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Structuring national health systems to  
deliver better services

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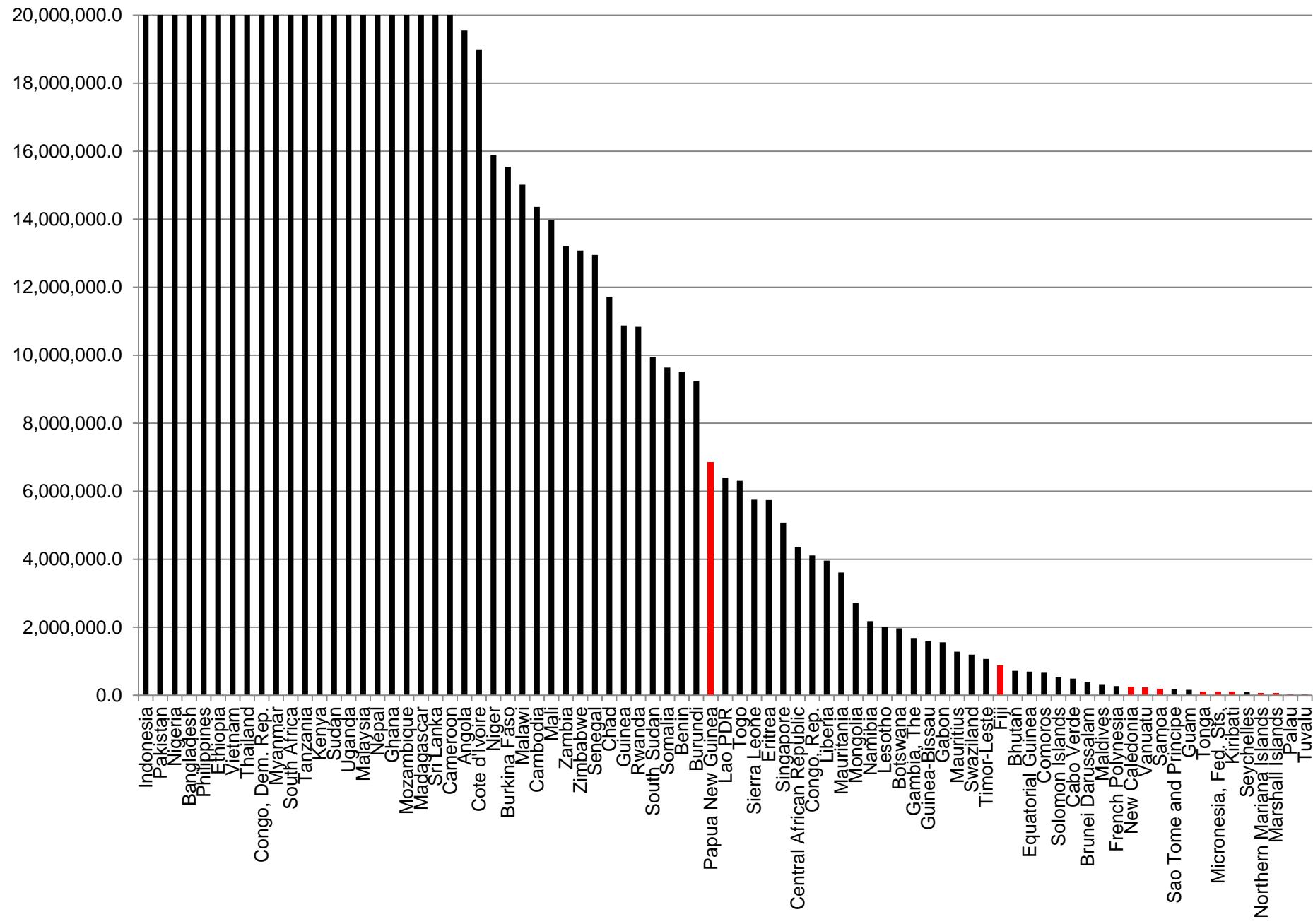
## Health systems

- Defined as all organizations, people and actions whose primary intent is to promote, restore or maintain health (WHO 2007, Everybody's Business)

