

## القطاع الدوائي في قطر: يداً بيداً في مواجهة الحصار

# Medication Sector in Qatar: Hand in Hand Facing the Blockade



## Ensuring Access to Medicines in Qatar

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# Outline



**PDCD Mission & Vision**



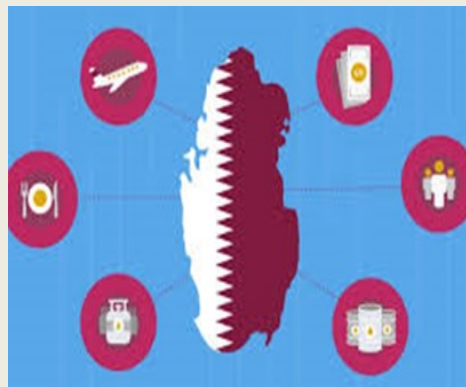
**Role & Activities**



**Organization Chart**



**Registration process**



**Embargo Impact**



**Action plan**



# Mission and Vision

- Pharmacy & Drug Control department (PDCD) takes the role of highest drug authority in Qatar

- To protect public health and safety of individuals, through scrutinizing and emphasizing that all medications and other pharmaceutical preparations imported and circulated in the country conform to higher international standards in terms of Safety, Quality and Effectiveness

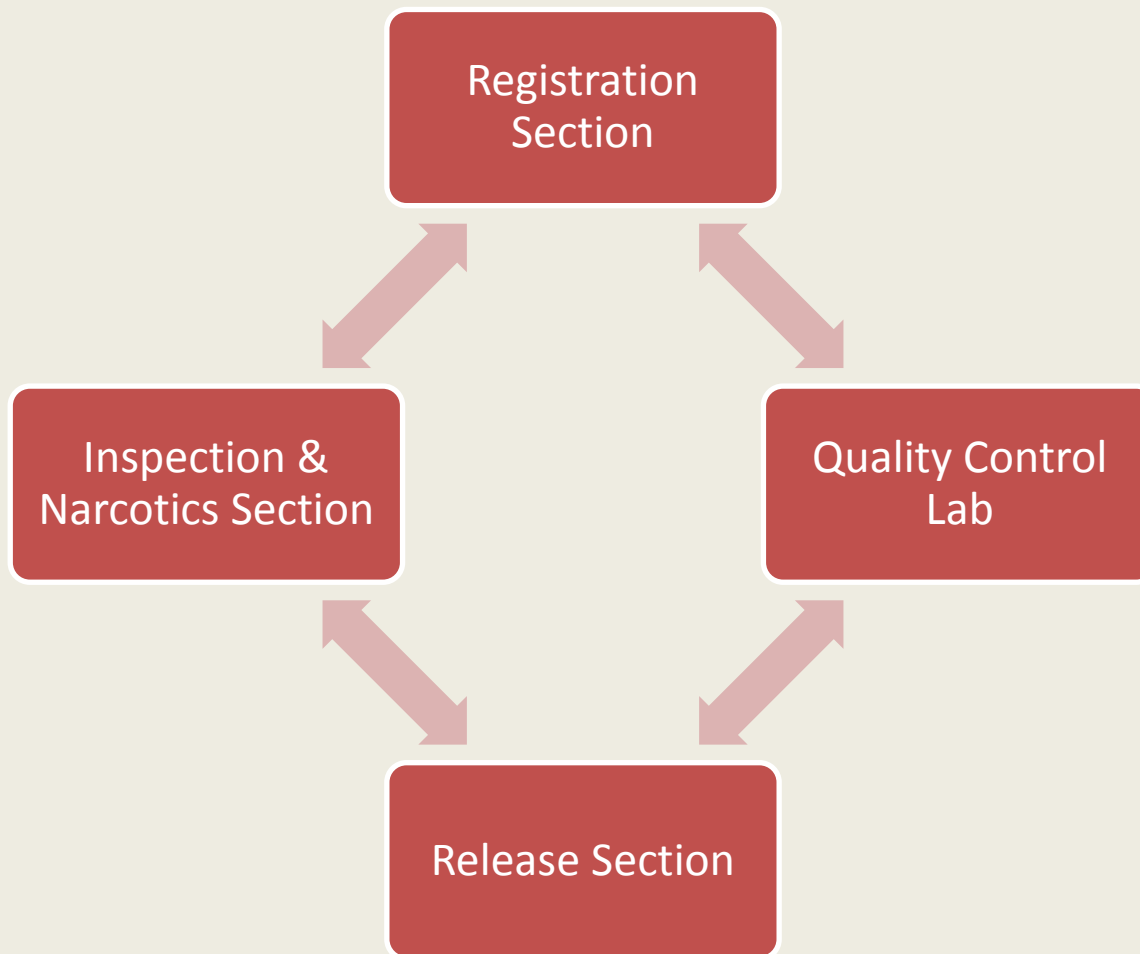
- Emphasizes the readiness of the country in case of any emergency by participating actively in securing emergency stock of medicines and vaccines



