

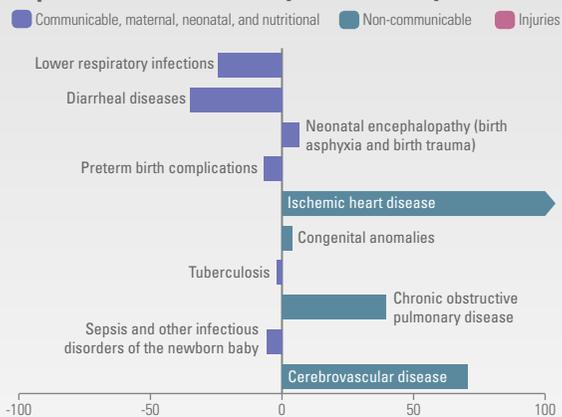
PAKISTAN

Health services in Pakistan were devolved in 2011 following a constitutional amendment. The federal government has responsibility for health information, interprovincial coordination and health regulation. All other health responsibilities have been devolved to the provinces. This provides an opportunity to reform the health sector in Pakistan though provinces are being held back by the slow release of funds and lack of coherent policies. Levels of government expenditure on public healthcare are low in Pakistan. As a result, the population faces high rates of out-of-pocket expenditure and the private sector provides three-quarters of health services. Three categories of public sector community health workers – Lady Health Workers, Community Midwives and Vaccinators have played an important role in scaling up access to primary health care services, particularly in rural and remote communities. Recent legislation commits to regularise the role of these cadres and increase their remuneration but implementation of these policies has been delayed by the devolution process. Many vacant posts remain unfilled and in parts of the country, frontline health workers are being prevented from providing essential services due to being the target of attacks.

POPULATION AND HEALTH

Population [all (000s); proportion under 15 (%); proportion over 60 (%)]	173.1; 35; 6	(2010)
Average annual rate of population change (%)	1.7	(2010-2015)
Population living in urban areas (%)	36	(2011)
Gross national income per capita (PPP int. \$)	2870	(2011)
Population living on <\$1 (PPP int. \$) a day (%)	21.04	(2008)
Total expenditure on health as a percentage of gross domestic product (%)	2.5	(2011)
General government expenditure on health as a percentage of total expenditure on health (%)	27	(2011)
External resources for health as a percentage of total expenditure on health (%)	5.1	(2011)
Life expectancy at birth (years) [all; female; male]	67; 68; 66	(2011)
Total fertility rate (per woman)	3.4	(2010)
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1 000 live births)	36	(2011)
Infant mortality rate (per 1 000 live births)	59	(2011)
Under-five mortality rate (per 1 000 live births)	72 [58-86]	(2011)
Maternal mortality ratio (per 100 000 live births)	260 [150-500]	(2010)
Births attended by skilled health personnel (%)	45.0	(2011)
Antenatal care coverage - at least one visit (%)	64	(2011)
Antenatal care coverage - at least four visits (%)	28.4	(2007)
Diphtheria tetanus toxoid and pertussis (DTP3) immunization coverage among 1-year-olds (%)	80	(2011)
Postnatal care visit within two days of birth (%)	39.4	(2007)

Top 10 causes of morbidity and mortality (DALYs)



Disability-adjusted life years (DALYs) quantify both premature mortality (YLLS) and disability (YLDs) within a population. The top 10 causes of DALYs are ranked from top to bottom in order of the number of DALYs they contribute in 2010. Bars going right show the percent by which DALYs have increased since 1990. Bars going left show the percent by which DALYs have decreased.

HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH

AVAILABILITY

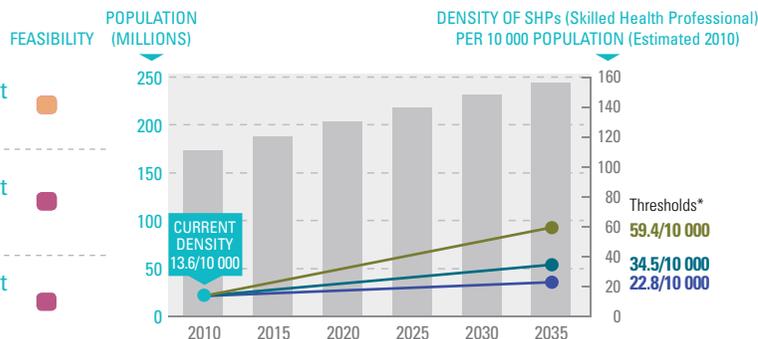
Feasibility of achieving thresholds: ■ Most likely ■ Somewhat likely ■ Least likely

TO MEET THRESHOLDS BY 2035, REQUIRES:

137% increase to meet 22.8/10 000 threshold

258% increase to meet 34.5/10 000 threshold

517% increase to meet 59.4/10 000 threshold



ACCESSIBILITY

SUB-NATIONAL LOW NATIONAL AVERAGE SUB-NATIONAL HIGH

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF PHYSICIANS

(density per 10 000 population)

— Physicians **8.1** Physicians — Physicians

ACCEPTABILITY

The ratio of nurses to physicians is **BELOW** the OECD average (2.8:1).



QUALITY

Is there evidence that the country has mechanisms in place to:

ACCREDIT training institutions for:

Dentists	✓
Midwives	✓
Nurses	✓
Pharmacists	✓
Physicians	✓

REGULATE:

Dentists	✓
Midwives	✓
Nurses	✓
Pharmacists	✓
Physicians	✓

LICENSE/RE-LICENSE:

Dentists	✓*
Midwives	✓*
Nurses	✓*
Pharmacists	✓*
Physicians	✓*

HRH GOVERNANCE

Is there evidence that the country is adopting recommended good practices on HRH:

Leadership and Partnership

Is there government leadership on health workforce policy and management? ✓*

Is there intersectoral and multi-stakeholder partnership to inform health workforce policy and management? ✓*

Policy and Management

Is existing health workforce policy and human resource management:

related to population health needs? ✓

informed by data and strategic intelligence? ✓*

addressing pre-service education? ✓*

addressing geographical distribution and retention? ✓*

addressing health workforce performance (e.g. competence, responsiveness and productivity)? ✓*

addressing international mobility of health workers; and where relevant the WHO Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel? ✓/✓

Strategy/Plan and Finance

Is there a national HRH strategy/plan resulting from the above mechanisms? ✓*

For which period? 2009

Does the strategy/plan account for the financial costs and resource requirements to implement it? ✗

✓ = Yes ✓* = Partial ✗ = No ? = Insufficient data

* See Annex 1 for full explanation on country profile methods and sources.