

Region: Eastern Mediterranean

Country: Qatar



## GENERAL INFORMATION OF THE COUNTRY

<http://www.who.int/countries/qat/en/>

Total population (million inhabitants)\*:

1.6

\* Population source (2009): UNFPA, United Nations Population Fund

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ORGANIZATIONAL SYSTEM

The Hamad Medical Corporate QCOT ( Qatar Center of Organ Donation) is the organization responsible for the national coordination of donation and transplantation activities. The organization reports to the Supreme Council of Health, HMC and is financed by public funds. In addition to the national organization, there are coordinating institutions at local level.

The organization is responsible for coordinating the promotion of organ donation, the setting up of protocols, guidelines and recommendations, managing waiting lists, coordinating organ procurement, allocation and transplant follow-up registries.

Qatar has National Technical Committees/ Advisory Boards and Ethics Committees at local level dedicated to donation and transplantation issues.

There are surveillance systems based on the reporting of adverse events in the process, reactions and untoward consequences in organ transplant recipients at local level and also surveillance systems of donation complications in live organ donors.

Qatar has systems for the collection and analysis of data on donation and transplantation activities at local level, including donation processing registries and post-transplant recipients follow-up and living donor follow-up registries, for kidneys.

There are standards related to donor detection, donor management, procurement, selection of recipients, compatibility testing, storage and transportation, allocation and screening for transmissible diseases of deceased and living donors.

Qatar holds national training programmes to harmonize practices for staff involved in organ procurement and organ transplantation.

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LEGISLATION

Qatar has specific legislation for organ procurement and transplantation. The health care institutions and hospitals have to be officially authorized for retrieval and transplantation. The certification of death is required by law, regarding the irreversible cessation of brain/ brain stem function and the irreversible cessation of cardio-respiratory functions. Explicit consent is the legal requirement for donation from deceased donors through the consent of the family.

Unrelated living donation is allowed under special pre-requirements. The pre-requisites to living organ donation are the ethical committee approval, the psychiatric evaluation of the donor and the written consent of the donor.

Actual expenditures of living donation are covered so the donor is not responsible for them.

There are supplementary incentives for living donors, in the form of medals, health insurance, disability insurance, cover of expenses that is needed during the evaluation and donation procedure till discharge.

Giving or receiving payment for organs and trafficking are prohibited and there are penalties in the event of commerce with donated organs.

Traceability is a requirement and the import and export of organs are controlled by law.

