



PHARMACY ECOSYSTEM PROFILING IN LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES

◆ Profiling of pharmacies and other players
supporting pharmacies – 2023



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OBJECTIVES, SCOPE & CONTENT OVERVIEW



OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE

VISION	Improve access to diagnostics by engaging with and optimizing the private sector as a key distribution channel
OBJECTIVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of different partner types and their profiles • Build a database of potential partners • Establish criteria for comparing partners
FOCUS	<p>TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacy players <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brick and mortar pharmacy chains • Online pharmacy • Hybrid pharmacy • Pharmacy associated players <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacy networks • Pharmacy support service organizations • Healthcare service delivery organizations <div>           </div> <div> Brazil Colombia India Indonesia Kenya Nigeria The Philippines Peru South Africa Viet Nam </div>

AVAILABLE INFORMATION



A deck per country summarizing :

- Key information on healthcare context and private sector
- Assessment of major pharmacies and pharmacies' partners using FIND's typology and framework



			e.g., public health facilities, private clinics, pharmacies	(Year)
Basic Information				
ID	Country Name	Organization Name	Client Target	Years in operation
2	Kenya	mPharma	Pharmacies	9
3	Kenya	Maisha Meds	Private health facilities Pharmacies	5
4	Kenya	MedSource	Private health facilities	5
5	Kenya	WEMSA	Public health facilities	17
<div> Pharmacy Pharmacy-associated Data Sources and Methodology Regulatory Geo-location Exchange Rate </div>				

A long list of major pharmacies and pharmacies' partner

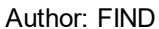
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TYPOLGY





DEFINING PHARMACEUTICAL DISTRIBUTION BUSINESS PLAYERS

Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Distribution Players

Wholesalers & Distributors (B2B)

They are supply chain actors who deal in supplying **products** to retailers, pharmacies, chemists, hospitals, institutions, dispensaries medical, education and research institutions or related dealers².

Target pharmacies and other healthcare facilities, providing **B2B** sourcing, distribution & merchandizing services



Pharmacy (B2C Retailers)

Pharmacy means a drug store in which drugs and medicines are exposed for sale and **sold at retail**, or in which prescriptions of licensed physicians and surgeons, dentists, prescribing psychologists, or veterinarians are compounded and sold by a registered pharmacist². They work on a retail basis.³

Known as **Chemists, Druggists, Drug Stores, or Pharmacies**

Pharmacies and Drug Stores targeting patients and/or health care seekers with¹:

- Minor health concerns
- Medications/other health products demand
- Diagnostic testing demand
- Vaccination demand



