Pharmaceutical country profile





Socioeconomic



Population¹

54 500.09 (2024)



Life expectancy at birth²

67 years (2023)



GDP/capita (current US\$)3

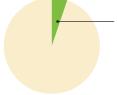
US\$ 1359.4 (2024)



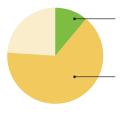
Spending on health

Current health expenditure (CHE)/capita (current US\$)⁴

US\$ 57.97 (2022)



5.2% (2022) Current health expenditure as share of GDP⁵



11.05% (2022) Government health expenditure (% of CHE)⁶ 65% (2022)

Out-of-pocket expenditure (% of CHE)¹



Spending on pharmaceuticals

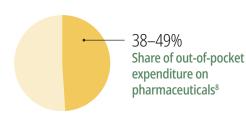
Government pharmaceutical expenditure

No data

Government pharmaceutical expenditure/capita

No data







Medical and pharmacy workforce

Medical doctors/ 10 000 population²

3.21 (2024)

Pharmacists/ 10 000 population⁹

0.8 (2019)

Pharmacy education accreditation

No

Continuing professional development for pharmacists

No



Pharmaceutical legislation and policy¹⁰

National Drug Law
Amendment of National Law
National Action Plan for containment of AMR
National Medicines Policy

	Intellectual pro	perty rights
×	TRIPS flexibilities incorporated into the law	
X	TRIPS flexibilities utilized	No data

Rational use and antimicrobial resistance

% of market share of non-EML products

No data

WHO Global Antimicrobial Resistance and Use Surveillance System enrollment¹¹:

Total consumption of antibiotics:

No data

FDC sales in the	No data
private market	No data

Number of antibiotics on the private market

	Total		Not		
		Access	Watch	Reserve	recommended
Single drugs			No data		
FDCs			No data		





National Regulatory Authority

Department of Food and Drug Administration (DFDA)

Website: http://www.fdamyanmar.gov.mm/ **Staff**¹²: 125 (only technical staff for whole country)

Annual budget: No data

Products regulated¹³

✓ Medicines

✓ Biologicals

✓ Medical devices

✓ Traditional medicines¹⁴

Regulated the Department of Traditional Medicines (Website: https://www.dtm.gov.mm; Staff: 764)

Licensing of establishments

✓ Manufacturers ✓ Importers

Exporters

✓ Wholesellers

✓ Distributors

▼ Retailers

National Medicines Quality Control Laboratory

✓ ISO 17025 certified

× WHO prequalified

Rational selection



Body responsible for selection of medical products

Essential Drug Program, Medical Care Divison, Department of Medical Services, Department of Public Health HTA used in the selection process

✓ NEML incorporated AWaRE list¹⁵

✓ Medicines listed by level of care

Traditional medicines included

National Essential Medicines List (number of active ingredient)¹⁶

1979	1984	1987	1998	2001	2009	2016	2024
254	240	211	184	319	341	486	571

National Medicines Formulary

Purchasing



Public sector

✓ Procurement¹⁷: Centralized and decentralized

Agency responsible for procurement: Department of Medical Services, Department of Public Health (Centralized) and State and Regional level general hospitals (Decentralized)

LMIS used: No data

Frequency of tender: No data

Private sector

✓ Social Health Insurance

Name of SHI scheme¹⁸: Social Security Service Population coverage¹⁸: 706 750 employees Number of products covered: No data

Pricing regulation



Pricing regulatory authority¹⁹

Myanmar Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment & Entrepreneur Association in collaboration with Ministry of Commerce

Public sector

Tendering: Yes

Private sector

Maximum retail price: No

Number of price controlled products: None

No data

Market distribution

Estimated pharmaceutical market value¹⁹

Imported 2278 shipments of Medicine during Mar 2023 to Feb 2024



Public

Tertiary hospitals²: 6 Secondary hospitals²: 52 PHC facilities²: 2278

Private

Importers²⁰: 170

Manufacturers²⁰: 16

Wholesellers/distributors²¹: >100 Retail pharmacies²⁰: ~10 000

Market exit



Legal provision for

- ✓ Cancellation of licences of pharmaceutical establishments
- ✓ Cancellation of marketing authorization of products
- ✓ Initiating product recalls and withdrawals

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