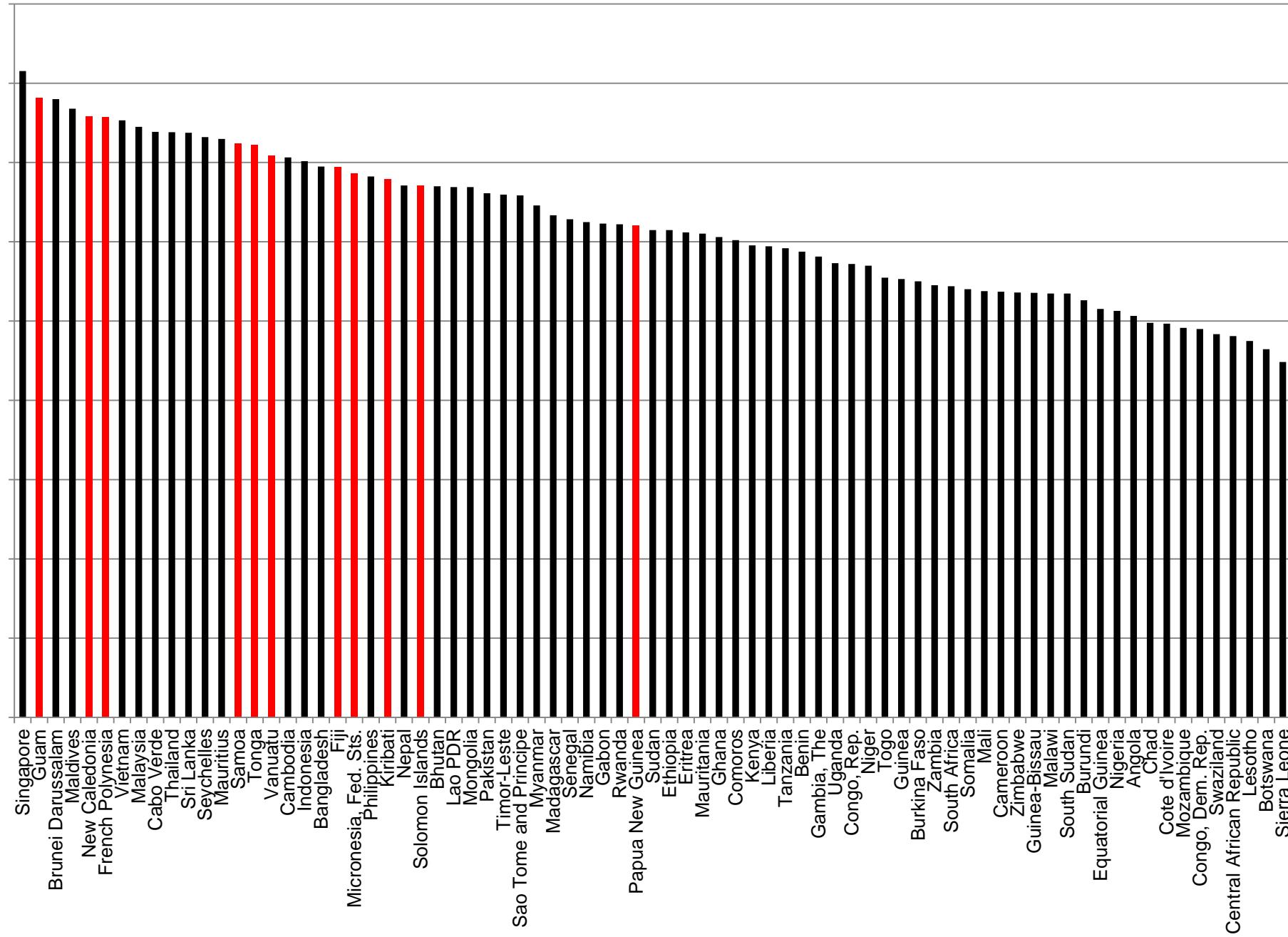
## Universal health coverage

- Defined as ensuring that all people can use the health services they need, of sufficient quality, while ensuring that the use of these services does not expose the user to financial hardship (WHO 2010, World Health Report: Universal Coverage)