Pharmacy Business Support Players

B2B Pharmacy Associated Businesses

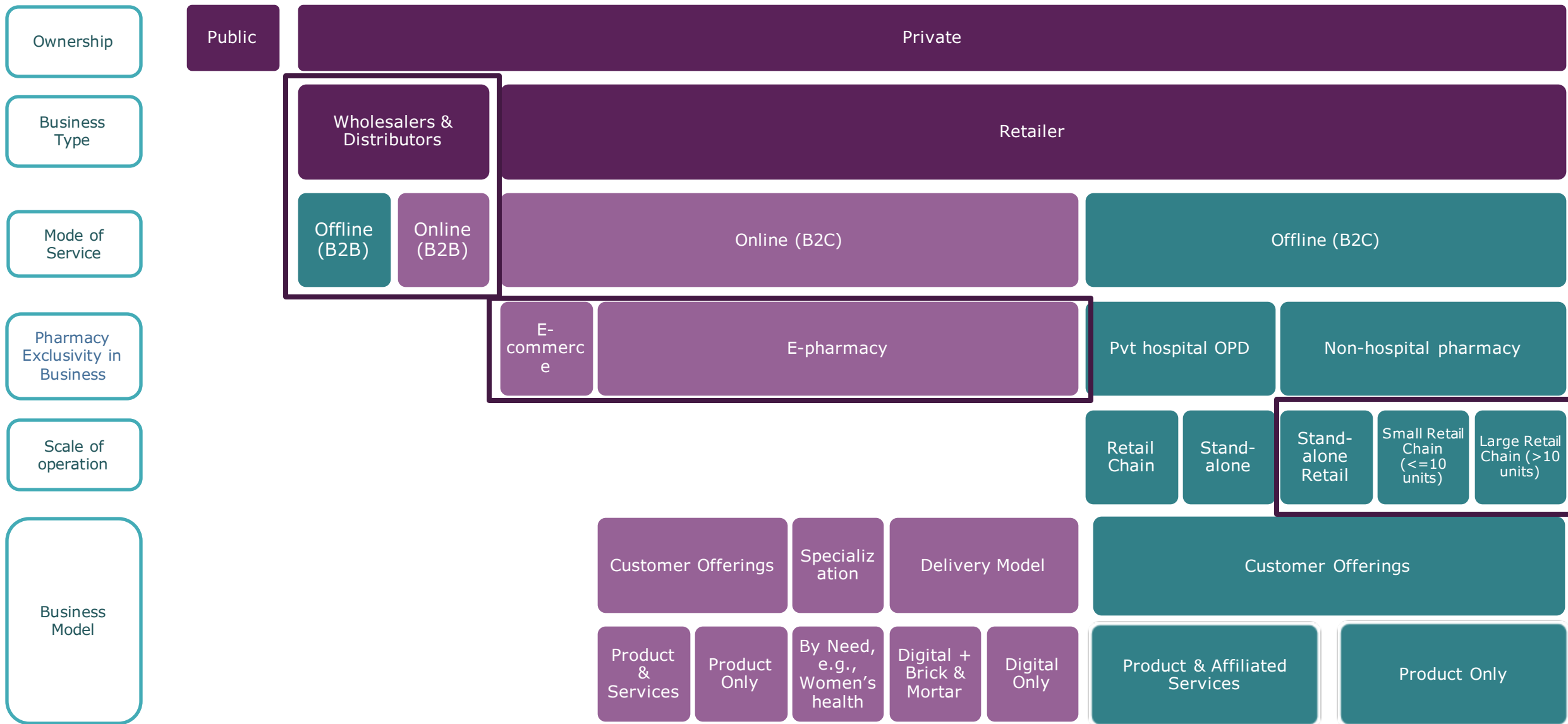
Business targeting Pharmacies and Healthcare Facilities (B2B)

Providing online and/or offline **services** related to:

- Credit & Financing
- B2B Delivery of Products
- Training and education
- Consultation
- Networks
- Sourcing and merchandizing

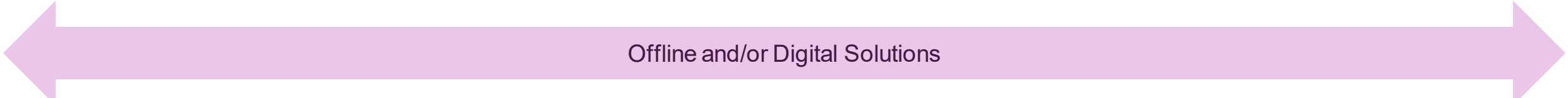
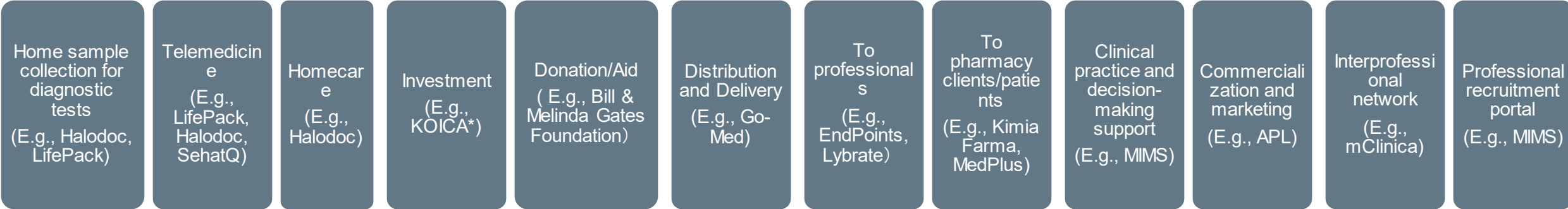
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FIND'S TYPOLOGY OF PHARMACEUTICAL DISTRIBUTION PLAYERS



