

GUYANA

HEALTH SECTOR FACT SHEET (2025–2030)

Partnership Opportunities for European Health Institutions

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Based on the Government of Guyana Health Sector Strategic Plan 2025–2030.



1. COUNTRY AT A GLANCE

	Population (2023)	~826,000
	Language	English
	Administrative Regions	10
	GDP per capita	> US\$26,000 (2024) from ~US\$6,500 (2019)
	Economic Growth	Among the fastest growing economies globally due to offshore oil production
	Health Financing	~10% of national budget allocated to health
	Health System	Predominantly public, decentralized service delivery
	Universal Health Coverage Index	76%
	Geographic Context	90% of population lives on the coastal plain; vast interior regions are difficult to access

2. VISION FOR THE HEALTH SECTOR

“A globally recognized modern health ecosystem with world-class infrastructure, advanced technologies, integrated care models, and regional leadership in healthcare delivery.”

The Government of Guyana seeks to:

- Develop centers of excellence and expand specialized services
- Modernize infrastructure, laboratories and diagnostics
- Digitize the health system and leverage innovation
- Strengthen health workforce capacity and research
- Become a regional hub for healthcare services and medical innovation

3. HEALTH SYSTEM OVERVIEW

Five-Level Service Delivery Model	Existing Infrastructure	
Level 1 Health Posts	Health Posts	~220
Level 2 Community Health Centres	Health Centres	128
Level 3 District Hospitals	District Hospitals	22
Level 4 Regional Hospitals	Regional Hospitals	5
Level 5 National Referral Hospital	National Referral Hospital	1
The Government is constructing six new regional hospitals and a specialized maternal and pediatric hospital.		

4. HEALTH WORKFORCE SITUATION

Key Indicators	
Physicians	~1.6 per 1,000 population
Nurses	~3.8 per 1,000 population
Key Challenge	Significant shortages of health professionals and brain drain
Rural Coverage	Major disparities in hinterland regions

Workforce Strengthening in Progress

More than 1,800 nursing students have been enrolled through innovative hybrid learning models. Over 800 nurses are expected to graduate in 2026.

Areas Seeking International Support

Specialist training & fellowships	Nursing & allied health education	Clinical mentorship & CPD	Faculty development & exchanges	Health workforce planning & retention

5. DISEASE BURDEN AND PRIORITIES

Non-Communicable Diseases (Leading Cause of Mortality)		Communicable Diseases
- Cardiovascular disease - Diabetes - Cancer - Mental health Cancer accounts for ~10% of all deaths.		- HIV/AIDS - Tuberculosis - Malaria - Dengue - Neglected tropical diseases
Top Cancers – Men	Top Cancers – Women	Guyana is pursuing elimination goals for HIV, TB, malaria and several neglected tropical diseases.
- Prostate cancer - Colorectal cancer - Lung cancer	- Breast cancer - Cervical cancer	

7. WHY PARTNER WITH GUYANA?

- Strong Political Commitment:** Health transformation is a national priority.
- Significant Public Investment:** Rapid infrastructure expansion and increasing health budgets.
- English-Speaking Environment:** Facilitates collaboration, training and knowledge exchange.
- Regional Influence:** Potential hub serving the Caribbean region.
- Long-Term Growth Potential:** Economic growth creates opportunities
- Openness to Collaboration:** The national strategy prioritizes international partnerships and adoption of global best practices.

6. STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITIES & PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Strategic Investment Priorities		Potential Partners
Oncology and Cancer Care Advanced diagnostics, treatment, research and specialized workforce.		Cancer centres, academic hospitals, radiotherapy institutions, pathology labs, cancer registries
Organ Donation & Transplantation Establish national transplant services and multidisciplinary teams.		Transplant centres, organ donation organizations, ICU & surgical training centres
Digital Health Transformation EHR, telemedicine, AI, health information systems and informatics capacity.		Digital health agencies, health IT providers, academic informatics centres, telemedicine networks
Health Workforce Development Specialist training, fellowships, faculty development and academic partnerships.		Universities, teaching hospitals, professional colleges, nursing schools
Public Health & Primary Care Strengthen public health leadership, community care and disease prevention.		Schools of Public Health, public health institutes, primary care networks, NGOs
Health Research & Innovation Innovation hubs, clinical research, product development and HTA.		Research institutes, universities, clinical trial centres, innovation ecosystems