Gambia

Country indicators

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<td>Population (000s)</td>
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<td>Life expectancy at birth (years)</td>
<td>61</td>
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<td>Per capita total health expenditure (PPP Int $)</td>
<td>98</td>
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<td>World Bank income group</td>
<td>Low</td>
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<td>GNI per capita (US$)</td>
<td>500</td>
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National policy on health technology

Health technology (medical device) national policy: No
Web site: —
Language(s): —
MOH responsible for health technology policy implementation: —

Regulatory agency

Authority responsible for implementing and enforcing regulations in your country: No
Name of principal institution: —
Web site: —
Contact: —
Telephone number: —
Email: —

National health technology assessment unit

Unit/department: —
Web site: —
Contact: —
Email: —

National health technology management units

National health technology unit(s): Yes

Development of technical specifications for procurement process:
Unit/department: National Public Health laboratories
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Medical device nomenclature system

Official nomenclature system for medical devices: Yes  Type: Based on more than one system  Use: Not specified
Nomenclature system name: UMDNS adapted to national needs  Web site: —

Medical device incorporation

Procurement
Policy or guideline: No
Web site: —
National level procurement: No
Web site: —

Donations
Policy or guideline: Yes
Web site: —

Technical specifications
Technical specifications to support procurement or donations: No
Web site: —
Inventory and maintenance

Type of inventories available: National inventory for medical equipment

Comments: Recently inventories have been compiled for the National Laboratory Services. However, those for Hospital/Clinical equipment is not available as of yet. The Medical Research Council (UK) the Gambia has a full inventory of its biomedical equipment. It is comprised of 1,500 devices including minor clinical equipment and high cost diagnostic and research laboratory equipment. We use a proprietary equipment management program from Phoenix Data Systems Inc. called AIMS. (I can not seem to upload our inventory in addition the National Laboratories inventory, but can send by email if requested.)

Medical equipment management unit: Yes
Management software: No

Software and comments: Again, the Medical Research Council (UK) the Gambia uses the AIMS program by Phoenix Data Systems Inc. (www.goaims.com/).

Lists of medical devices

Lists of approved medical devices for public procurement or reimbursement:
Lists available: No
Unit: —
Web site: —

National lists of medical devices for different types of healthcare facilities or specific procedures:
Lists available: No list available
Web site - facilities: —
Web site - procedures: —

National list for diseases and situations:
Lists available: No list available
Web site: —

Healthcare facility

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Medical equipment

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* Density per 1,000,000 females aged from 50-69 old.

Additional information and comments:
Concerning the Infrastructure section: the PRIVATE SECTOR section correspond to the responses for Medical Research Council (UK) the Gambia.

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