FIND'S TYPOLOGY OF PLAYERS THAT SUPPORT PHARMACIES

Players that serve Pharmacies



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ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK



SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS TO PROFILE POTENTIAL PARTNERS



Business Need Served

- Pharmacy product selling
- Distribution & Delivery
- Financing & Credit
- Sales
- Supply Chain
- Knowledge and Education
- Others



Target Client(s)

- Pharmacy clients or patients
- Pharmacy (in case of a pharmacy business support partner)
- Medical professionals or health institutions
- Pharma/Diagnostics/ Medical Device companies



Scale of Impact

- Pharmacy: Market share, Number of stores, geographic coverage (local and/or cross-country)
- Others: # of registered users/ professionals, geographic coverage

How Are We Profiling Potential Partners?



Mode of Services

- Online/ digital
- Offline, in-person
 - Within institution
 - Home service
- Hybrid



Product Offerings

- Diagnostics and other medical devices
- Medications (OTC and/or prescription medications)
- Targeted Products by gender, disease, etc.
- Nutrition & Supplements
- Personal care products
- Others



Service Offerings

- On-site diagnostic testing
- Home collection for diagnostic tests
- Consultation (Online and/or in-institution)
- Home delivery of products
- Others



Experience

- Existing/past experiences in diagnostics and/or pharmacy segments
- Years of experience/operation
- Existing/past project with NGOs for health access improvement

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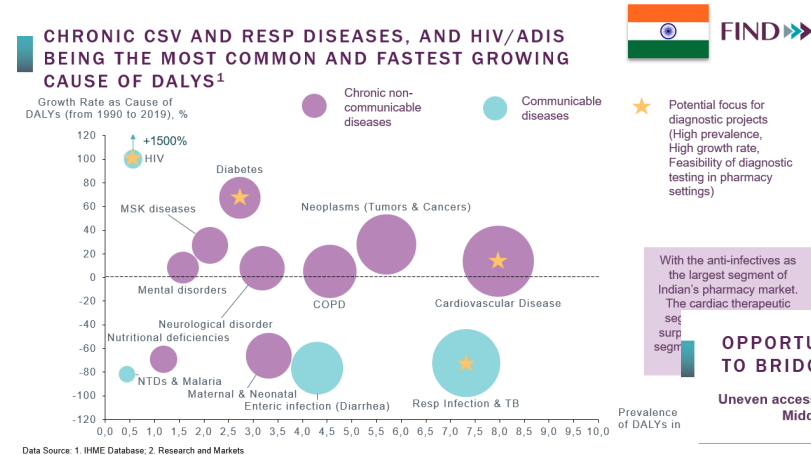
COUNTRY PARTNER PROFILING: INDIA



INDIA'S HEALTHCARE CONTEXT AND PRIVATE SECTOR AT A GLANCE

Analysis include:

- Health expenditure
- Disease prevalence
- Access gap
- Private sector's importance for the healthcare system
- Pharmacy industry in a glance



OPPORTUNITY FOR PHARMACIES AND E-PHARMACIES TO BRIDGE ACCESS GAPS

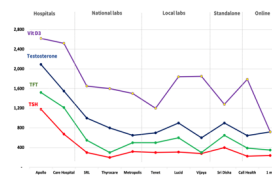
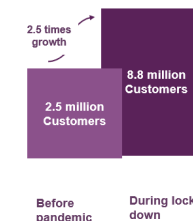
Uneven access to "Missing Middle"

COVID-19 lock-down has boosted digital pharmacy services²

Online pharmacies as the cheapest source for diagnostic tests purchase³.