# General Role and Activities

- Development of medication policy for state of Qatar
- Quality control of medications, pharmaceuticals and raw materials
- Ensuring the compliance of the provided products to patients with worldwide standards
- Ensuring the availability of essential medicines in affordable prices
- Issuing of importing and exporting license for controlled medications and pharmaceutical products
- Control import and release of medications and other pharmaceutical products at all points of entry
- Control of herbal products and folk medications

# Structure and Functional Units of PDCD





# Registration Process

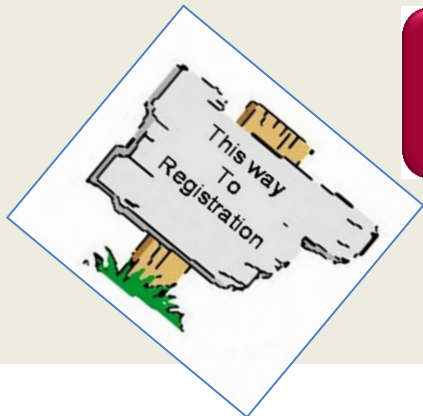
**Classification**

**Agent Registration**

**Marketing Authorization Holder &  
Manufacturing Site**

**Product Registration**

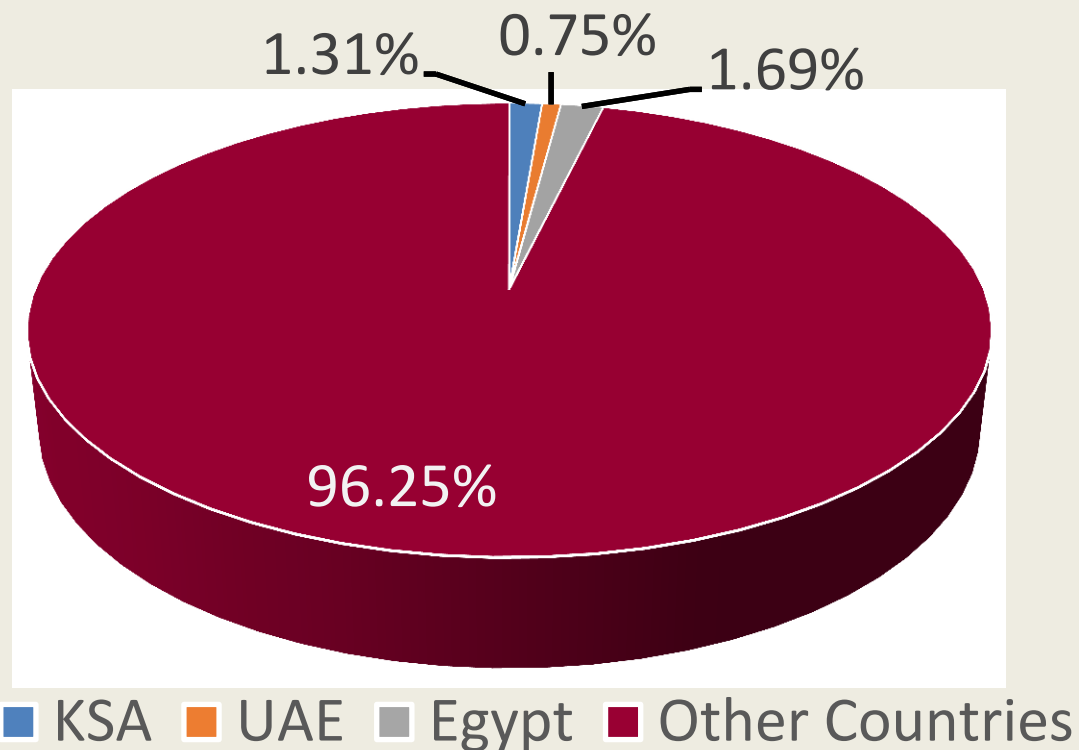
**Variation on Registered Products**



# Embargo Impact

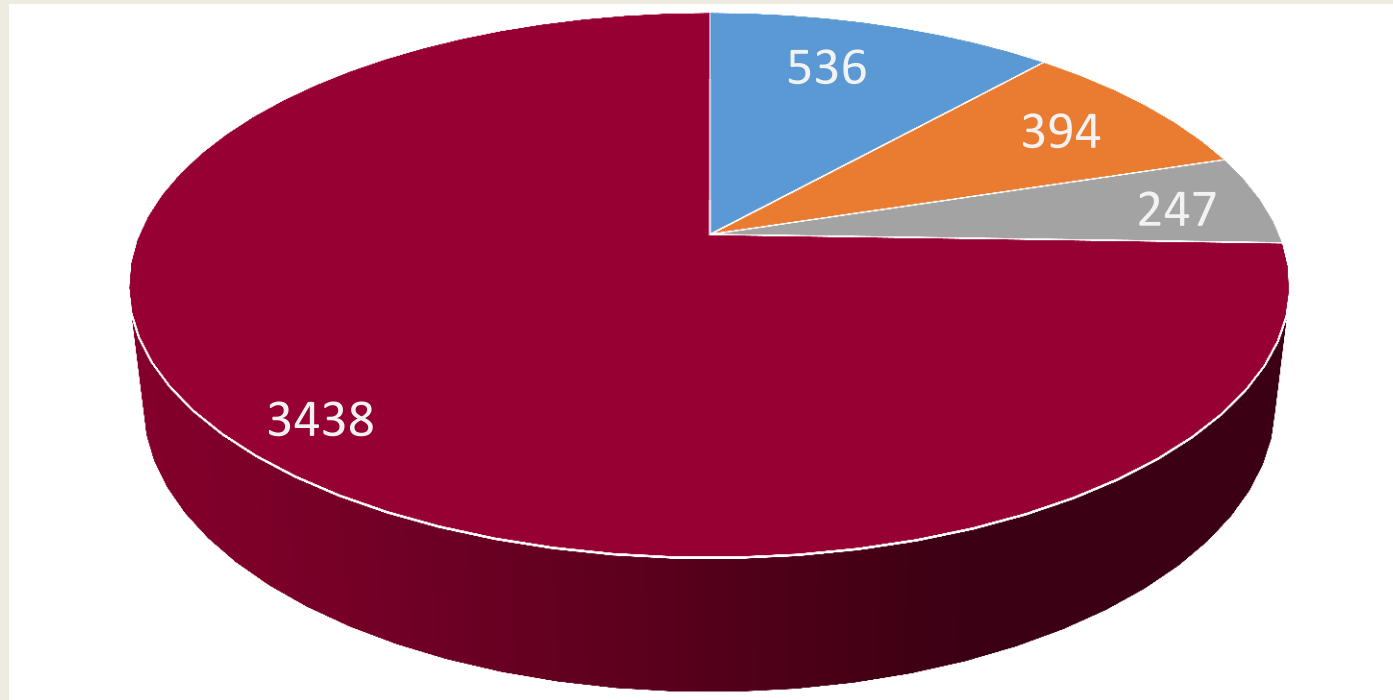
The political crisis had an impact on medication accessibility in Qatar