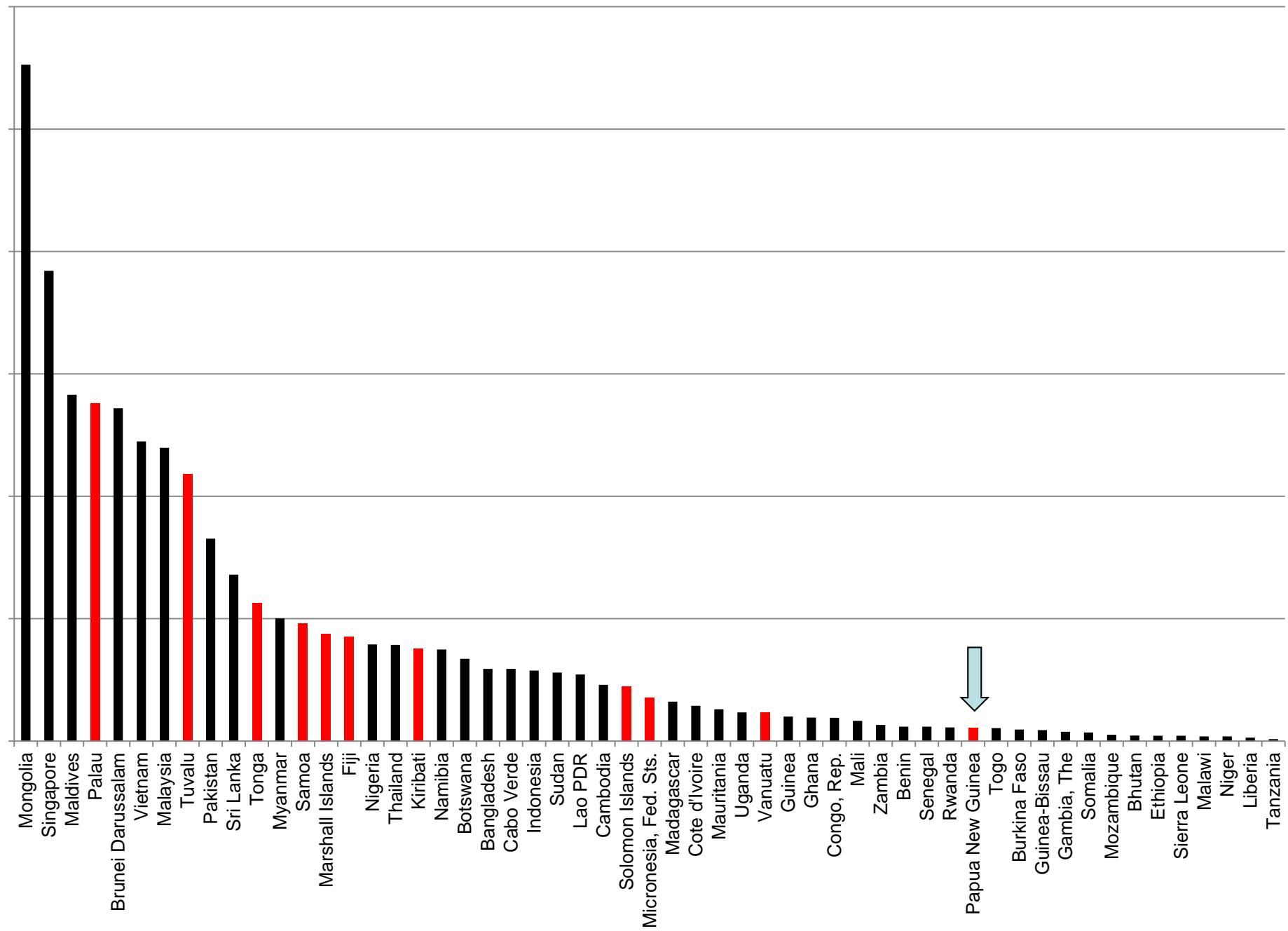
# Population (Total) 2010



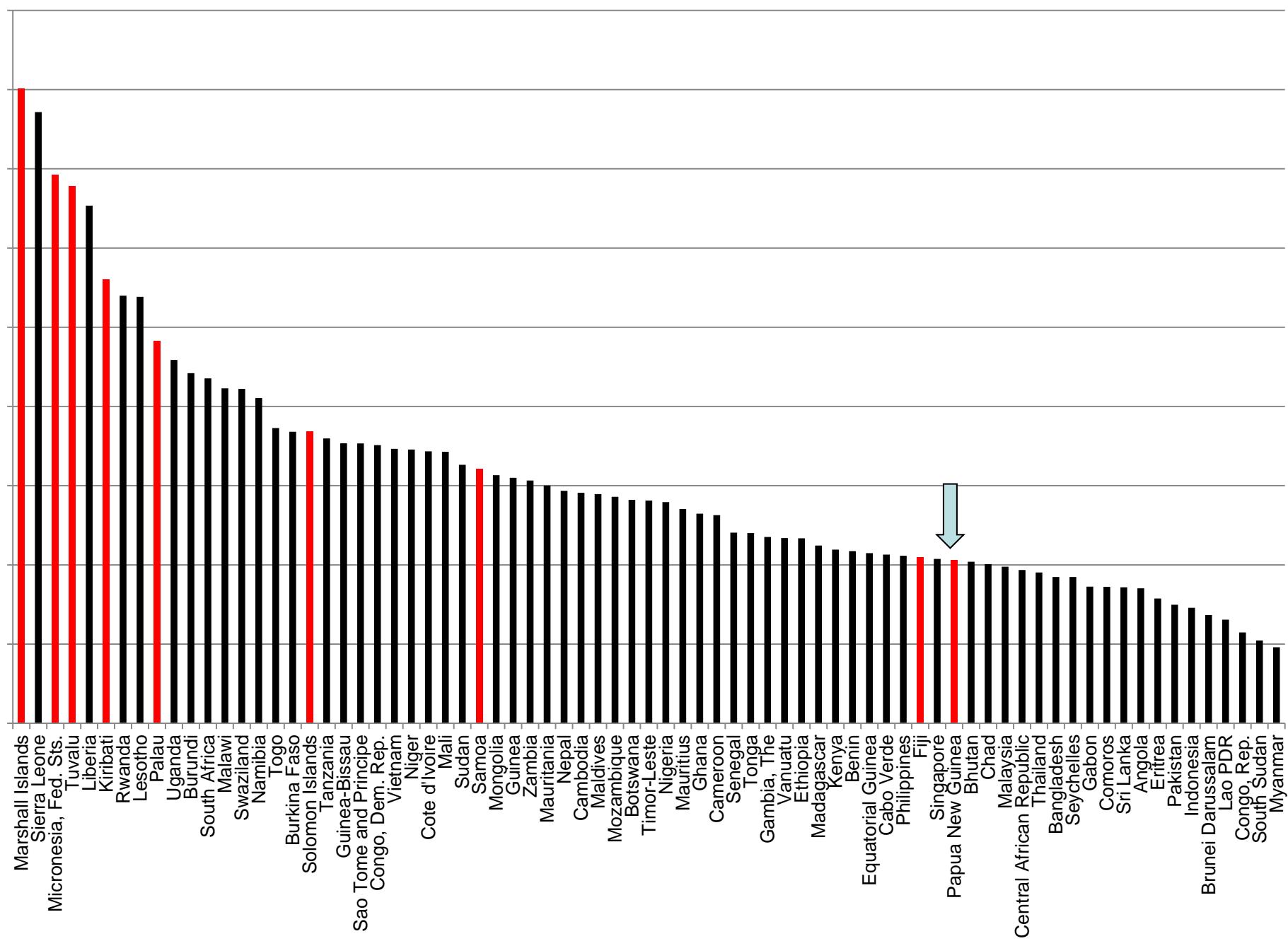
# Life expectancy at birth, total (years) 2010



