

**S5 Table. Barriers to equitable kidney failure care and KRT for children.**

Factor	Theme	Quotations
Healthcare funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Healthcare expenditure</li> <li>Government funding</li> <li>Out-of-pocket expenses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children are completely covered by the state (Armenia, Uzbekistan)</li> <li>Social security for children; funds from organizations (Guatemala)</li> <li>High cost of KF care (Nigeria)</li> <li>Most privately owned dialysis centers don't accept children (Turkey)</li> <li>All children &lt;18 years are paid for by the state (Costa Rica)</li> <li>Jamaica Kids Foundation provides subsidized care (Jamaica)</li> <li>High out-of-pocket expenses for children (Papua New Guinea)</li> </ul>
Lack of pediatric-specific resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pediatric nephrologists</li> <li>Pediatric nephrology care/program</li> <li>Pediatric specific equipment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are no pediatric nephrologists; children are not taken care of like adults due to a lack of skill (Burundi)</li> <li>No pediatric nephrologist, children are followed in adult clinics along with a pediatrician (St Vincent Le Grenadines)</li> <li>Little or no existence of pediatric nephrology (Fiji)</li> <li>Pediatric nephrology is less developed than adult nephrology (Congo)</li> <li>Most dialysis units don't have consumables for pediatric patients (Ethiopia)</li> <li>Peritoneal dialysis is not available due to lack of supplies (Malawi)</li> <li>PD consumables have to be imported (Madagascar)</li> <li>No medical center that performs transplants in children (Uzbekistan)</li> <li>No hemodialysis for children (Malawi)</li> <li>KRT is not available for children (Cape Verde)</li> <li>Limited resources for children (Iraq)</li> <li>Dialysis facilities are available for children &gt;12 years (El Salvador)</li> <li>Priority for children in the deceased donor list (Hong Kong)</li> </ul>
Access to KRT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distance to care</li> <li>Centralized services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only one children's hospital in the country (El Salvador)</li> <li>Kidney failure care for children is available only in two teaching hospitals in the country, where all children are referred (Ghana)</li> <li>KRT is offered only at tertiary centers (Mexico)</li> <li>Children from native populations or rural areas cannot access care (Peru)</li> <li>Difficult transport access from remote areas (Myanmar)</li> <li>Children who need KRT must go abroad (Aruba)</li> <li>Caregiver burden, absence from work to travel (Colombia)</li> </ul>

Abbreviations: KRT – kidney replacement therapy; KF – kidney failure; PD – peritoneal dialysis