

## Department of Health

The Department of Health, one of the seven departments under the Ministry of Health is responsible for providing health care services to the entire population in the country. Under the supervision of the Director General and Deputy Directors General, the following divisions are running.

- Administration
- Planning
- Public Health
- Medical Care
- Disease Control
- Health Education
- Food and Drug Administration
- National Health Laboratory
- Occupational Health
- Nursing



Among these divisions, the public health division is responsible for primary health care and basic health services, nutrition promotion and research, environmental sanitation, maternal and child health services and school health services. The medical care division is responsible for setting hospital specific goals and management of hospital services. The division also undertakes procurement, storage and distribution of medicines, medical instruments and equipment for all health institutions. Functions of the disease control division cover prevention and control of infectious diseases, disease surveillance, outbreak investigation and response and capacity building. Health education division is responsible for wide spread dissemination of health information and education. Food and drug administration division is responsible for registration and licensing of drugs and food, quality control of registered drugs, processed food, imported food and food for export. The National Health Laboratory is responsible for routine laboratory investigation, special lab-taskforce and public health work, training, research and quality assurance. Occupational health division takes the responsibility for health promotion in work places, environmental monitoring of work places and biological monitoring of exposed workers. The division is also providing health education on occupational hazards.