### Tuvalu

#### Country indicators

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<th>Population (000s)*</th>
<th>10</th>
<th>Life expectancy at birth (years)α</th>
<th>68</th>
<th>World Bank income groupβ</th>
<th>Upper-middle</th>
<th>GNI per capita (US$)ε</th>
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<td>Internet users (%)γ</td>
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<td>Per capita total health expenditure (PPP Int $)δ</td>
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#### National policy on health technology

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

#### Regulatory agency

Authority responsible for implementing and enforcing regulations in your country: Yes  
Name of principal institution: Ministry of Health  
Web site: [http://www.tuvalu.islands.com/gov_addresses.htm](http://www.tuvalu.islands.com/gov_addresses.htm)  
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#### National health technology assessment unit

Unit/department: —  
Web site: —  
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#### National health technology management units

National health technology unit(s): Yes

**Development of technical specifications for procurement process:**

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#### Medical device nomenclature system

Official nomenclature system for medical devices: Yes  
Type: Based on UMDNS (Universal Medical Device Nomenclature System)  
Use: —  
Nomenclature system name: —  
Web site: —

#### Medical device incorporation

**Procurement**

Policy or guideline: Yes  
Web site: —  
National level procurement: Yes  
Web site: —

**Donations**

Policy or guideline: Yes  
Web site: —

**Technical specifications**

Technical specifications to support procurement or donations: Yes, but not publically available

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Medical device incorporation comments³:

Guidelines on Donations exist, they were nationally developed but there are not publically available
### Web site:
http://www.who.int/medical_devices

### Inventory and maintenance

**Type of inventories available:** National inventory for medical equipment

**Comments:**
- National level = 1
- Regional level = —
- Hospital level = —

**Medical equipment management unit:** Yes

**Management software:** No

**Software and comments:** —

### 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:** —

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

### Additional information and comments:

Tuvalu have a draft of health technology policy, if endorse, the Biomedical Department will implement the policy soon (maybe end 2014).

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