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Priority Setting and Scarce Resources: Case of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

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The priority setting within the context of scarce resources in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BH) can be divided into priorities within the health care services provision and priorities within the reconstruction process. Facing the resource scarcity, the Federation of BH has chosen to increase health insurance contribution rate to establish cost-sharing arrangements (co-payments) and priority setting to ration access to certain services funded by the compulsory health insurance ("basic package" of the health care services). Reconstruction process of the health care facilities is conducted on the federal level through the effective managerial infrastructure ("project implementation units"). This study reports on the consequences of the war in BH as a peculiar context of the overall reform objectives and priority setting.

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