~560 million "Missing Middle" who are too rich to be covered by government health insurance and too poor to buy private insurance¹

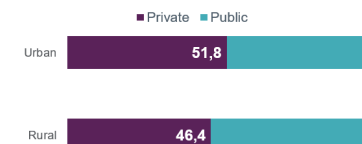
The missing middle constitutes of 60-80% self-employed in rural areas, and a broad array of occupations – informal, semi-formal, and formal – in urban areas⁵.



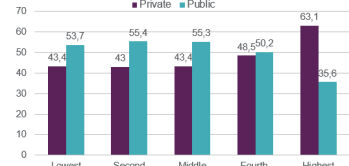
→ Digital pharmacies, as the most affordable resort, has the potential to address the gap of the access to medications and tests in India⁴

SOURCES OF CARE SEEKING: GOING WHERE THE PATIENT GOES MAJORITY INDIANS PREFER TO GO TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Nearly 48% of Indian households will seek care in the private sector when they get sick



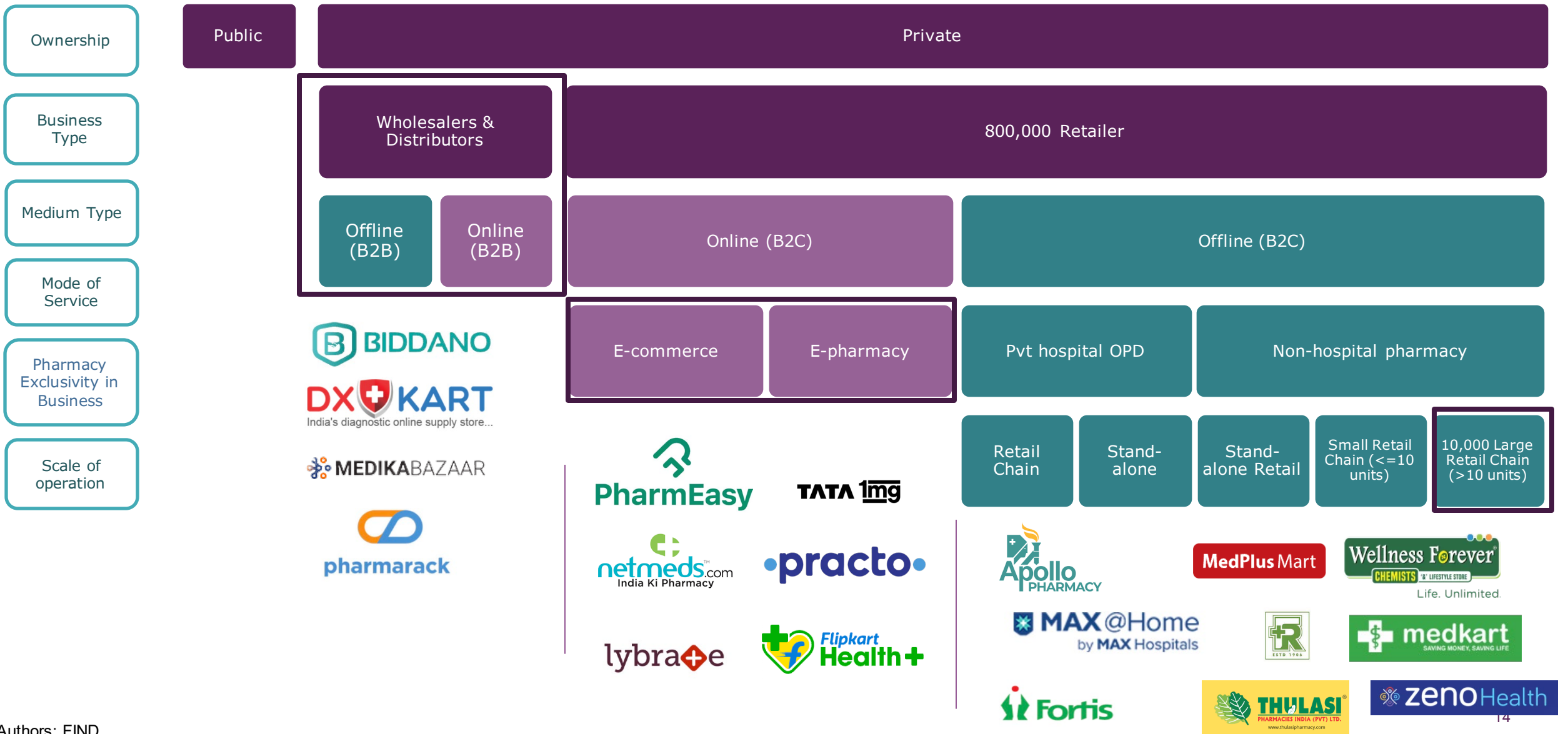
A significant proportion of all income groups seek care in the private sector