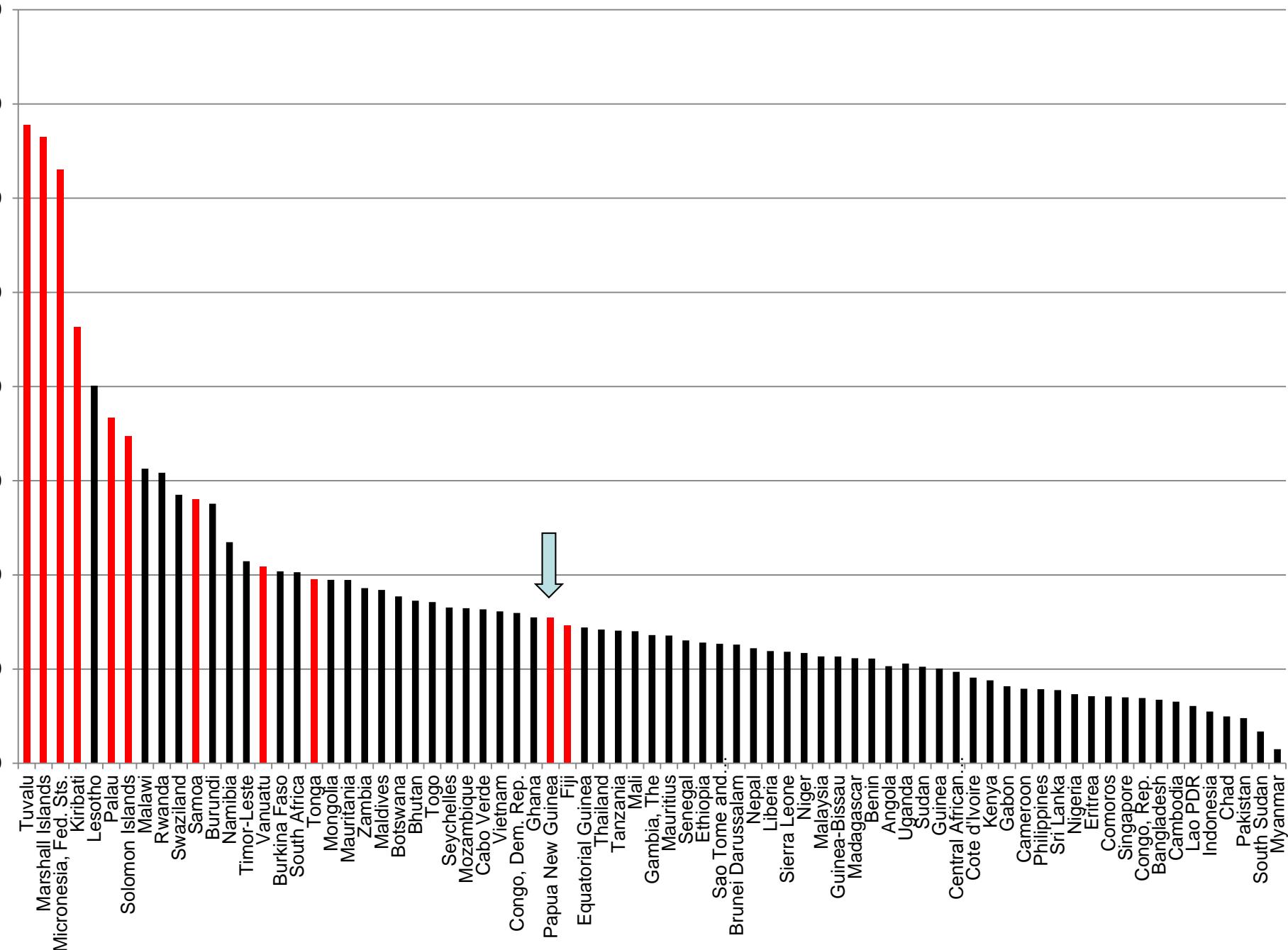
# Physicians (per 1,000 people) 2010



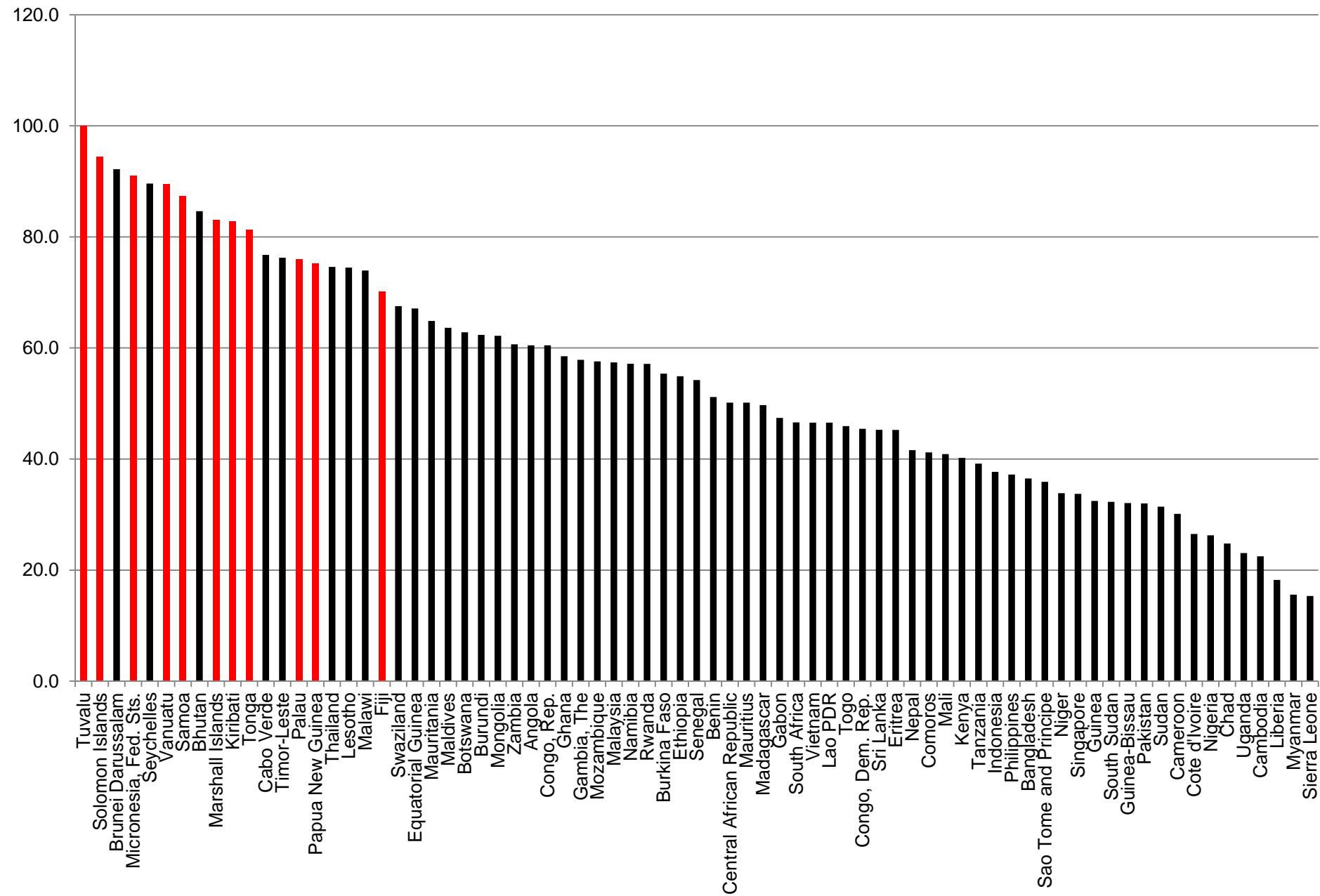
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