

	Strengths	Weaknesses
Internal	<p>Strengths are elements of the private health sector that work well and increase access to essential health services.</p> <p>Examples include demonstrated organization of the private sector, exemplified by the existence of a professional association.</p> <p>Recommendations should build on the existing strengths of the private health sector.</p>	<p>Weaknesses are aspects of the private health sector that impede the ability of this sector to contribute to health needs.</p> <p>Examples include poorly trained practitioners and insufficient reporting of communicable diseases.</p> <p>Recommendations should suggest solutions to identified weaknesses.</p>
	Opportunities	Threats
External	<p>Opportunities are conditions external to the private health sector that can lead to the achievement of health objectives.</p> <p>Examples include favorable views of the private health sector among public sector officials.</p> <p>These factors should inform recommendations or planned interventions.</p>	<p>Threats are external factors/conditions that can hinder private sector contributions to health.</p> <p>Examples include restrictive regulations on private practice and high import taxes on medicines and medical products.</p> <p>Recommendations should address ways to overcome these threats/conditions.</p>