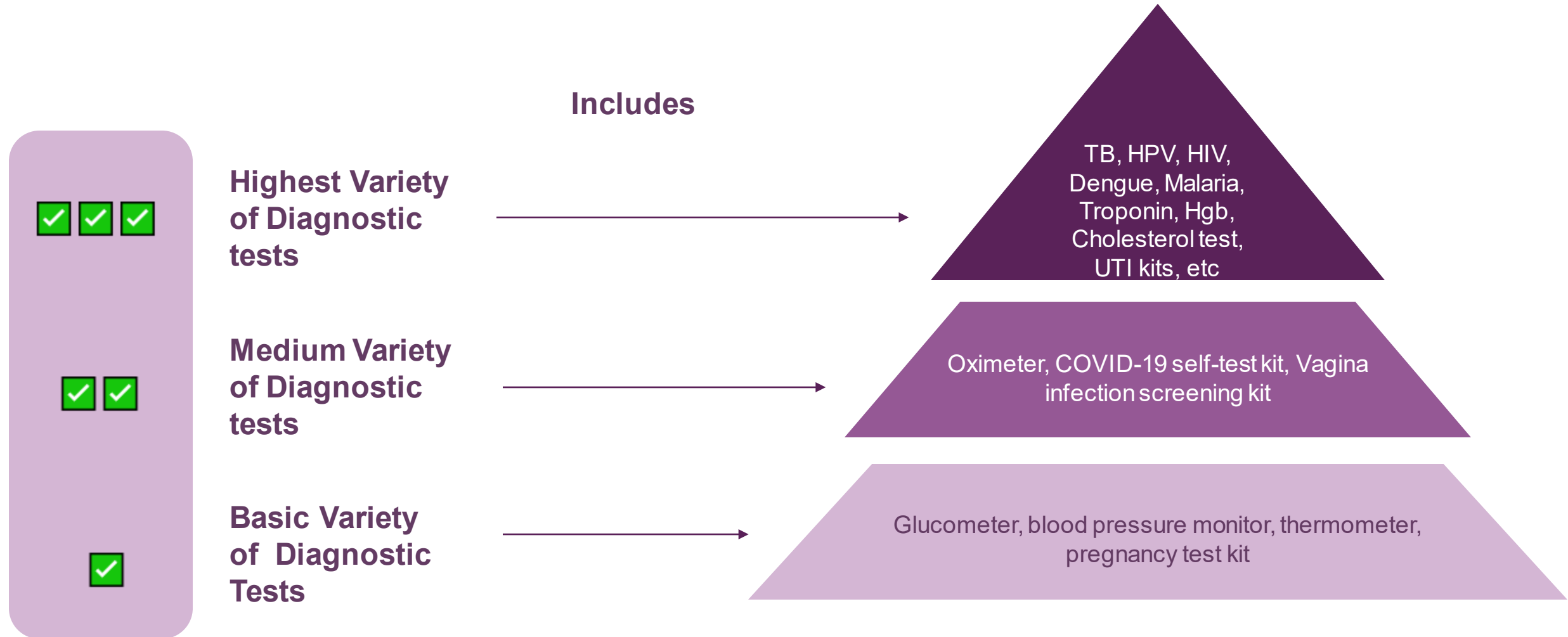
49.9% of households do not generally use a govt health because....



