

improvements in real income would in all likelihood slowly gain impact on the demand for medical care, providing basis for the private health service units to grow. The long-term (1996 to 2000) is seen as the period when the market is growing fastest at an estimated annual rate of 5 %.

Within these timeframes, the market will remain to be heavily dependent on imported items. Such dependence is expected to remain concentrated on equipment and instruments throughout the projection period. Local capabilities to manufacture medical supplies and furniture are likely to gain ground over time, especially on items where the capital and technological requirements are relatively low.