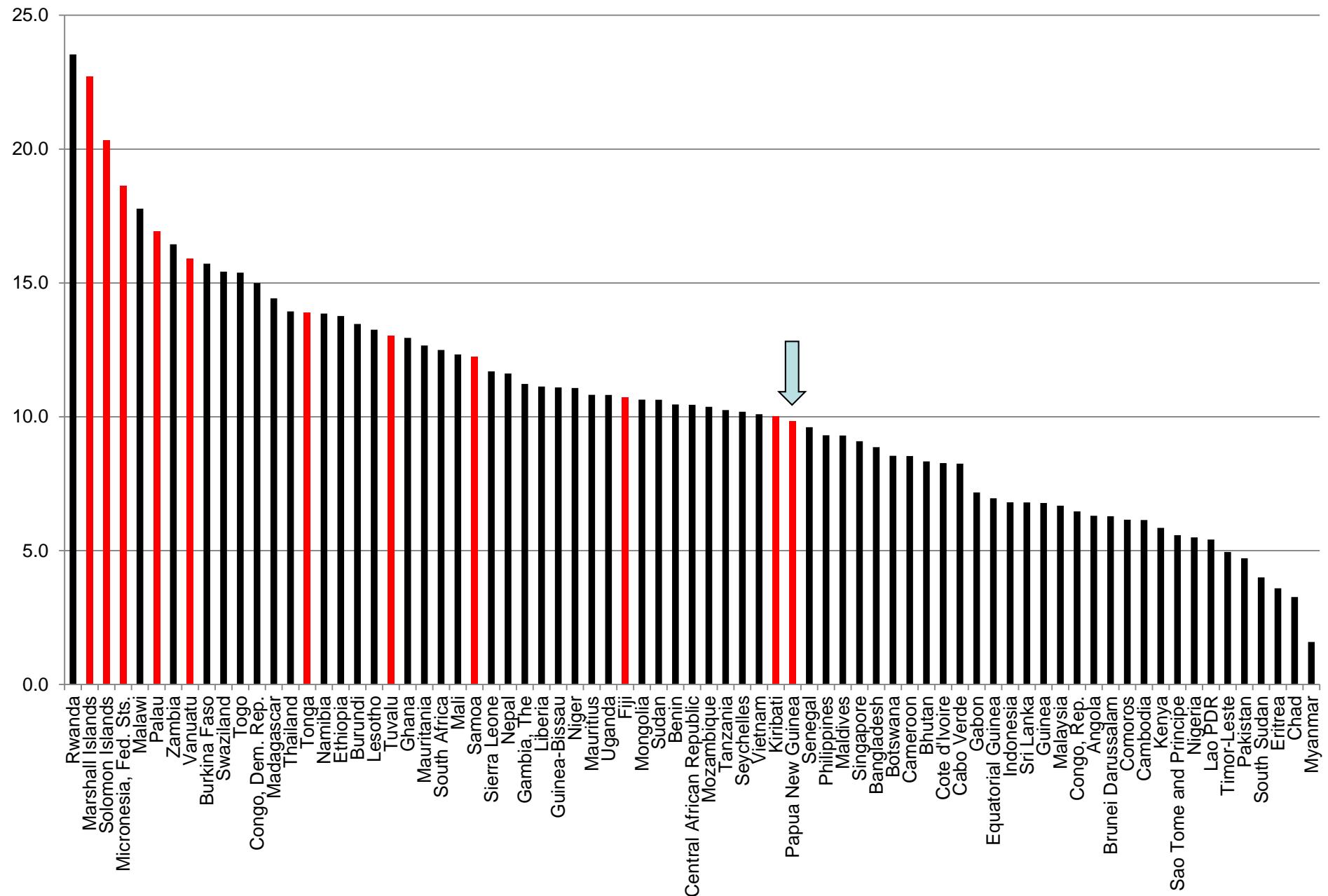
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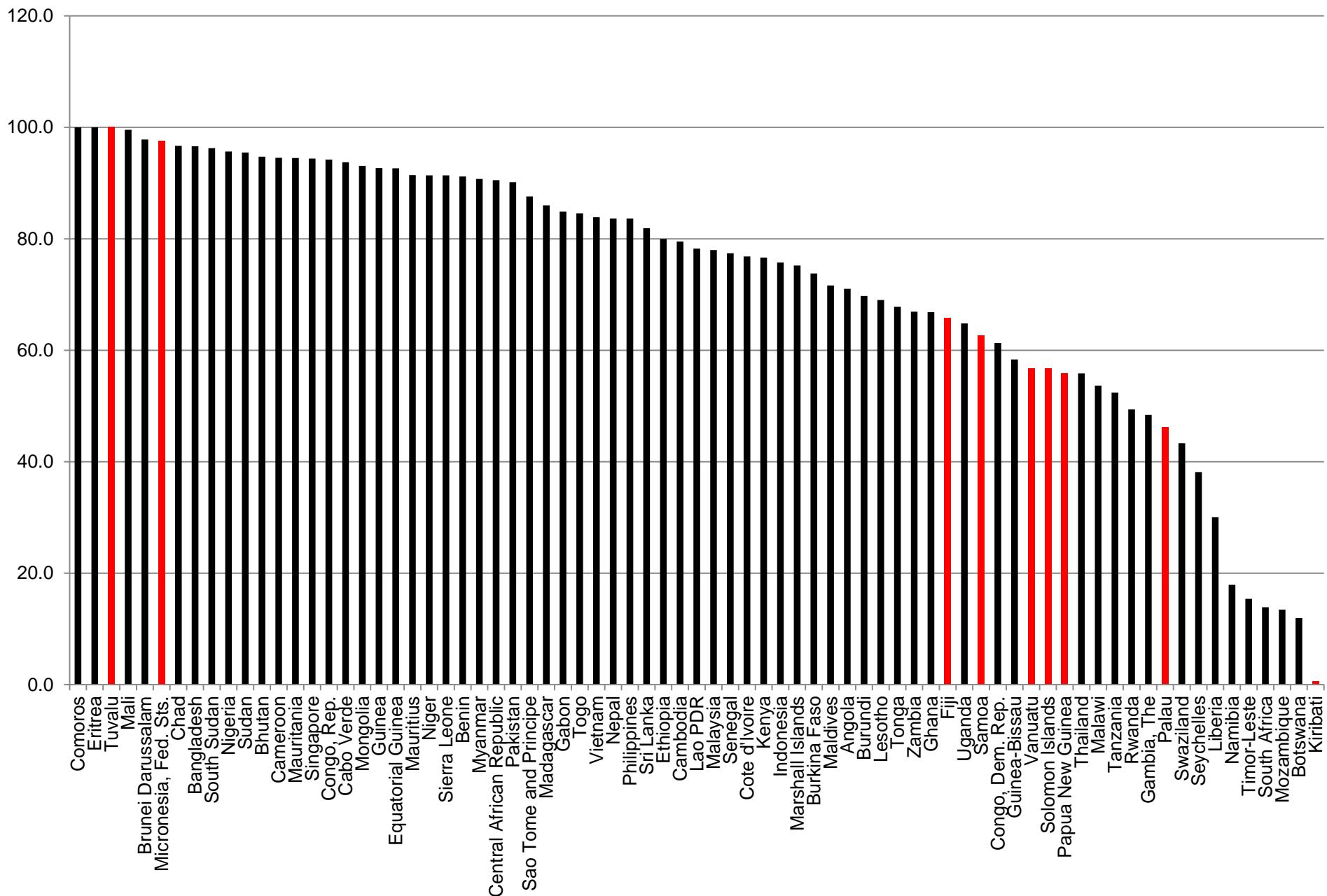