Percentage Out of Total Registered Companies



# Embargo Impact Contd.

Registered Products in Qatar 4615

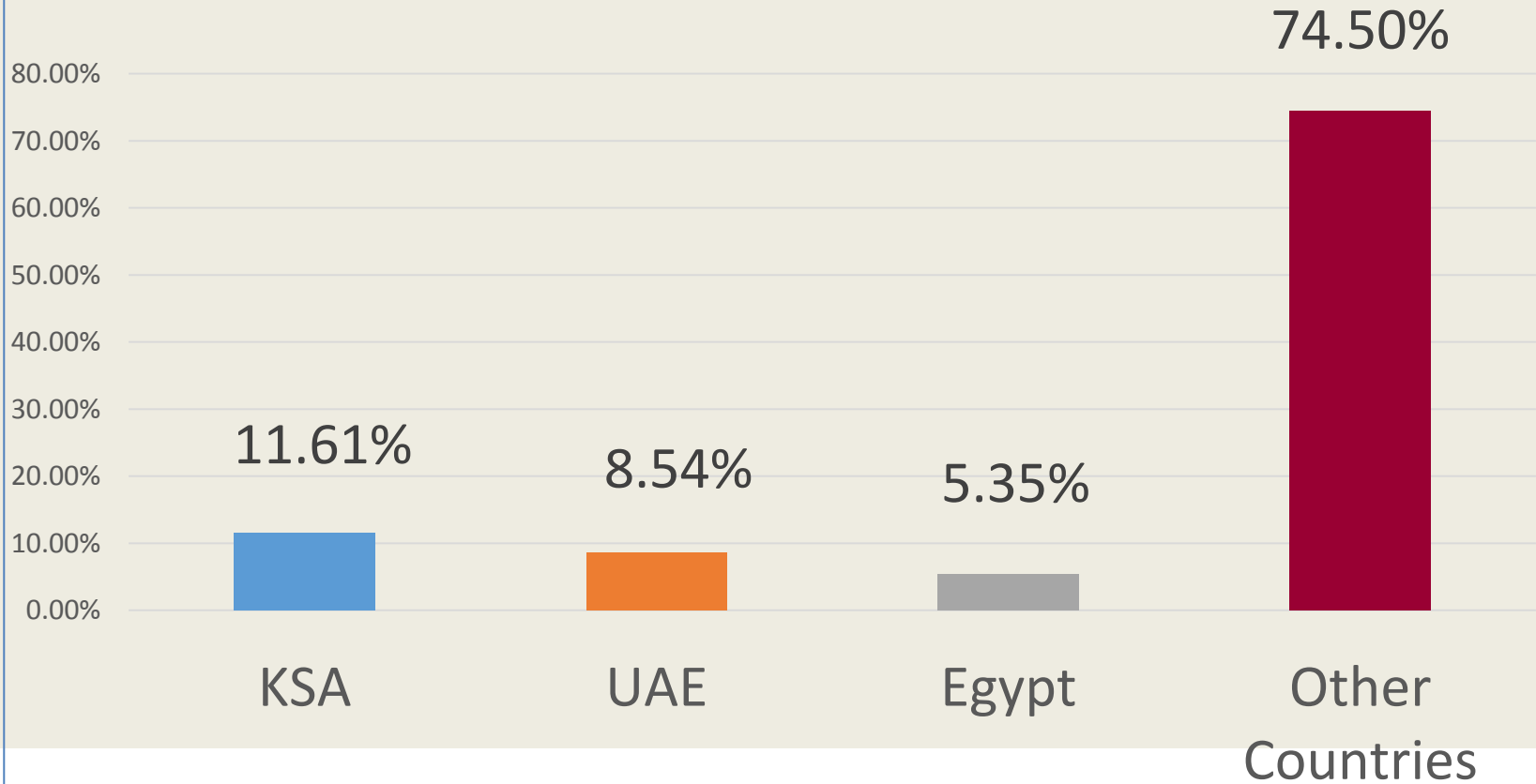


■ KSA   ■ UAE   ■ Egypt   ■ Other Countries



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Percentage Out of Total Registered Products





