Country indicators

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<td>Internet users (%)</td>
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<td>Life expectancy at birth (years)*</td>
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<td>Per capita total health expenditure (PPP Int $)*</td>
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<td>World Bank income group*</td>
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<td>GNI per capita (US$)*</td>
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National policy on health technology
Health technology (medical device) national policy: Yes, but is not part of the National Health Program
Web site: —
Language(s): English
MOH responsible for health technology policy implementation: Diagnostic Services, Healthcare Technical Services under Director of Curative Services

Regulatory agency
Authority responsible for implementing and enforcing regulations in your country: Yes
Name of principal institution: Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority (TFDA)
Web site: http://www.tfa.or.tz
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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: Healthcare Technical Services
Web site: —
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Other: Planning of medical equipment allocation/Application/user training
Unit/department: Healthcare Technical Services
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Medical device nomenclature system
Official nomenclature system for medical devices: Yes
Type: Based on GMDN (Global Medical Device Nomenclature)
Use: Not specified
Nomenclature system name: —
Web site: http://www.gmdnagency.org

Medical device incorporation
Procurement
Policy or guideline: Yes
Web site: http://www.msd.or.tz
National level procurement: Yes
Web site: http://www.msd.or.tz

Donations
Policy or guideline: Yes
Web site: —

Technical specifications
Technical specifications to support procurement or donations: No

Medical device incorporation comments:
Medical Store Department (MSD) is responsible for procuring pharmaceuticals and medical devices for public and not for profit organization. It should also be noted that individual entities can also procure medical devices on their own as not all devices are covered by MSD. The private sector imports medical devices after obtaining approval from TFDA. The list of recommended is not available. However the guidelines for registration recommend the use of ISO standards and national standards if available.
**Inventory and maintenance**

**Type of inventories available:** National inventory only for high cost technologies (such as MRI, CT or PET scanners)

**Comments:**
- Medical equipment management unit: Yes
- Management software: No

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**Lists of medical devices**

**LISTS OF APPROVED MEDICAL DEVICES FOR PUBLIC PROCUREMENT OR REIMBURSEMENT:**

- **Lists available:** Yes
- **Unit:** Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority
- **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:** —

**Lists comments:**
- Lists recommending health technology for different categories of diseases is not available. The Ministry is however planning to develop it. Registration of medical devices in Tanzania has started in January 2010. Registration will be carried out phasewise and 1st phase involves single use devices. The first phase involves limited number of devices in particular

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**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 HT national policy we provide the following doc.: Medical Equipment Policy 2009.pdf

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* UNPD as of 1 July 2012 (2013 update)
α WHO 2012 data
β WHO 2014 classification
γ WB 2013 data (2014 update)
δ WHO 2012 data
ε WB 2013 (2014 update)
λ The full text can be found at www.who.int/medical_devices/countries/full_text.xls
n/a not applicable

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