

Table 3 National health priorities for 5 countries

Oman	Qatar	Saudi Arabia	Tunisia	Yemen
Vision 1: Delivery (providing) of the best health care to the community	Premature death and catastrophic injury from road trauma, workplace accidents, and infant and early childhood mortality	Actual activation of medical services provision by all hospitals and facilities at King Fahad Medical City	Reinforcement of reproductive health results, family health and the demographic policy	Fight against common and endemic diseases
Vision 2: Quality assurance of health services and patient safety	Early onset of preventable long-term conditions, particularly those where genetic factors may make the local population more vulnerable, e.g. diabetes and certain forms of cancer	Completion of tertiary referral hospital programme	Preservation of sanitary security capacity and reinforcement of the surveillance system and disease control	Combating malnutrition
Vision 3: Minimizing the threatening risk factors to public health	Lifestyle diseases that reduce life expectancy and quality of life, such as obesity and cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease related to smoking, and stress-related mental illness	Eradication of malaria	Control of noncommunicable diseases	Reduction in high risks threatening mother and child health
Vision 4: Promoting woman and child health		Completion of rebuilding and renewal of 450 PCCs out of the 2000 included in The King Fahad New 2000 PCCs Initiative	Improvement of the health of high-risk groups and people with particular problems	Strengthening curative and support services
Vision 5: Propagation of healthy lifestyle in the community		Implementation of health insurance	Development of capacities to assure safety of medicines, vaccines and needs of blood transfusion	Environmental health

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Vision 6: Better quality of nutrition for all		Nationwide implementation of information technology in MoH health services as part of the National Electronic Government Project.	Human resources promotion	
Vision 7: Joint action for better community health			Control of the health budget growth and the development of the health system	
Vision 8: Discrimination in the access to administrative practices				
Vision 9: A health information and research system to meet the needs of the health system				
Vision 10: Sufficient and qualified human resources working in the health institutions				

PCCs = primary health care centres.

MoH = Ministry of Health.