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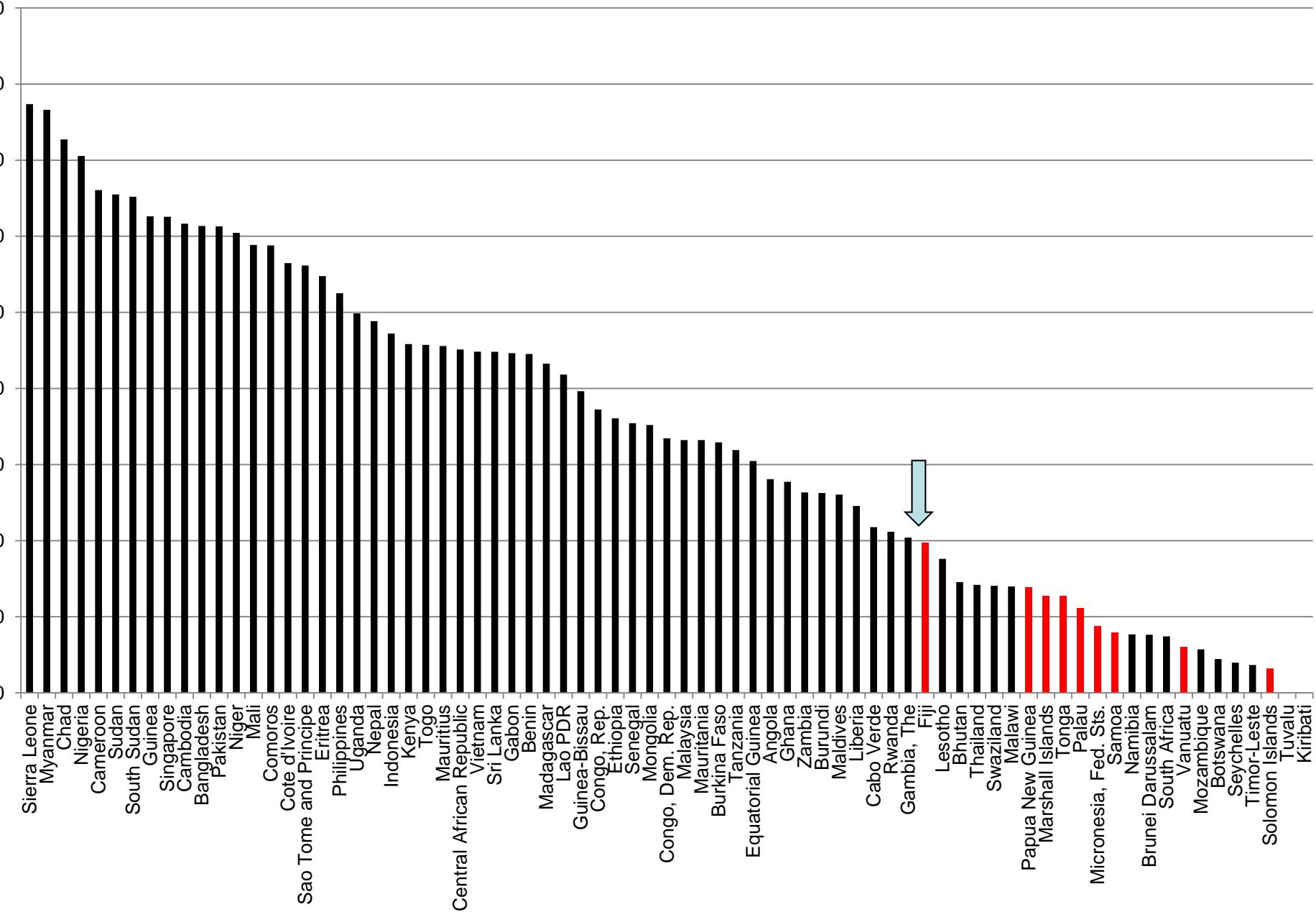
# Health expenditure, public (% of government expenditure) 2010



