AMIPS project: Flowchart for screening of search results

Step 1: Does the study focus on Drug/Medicines pricing?

- Drug/Medicine pricing policy?
- Reference pricing?
- Pharmaceuticals / drugs / prescriptions cost / purchase?
- Affordability / fees / rebate / tariffs / incentives / payment?
- Benchmarking /expenditure / subsidy /procurement?

NO (other policies, not drug/medicine pricing) → Wrong topic - **EXCLUDE** Label: not medicines pricing policy

YES ↓

Step 2: Does study focus on Policy Implementation?

- Policy / strategy / plan / Guideline
- Implementation approach / Process?
- Facilitators / Barriers / Factors / Determinants / context?

NO (agenda-setting or policy development) → Wrong topic - **EXCLUDE** Label: not implementation

YES ↓

Step 4: Does the study focus on a Country in sub-Saharan Africa?

- See list of countries in SSA

SSA countries

Angola	Madagascar
Benin	Malawi
Botswana	Mali
Burkina Faso	Mauritania
Burundi	Mauritius
Cameroon	Mozambique
Cape Verde	Namibia
Central African	Niger
Republic	Nigeria
Chad	Rwanda
Comoros	Sao Tome and Principe
Congo	Senegal
Cote d'Ivoire	Seychelles
Djibouti	Sierra Leone
Equatorial	Somalia
Guinea	South Africa
Ethiopia	Sudan
Gabon	Swaziland
The Gambia	Tanzania
Ghana	Togo
Guinea	Uganda
Guinea-Bissau	Zaire
Kenya	Zambia
Lesotho	Zimbabwe
Liberia	

NO → Wrong setting **EXCLUDE** Label: not SSA

YES ↓

Step 5: Was the study conducted within MDGs?

- Study conducted since 1998?
- Published since 2000?

NO → Wrong period – **EXCLUDE** Label: before MDGs

YES ↓

Step 6: Is this empirical study or systematic review?

- RCT, quasi-experimental, cohort, cross-sectional?

NO (e.g., opinion or conceptual) → Wrong study type – **EXCLUDE** Label: wrong study type

UNSURE → **TO BE DECIDED**

YES ↓

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