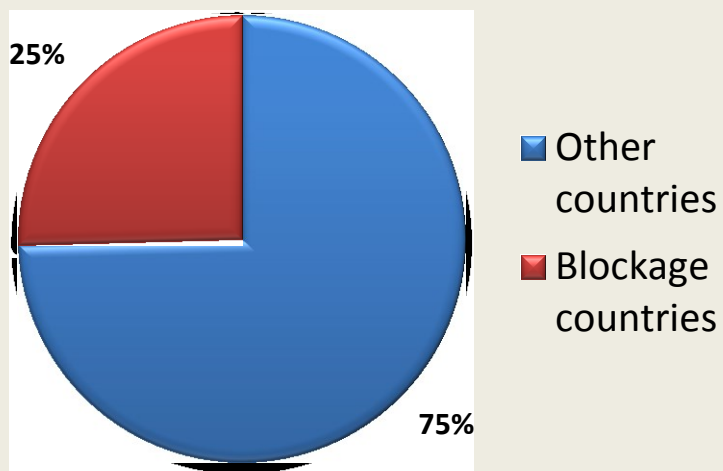
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**Total Number of Active Ingredients  
(same strength, Dosage form) ~ 1006**

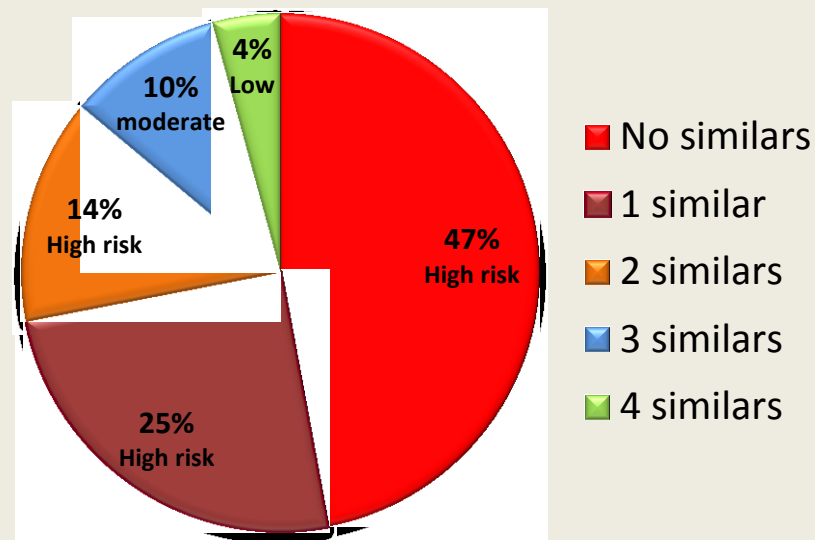
<b>Risk Level</b>	<b>Similarities</b>	<b>Number of Items</b>
<b>High</b>	None	267
<b>High</b>	$\leq 2$	221
<b>Moderate</b>	3	55
<b>Low</b>	4	24

# Embargo Impact Contd.

Registered pharmaceutical products in Qatar



Active ingredients from blockage countries





# Action Plan Taken (Immediate)

- Establishment of Emergency Committee including all Managers
- List all the affected products
- Determination of alternatives for each product
- Fast tracking assessment of files.
- Market update through:
  - Regular reports from inspection section to determine the actual stocks in the market including private pharmacies.
  - Communicating with local agents to provide regular reports to ensure at least 6 months stocks from all essential medicines.
  - Communicating with multinational pharmaceutical companies to ensure alternative supply chain.



# Action Plan (Strategic or Long-Term)

- Encouraging local pharmaceutical manufacturing plant to play a remarkable role in securing local market needs.
- Achieve **equilibrium** in registered items by ensuring registration of appropriate number of generics from every active ingredient, as well as ensuring multiple sources.
- Continuous communication with all stakeholders to ensure at least 6 months **stock of essential medicines**.
- Continuous updating of MOPH requirements and **guidelines** to cope with worldwide guidelines, which will have positive impact on registration and availability of any newly discovered product in the Qatari market.





# Summary & Conclusion

- Good healthcare system should ensure coverage, continuity, accessibility, quality and accountability during crisis as it was normal situation.
- An efficient actions & crisis management with quick solution for long term strategic effect to avoid similar condition in future.
- Encouraging and supporting local manufacturing plants to participate in ensuring medication security in the state of Qatar.



**Thank You**