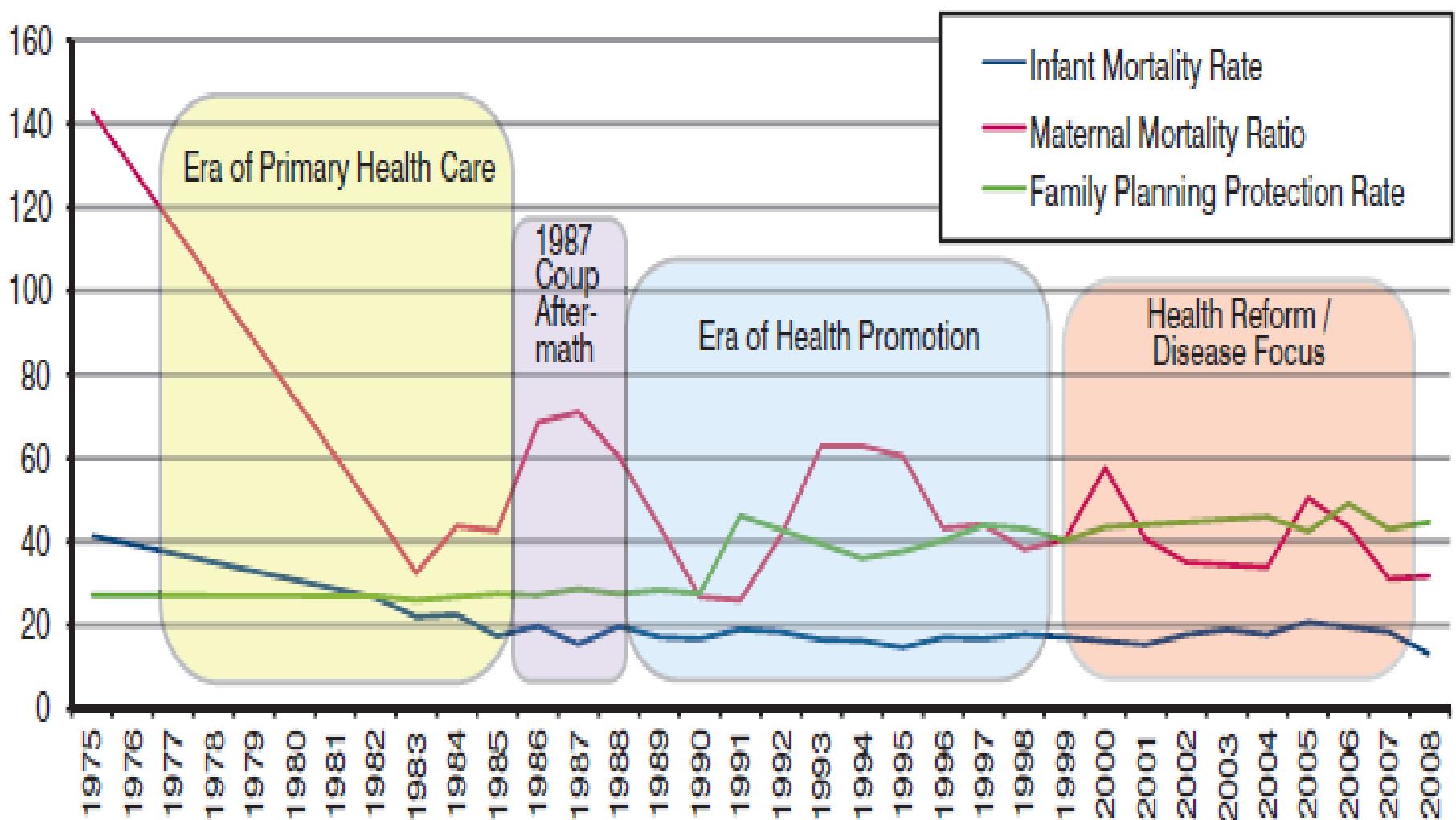
# Out-of-pocket health expenditure (% of total expenditure on health) 2010



