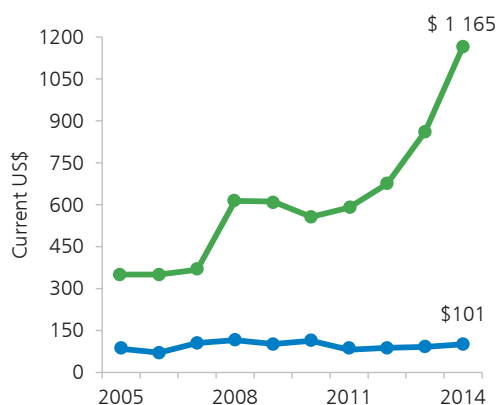


COUNTRY AT A GLANCE

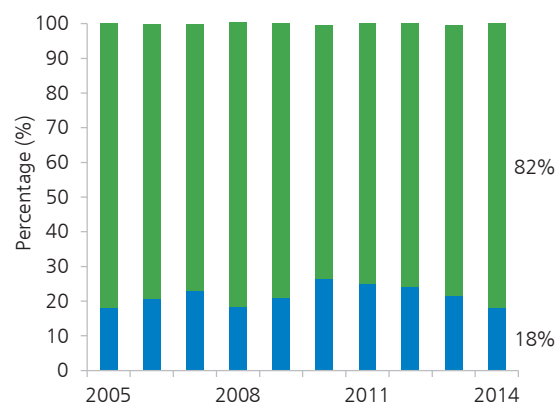


OVERALL SPENDING ON HEALTH

Total per capita spending on health care (current US\$)⁴
Total per capita spending medicines (current US\$)⁵

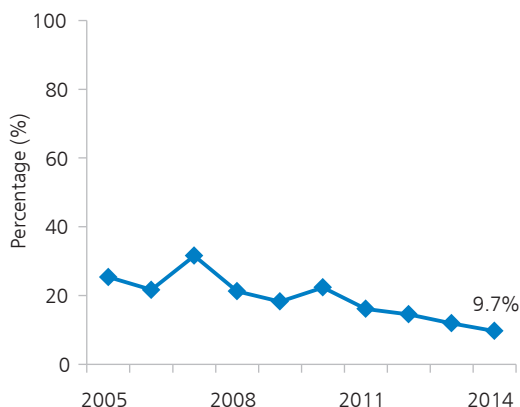


Share of government vs. out-of-pocket
spending on health⁴

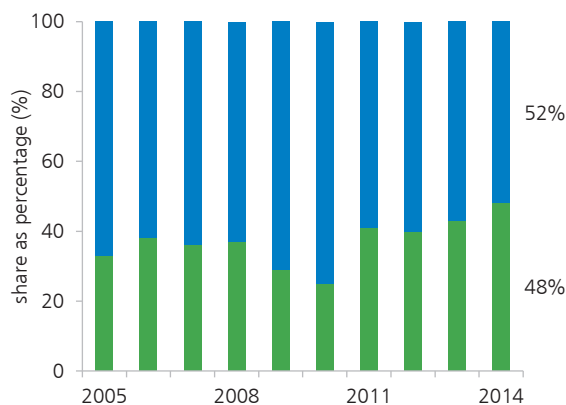


SPENDING ON MEDICINES

Spending on medicines as share of
total health-care cost⁵



Share of public and out-of-pocket
spending on medicines⁵

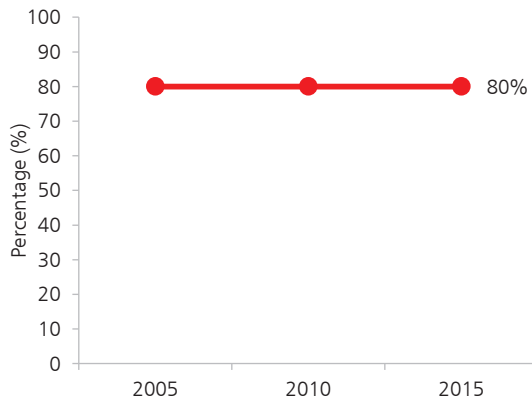


MEDICAL AND PHARMACY WORKFORCE



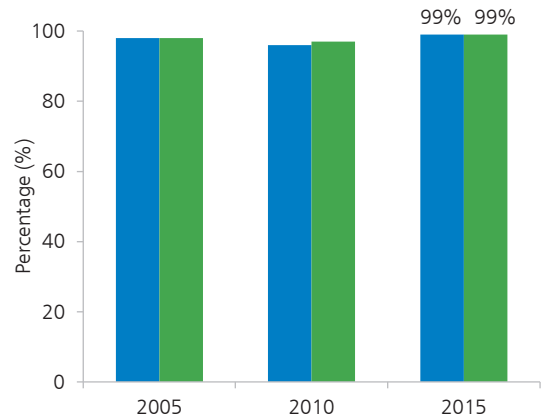


Tuberculosis treatment coverage ⁷

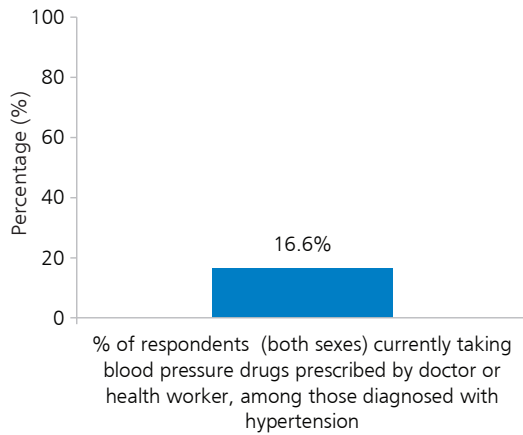


HIV/AIDS data insufficient for analysis

Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP3) and Hepatitis B3 immunization coverage ⁸

