

Region: Eastern Mediterranean
Country: Kuwait



GENERAL INFORMATION OF THE COUNTRY

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

Total population (million inhabitants)*:	3.0
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* Population source (2009): UNFPA, United Nations Population Fund

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ORGANIZATIONAL SYSTEM

www.transplant-observatory.org

The Organ Transplant Center is an official body responsible for overseeing donation and transplantation at national level.

There is neither any surveillance system based on the reporting of adverse events in the process, reactions and untoward consequences in organ transplant recipients at national level; nor a surveillance system of donation complications in live organ donors.

Kuwait has systems for the collection and analysis of data on donation and transplantation activities, including donation processing registries, post-transplant recipients follow-up for kidney and liver and living donor follow-up registry for kidney.

There are standards related to procurement, selection of recipients, compatibility testing and allocation of deceased donors. There are also standards, written instructions or guidance in place for living donation, related to the donor evaluation, donor management, selection of recipients, compatibility testing and screening for transmissible diseases.

Kuwait holds national training programmes to harmonize practices for staff involved in organ procurement.

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LEGISLATION

Kuwait 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 an official document, a National Donor Card and an organ donor registry of volunteers.

Unrelated living donation is allowed under special pre-requirements decided by an ethics committee. The pre-requisite to living organ donation is the written consent of the donor.

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

There are not supplementary incentives for living donors. Giving or receiving payment for organs and trafficking are prohibited and there are penalties in the event of commerce with donated organs.

Traceability is not a requirement in the legislation and the import and export of organs are controlled by law.