# Out-of-pocket health expenditure (% of private expenditure on health) 2010



## Figure 5. Primary Health Indicators in Fiji, 1975-2008



(Negin, 2010. The Evolution of Primary Health Care in Fiji: Past, Present and Future. Nossal HSHF Knowledge Hub)

## Papua New Guinea

- 85% of PNG population is rural and remote
- The health system is decentralised, tiered and mixed public-private
- OOP payments are relatively high
- PHC services have deteriorated since decentralisation
- **What role could the new process of decentralisation or the introduction of contracting of services play in strengthening government/church collaboration and service delivery?**

## Aid Effectiveness Principles

### Samoa

### Solomon Islands

**Principle 1: Country ownership**

**High level of national ownership**

**Low level of country ownership**

**Principle 2: Multi-year commitments aligned to nationally identified priorities**

**Multi-year commitments made by multiple donors based on national health sector plan**

**Many agencies support a Partnership Agreement based on the national plan**

**Principle 4: Development partners and countries pursue a harmonized approach**

**A coordinated approach but processes have overshadowed delivery**

**Coordination of aid delivery acknowledged as priority, beginning in 2009.**

**Principle 5: Strengthened institutional mechanisms and capacity**

**National procurement systems not currently used / low capacity**

**AusAID is working through local systems and World Bank is engaged in building capacity of national financial management.**

**Principle 6: Provision of technical assistance that supports national ownership**

**Capacity is strong**

**Technical assistance is too focused on doing rather than building**

**Principle 7: Joint assessment of the implementation.**

**Agreed M&E framework but lack of baseline data**

**M&E framework was being developed in 2009**



# Structuring health systems for better service

- Solutions are context-specific
- Government and donor roles (Paris Declaration)
- HSS, NCDs and vertical programs (integrated service delivery)
- Supply-side interventions
  - Provision of services (quality of care)
  - Level of resources (5% of GDP)
  - Mixed public-private service delivery
  - Decentralisation/contracting
- Demand-side interventions
  - OOP payments < 30% of health spending
  - Access to services (overcoming barriers/geography/poverty)
  - Financial protection and UHC (inappropriateness of SHI)



## HSS structures in the Pacific

- The partnership between governments and donors
  - and the role of governance
- Vertical vs horizontal approaches
  - the allocation of resources
- Decentralisation with budget support
  - coverage of the population
- Primary health care delivery
  - and the challenge of tertiary care
- Universal Health Coverage
  - and effective government leadership



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