

**Due: End of Week 4.**

In-class collaboration mini meetups: Thursdays, Week 2 and 3

Peer feedback discussion in class: Tuesday, Week 5

## Country Briefing

Complete a brief study for the country setting in which your project takes place. While we know that an in-depth comprehensive study won't be feasible, we expect your submission to be carefully-prepared and original work on your part, with sources cited appropriately, including urls. You may not simply copy and paste from Wikipedia, Lonely Planet etc.

When possible, build on the work of prior teams. You may download prior briefings, if available, and update and improve upon them. If there are two or three teams going to your country, coordinate the work with other teams (during the in-class mini meetup sessions) so you each select a section to research and write up. Grading will, of course take into account your situation, and if your project takes GlobalHealth Lab to a new setting, we know that your report will necessarily be broader and less detailed than others. Please make the most of our library resources and the course team if you need more guidance.

The country briefing should address:

### Economy and Business Climate

- Macroeconomic, human development, and other broad indicators
- Demography, geography
- Trade, assets, and regional and global economic role and relations
- Regulatory environment
- Region of the country: Your project locale vs. the nation
- Must equip readers to consider: What is the impact of the business climate on enterprises' roles in delivering health care?

### Health

- Health indicators, prevalence of diseases, other measures
- Health systems: overview
- Current health issues in the country
- Access to care, health equity
- Must equip readers to consider: What is the impact of public health and health system issues on enterprises' roles in delivering health care?

### History, culture, society, politics, education

- Overview of the nation's history and recent events
- Music, food, and other aspects of its culture
- Recent changes in country's culture

- Ethnic groups, languages
- How social factors may affect health issues
- Must equip readers to consider: What is the impact of culture on enterprises' roles in delivering health care?

**Deliverable:**

Your report should be at least 3 pages single spaced. List all your sources, including URLs. Choose appropriate sources. You may not simply copy and paste from any site, but in particular you may not base your work on Wikipedia, Lonely Planet, etc.

Please include two or three tables or figures or images. Each must have a caption and also cite the source. Submit each of these as a separate pdf whose exact name appears in the text of your document where it should be embedded.

Your reports will be posted on the Global Health Delivery website for other students to view, this year and in subsequent years. (The pages will be online but are unindexed for search engines. As with all materials we place on the web, please let us know if you do not want your name to be published on the report. We are happy to anonymize.)

A selection of reports by previous teams can be found on our GlobalHealth website:

India:

<http://globalhealth.mit.edu/india-economy/>

<http://globalhealth.mit.edu/india-health/>

<http://globalhealth.mit.edu/india-culture/>

Kenya:

<http://globalhealth.mit.edu/country-briefing-kenya/>

South Africa:

<http://globalhealth.mit.edu/south-africa-economy/>

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