

# Pharmaceutical System

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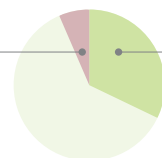
## SOCIOECONOMICS<sup>1,3</sup>

**6 492 228**  
Population

**64 years**  
Life Expectancy at Birth



**6.5%**  
Percentage of Adults Aged over 60 Years



**32%**  
Percentage of Children Aged below 15 Years

**US\$ 5278.2**  
GDP / Capita (PPP)

## HUMAN RESOURCES<sup>2,3</sup>

**29**  
per 10 000 population  
No. of Physicians



**0.19**  
per 1000 population  
No. of Pharmacists<sup>a</sup>



**1.5**  
per 1000 population  
Hospital Beds



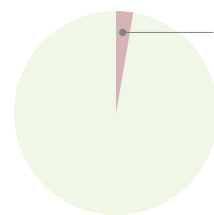
**No data**  
Doctor Consultations



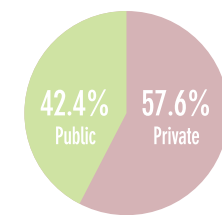
## HEALTH EXPENDITURE<sup>3</sup>

**US\$ 98.5**  
Total Health Expenditure / Capita (PPP)

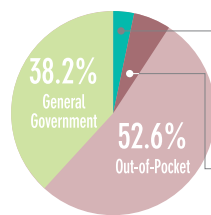
**2.7%**  
Total Health Expenditure as a Share of GDP



**42.4% Public** vs **57.6% Private**  
Public vs Private Share of Total Health Expenditure



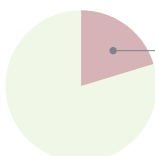
**38.2% General Government**, **52.6% Out-of-Pocket**, **3.3% Social Health Insurance and Private Prepaid Plans**, **5.9% Other Private**  
Composition of Total Health Expenditure



## PHARMACEUTICAL EXPENDITURE<sup>3</sup>

**US\$ 27.3**  
Total Pharmaceutical Expenditure / Capita (PPP)

**20.3%**  
Pharmaceutical Expenditure as a Share of Total Health Expenditure / Capita



**16.5% Public** vs **83.5% Private**  
Public vs Private Share of Total Pharmaceutical Expenditure



## PHARMACEUTICAL REGULATION

**Regulatory Authority for Pharmaceuticals**  
Food and Drug Department, Ministry of Health

**Pharmaceutical Legislation**  
Law on Drugs and Medical Products 2011, Regulation Governing Drug Registration 2003

**National Medicines Policy**  
National Medicines Policy 2003

## PRICING

**Agency that Sets Price**  
Ministry of Health (for public sector)

**Pricing Regulation in the Public Sector** **YES**

**Pricing Regulation in the Private Sector** **NO**

**Free Pricing?**  
**YES**

**Price Negotiations?**  
**YES**

**External Price Referencing?**  
**YES**

**Internal Price Referencing?**  
**YES**

**VAT on Medicines**  
**10%**

## PROCUREMENT / REIMBURSEMENT

**Body Responsible for Selection of Products for Public Procurement/Reimbursement**  
Public Hospital Pharmacy Division, Food and Drug Department, Ministry of Health

**Body Responsible for Health Technology Assessment**  
Medical Product Supply Center

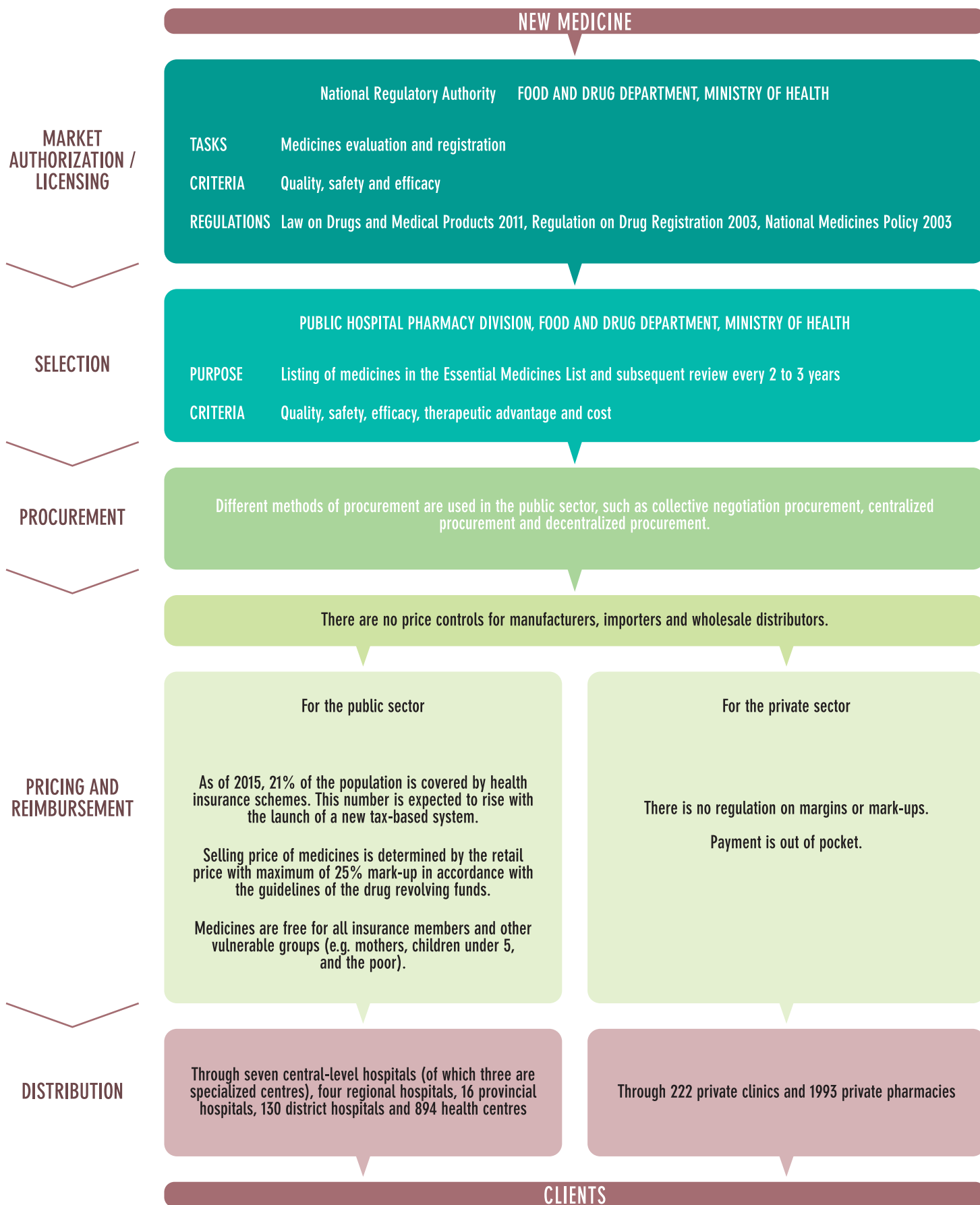
**1521**  
No. of Registered Medicines

**374**  
No. of Products on Essential Medicines List

**746**  
No. of Products on Procurement List

**374**  
No. of Products on Reimbursement List

# Pharmaceutical System Flowchart



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