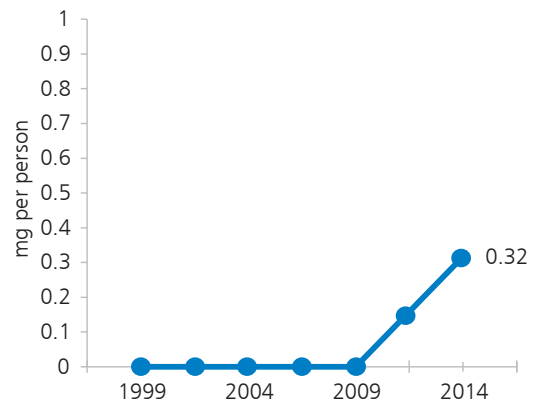


Hypertension treatment coverage ⁹



Data for age group 15-64 years
*Data for Diabetes Mellitus treatment insufficient to analyse

Access to palliative care: Opioid consumption in Morphine Equivalence (ME) minus Methadone ¹⁰



Morphine Equivalence minus methadone represents country capacity to deliver palliative care, because it excludes treatment for drug dependency



Key Pharmaceutical Legislation¹¹

1. Medicines Act – 1994
2. Medicine Regulation (R-46) in force since, 2015

National Medicine Policy^{12,A}

National Medicine Policy – 2007

National Essential Medicines List¹¹

Essential Medicines List – 2016

National Standard Treatment Guidelines¹³

Individual disease guidelines exist

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RELATED POLICIES & PRODUCTION

Number of Local pharmaceutical manufacturers¹³

0

Least Developed country¹⁴

No

Member of World Trade Organization since¹⁵

1995

TRIPS flexibilities used¹⁶

Not applicable

Pharmaceutical system flowchart

Medicine



Market Authorization/Licensing/Quality Assurance

National Regulatory Authority¹⁷: Maldives Food and Drug Authority (MFDA) <http://www.mfda.gov.mv>

Regulated products:

Medicines¹³: YES **Vaccines¹³:** YES **Medical devices:** NA **Traditional medicines¹³:** YES

Medicine Quality Control Laboratory¹³: National Health Laboratory.

ISO 17025 certified: NA

WHO prequalified¹³: NO

Number of registered medicines¹⁸: 3818



Medicine Selection

Agency responsible for selection¹¹: Maldives Food and Drug Authority

Number of products on essential medicines list:

By active ingredient^{13,B}: 326

By dosage form^{13,B}: 510

Traditional medicines products included in essential medicines list: NA

Medicines availability is indicated by health facility level¹³: YES

National Formulary^{13,C}: No national formulary manual



Medicine Procurement

Public sector

Agency responsible for public procurement^{11,D}: State Trading Organization (STO)

Procurement done at Central^{13,E} **State** **Facility**

Commonly used procurement methods¹¹: Purchasing directly from manufactures and from third parties for importing medicines

Private sector

Number of wholesalers¹³: 15



Pricing and Reimbursement

Public sector

Price control¹³: NO

Health insurance reimbursement Price¹³: Public health insurance (Asandha Insurance system) covers the entire population

Patient prices for essential medicines in public sector:

Free medicines¹³: NO

Fixed price¹³: YES

Private sector

Agency responsible for price control¹³: MFDA and Ministry of Economic Affairs

Pricing mechanism^{11,F}: Under review

Manufacturer **Wholesale** **Retailer**

Mark-ups regulated: Under review

Fixed or regressive: Under review



Distribution

Public sector

Agency responsible for distribution¹³: Health Supply Unit, Administration Division

Public sector facilities¹⁹:

Tertiary hospital: 1

Regional hospitals: 6

Atoll hospitals: 13

Health-care centres: 132

Health aid posts: 108

Private sector

Number of retail outlets²⁰: 197

Licensed retail pharmacies per 10 000 population¹³: 5.6

Number of traditional medicines outlets: Not available

Patient

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Notes:

- A. National Medicine Policy is presently being revised.
- B. As per National list of Essential Medicines -2013.
- C. Approved list of registered drugs is available, but there is no national formulary manual.
- D. Currently, there is no public procurement agency. However, State Trading Organization (STO) is responsible for procuring medicines for government health facilities as per their need.
- E. Decentralized to State Trading Organization and private importers.
- F. Work in process to include pricing under medicine regulation. MFDA has worked on a costing structure for MRP in consultation with stakeholders and working on its finalization. It will address price control mechanisms at manufacturer, wholesaler and retailer level. Mark-ups will be regulated according to the costing structure.