TYPOLOGY OF PHARMACEUTICAL DISTRIBUTION PLAYERS



LEGEND FOR VARIETY OF DIAGNOSTIC PRODUCTS



HYBRID PHARMACY PLAYERS ASSESSMENT




















Name	Scale of Business	OTC diagnostic products ⁷	In-store diagnostic testing	Home sample collection for diagnostics	Years of experience	News and Future Outlook ⁶
Apollo	5000+ outlets 1000 cities	✓✓✓	✓	✓	35 years	Targeting 10k outlets in India ¹ ; Have previous connection with FIND
Max @ Home	17 outlets 9 cities	Unknown	✓	✓	5 years	
Fortis	36 outlets 10 cities	✓	✓		26 years	Targeting medical tourism market ²
MedPlus Kart	1500+ outlets 300 cities	✓✓✓	✓	✓	16 years	
Wellness Forever	350+ outlets 23 cities	✓✓✓	Unknown		14 years	Deferred its IPO due to profit loss in 2021 ³
Frank Ross	200+ outlets 4 states (West Bengal, Odhisha, Karnataka and Gujarat)	✓✓✓	Unknown	✓	116 years	
Thulasi	69 outlets	✓	✓		21 years	Targeting supply chain building and delivery capacity improvement ⁴
MedKart	100+ outlets	✓✓	✓	✓	8 years	
Zeno Health	100 outlets	Unknown	✓		5 years	Targeting 100k outlets in India ⁵

Data Source: 1. The Hindu Business Line; 2. Laing Business on News; 3. Deccan Herald; 4. The Hindu Business Line; 5. Business Standard

Note: 6. requires more detailed information from primary research with specific players

DIGITAL PHARMACY PLAYERS ASSESSMENT

Less Desirable  More Desirable

Name	Scale of Business	OTC diagnostic products	Home sample collection for diagnostics	Years of experience	News and Future Outlook
PharmEasy (MedLife) ⁵	90k partners 2500+ cities	 		16 years	Deferred IPO due to valuation mismatch and market volatility ¹ ; May have large scale lay-off for cost saving ²
Tata 1mg	600+ partners 1000 cities	  		7 years	Expanding the catalogue of tests; Open for collaboration ³
NetMeds	670+ cities	 		7 years	
Practo	70k partners 200+ cities	 		14 years	
Lybrate	4 cities			9 years	
Flipkart Health+	500+ partners 200k pin codes	 		9 years	Targeting pan-india expansion ⁴

TYPOLOGY OF PLAYERS THAT SUPPORT PHARMACIES

Players that serve Pharmacies

Integrated Platforms for Patient Healthcare Services Delivery that partner with pharmacies



Credit and Financial Support



Delivery Logistics



Knowledge and Education

Consultancy and Marketing Services to Pharmacies



Professional Network

Offline and/or Digital Solutions

B2B WHOLESALERS AND PHARMACY BUSINESS SUPPORT PARTNERS ASSESSMENT

Less Desirable  More Desirable

Name	Scale of Business	Business Focus	B2B Diagnostic tests supply	B2B diagnostic delivery	Years of experience
Practo-Ray	10k health partners/customers	B2B Digital solution			13 years
Biddano	15k pharmacy partners/customers	B2B Wholesalers	✓	✓	6 years
Medika Bazaar	1000+ towns	B2B Digital solution and B2B Wholesalers	✓✓✓	✓	7 years
DxKart	1000+ cities	Diagnostic B2B Wholesalers	✓✓✓	✓	9 years
Pharmarack	200k pharmacy partners/customers	B2B Digital solution and B2B Wholesalers	✓	✓	7 years



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