# Afghanistan



	Population (000s)	30,552	Life expectancy at birth (years)	61
	GNI per capita (PPP Int \$)	2,000	Total health expenditure (% GDP)	8.1
	Physician density (per 10 000 population)	0.27	ICT Development Index rank	
	Nurse & midwife density (per 10 000 population)	0.50	Mobile-cellular subscriptions (% population)	60.35
	Hospital bed density (per 10 000 population)	4	Internet users (% population)	5.5

## 1. eHealth foundations

National policies or strategies			
	Country response	Global "yes" response§	Year adopted
National universal health coverage policy or strategy	—	75%	N/A
National eHealth policy or strategy	—	58%	N/A
National health information system (HIS) policy or strategy	Yes	66%	‡
National telehealth policy or strategy	No	22%	N/A
Funding sources for eHealth			
	Country response	Global "yes" response§	Funding source %**
Public funding	No	77%	Zero
Private or commercial funding	Yes	40%	<25%
Donor/non-public funding	Yes	63%	50-75%
Public-private partnerships	—	42%	Zero
Multilingualism in eHealth			
	Country response	Global "yes" response§	Year adopted
Policy or strategy on multilingualism	No	28%	N/A
Government-supported Internet sites in multiple languages	Yes	48%	
eHealth capacity building			
	Country response	Global "yes" response§	Proportion**
Health sciences students – Pre-service training in eHealth	Yes	74%	<25%
Health professionals – In-service training in eHealth	Yes	77%	<25%

## 2. Legal frameworks for eHealth

Policy or legislation – purpose	Country response	Global "yes" response <sup>§</sup>
Defines <b>medical jurisdiction</b> , <b>liability or reimbursement of eHealth services</b> such as telehealth	No	31%
Addresses <b>patient safety and quality of care</b> based on data quality, data transmission standards or clinical competency criteria	No	46%
Protects the <b>privacy of personally identifiable data</b> of individuals irrespective of whether it is in <b>paper or digital format</b>	No	78%
Protects the <b>privacy of individuals' health-related data</b> held in electronic format in an <b>EHR</b>	No	54%
Governs the sharing of digital data between health professionals in other health services in the same country through the use of an EHR	_	34%
Governs the <b>sharing of digital data between health professionals in health</b> <b>services</b> in other countries through the use of an <b>EHR</b>	_	22%
Governs the sharing of personal and health data between research entities	No	39%
Allows <b>individuals electronic access to their own health-related data</b> when held in an <b>EHR</b>	—	29%
Allows <b>individuals to demand their own health-related data be corrected</b> when held in an <b>EHR</b> if it is known to be inaccurate	—	32%
Allows individuals to demand the deletion of health-related data from their EHR	_	18%
Allows <b>individuals to specify which health-related data</b> from their <b>EHR</b> can be <b>shared with health professionals</b> of their choice	_	28%
Governs civil registration and vital statistics	Yes	76%
Governs national identification management systems	_	65%



## 3. Telehealth

Telehealth programmes country overview		
	Health system level**	Programme type**
Teleradiology	National	Established
Teledermatology	National	Established
Telepathology	National	‡
Telepsychiatry	National	Established
Remote patient monitoring	National	Established

## 4. Electronic Health Records (EHRs)

EHR country overview		
	Country response	Year introduced
National EHR system	‡	‡
Legislation governing the use of the national EHR system	‡	
Health facilities with EHR	Use EHR	Facilities with EHR %**
Primary care facilities (e.g. clinics and health care centres)	N/A	ţ
Secondary care facilities (e.g. hospitals, emergency care)	N/A	‡
Tertiary care facilities (e.g. specialized care, referral from primary/secondary care)	N/A	‡
Other electronic systems	Country response	Global "yes" response <sup>§</sup>
Laboratory information systems	N/A	35%
Pathology information systems	N/A	18%
Pharmacy information systems	N/A	33%
PACS	N/A	26%
Automatic vaccination alerting system	N/A	10%
ICT-assisted functions	Country response	Global "yes" response§
Electronic medical billing systems	No	58%
Supply chain management information systems	No	58%
Human resources for health information systems	Yes	69%

## 5. Use of eLearning in health sciences

eLearning programmes country overview		
Health sciences students – Pre-service	Country response	Global "yes" response§
Medicine	Yes	58%
Dentistry	Yes	39%
Public health	Yes	50%
Nursing & midwifery	Yes	47%
Pharmacy	No	38%
Biomedical/Life sciences	No	42%
Health professionals – In-service	Country response	Global "yes" response§
Medicine	Yes	58%
Dentistry	No	30%
Public health	Yes	47%
Nursing & midwifery	Yes	46%
Pharmacy	No	31%
Biomedical/Life sciences	No	34%

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## 6. mHealth

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mHealth programmes country overview		
Accessing/providing health services	Health system level**	Programme type**
Toll-free emergency	‡	‡
Health call centres	‡	‡
Appointment reminders	Local	Pilot
Mobile telehealth	Intermediate	Informal
Management of disasters and emergencies	National, Intermediate, Local	Informal
Treatment adherence	National	Pilot
Accessing/providing health information	Health system level**	Programme type**
Community mobilization	National	Pilot
Access to information, databases and tools	National	Established
Patient records	‡	‡
mLearning	‡	‡
Decision support systems	National	Pilot
Collecting health information	Health system level**	Programme type**
Patient monitoring	‡	‡
Health surveys	‡	‡
Disease surveillance	‡	‡

## 7. Social media

Social media and health	Country response	Global "yes" response§	Year adopted
National policy or strategy on the use of social media by government organizations	—	18%	N/A
Policy or strategy makes specific reference to its use in the health domain	‡	5%	
Health care organizations – use of social media		Country response	Global "yes" response <sup>s</sup>
Promote health messages as a part of health promotion car	npaigns	Yes	78%
Help manage patient appointments		Yes	24%
Seek feedback on services		Yes	56%
Make general health announcements		Yes	72%
Make emergency announcements		Yes	59%
Individuals and communities – use of social media		Country response	Global "yes" response
Learn about health issues		Yes	79%
Help decide what health services to use		_	56%
Provide feedback to health facilities or health professionals		Yes	62%
Run community-based health campaigns		Yes	62%
Participate in community-based health forums			59%

# 8. Big data

Policy or strategy – purpose	Country response	Global "yes" response§	Year adopted
Governing the use of big data in the health sector	Yes	17%	‡
Governing the use of big data by private companies	No	8%	N/A

### LEGEND

#### \* Country context indicators

International level: Health entities in different geographic regions ICT Development Index Rank. 2015 - https://www.itu.int/net4/ITU-D/idi/2015/ Reg All other country indicators. Global Health Observatory. 2012-2014 -Nati http://www.who.int/gho Inte \*\* Glossary § Indicates the percentage of participating Member States responding "Yes" Loc

Don't know N/A Not applicable

Indicates question was unanswered ±

Question not asked

Zero No funding

Regional level:	Health entities in countries in the same geographic region
National level:	Referral hospitals, laboratories and health institutes (mainly public, but also private)
Intermediate level:	District or provincial facilities: public and private hospitals and health centres
Local or peripheral	level: Health posts, health centres providing basic level of care
Informal:	Use of ICT for health purposes in the absence of formal processes and policies
Pilot:	Testing and evaluating a programme
Established:	An ongoing programme that has been conducted for a minimum of 2 years and is planned to continue
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