

Enhancing Environmental Sustainability of Healthcare Facilities: Challenges & Opportunities

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- Any Sustainable Healthcare System must be friendly with the local environment within which it exists,
- Healthcare Buildings have large impact on environment. The impact is generated from two sources:
 - Energy Consumed, and
 - Waste Generated.
- In order to protect Environment, Healthcare Facilities must have an efficient Management and Operation Strategies of these sources.



- As a complementary to earlier works, this research identified a third source of Healthcare Buildings large impact on environment that is :
 - Water Consumption.
- Availability of adequate water for different healthcare applications, especially in countries with limited fresh water resources like Bahrain, is a real environmental challenge needs to be addressed,
- It also identified a group of environmental / occupational challenges that can expose personnel and environment to high risks such as X-Rays leaks, Radioactive materials radiations, harmful Chemicals spells.

Healthcare Dynamic Problems



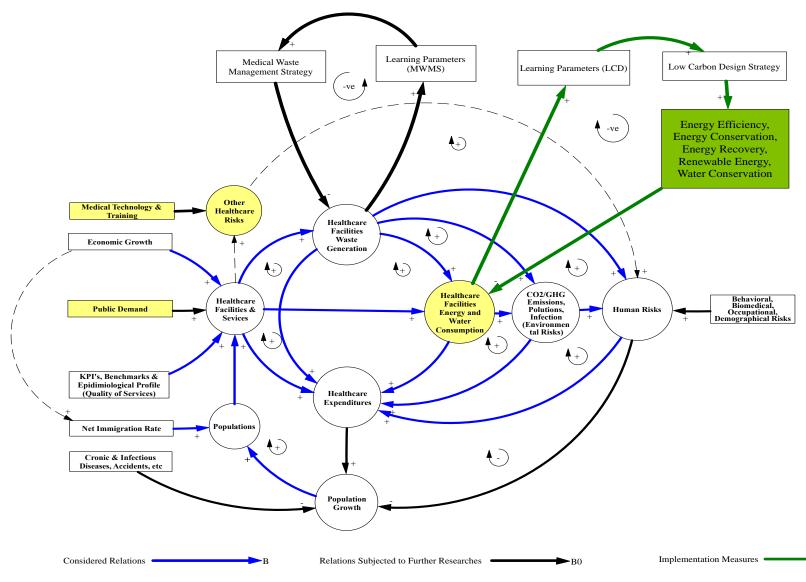
- As population grows, the need for new Healthcare Facilities grows.
- As Healthcare Facilities grow, the environmental challenges (energy consumption, water consumption, waste generation, and CO2 emissions) grow.
- As environmental challenges grow, diseases and health risks grow.
- As diseases and health risks lead to death, it reduces population growth.

- As population grows, the need for new Healthcare Facilities grows.
- As Healthcare Facilities grow, the healthcare expenditures grow. Utilities cost contributes to the expenditures.
- As diseases and health risks grow, healthcare expenditures grow.
- As healthcare expenditures improve quality of life, it can contribute to population growth.

Sustainable Healthcare Casual Loop Diagram

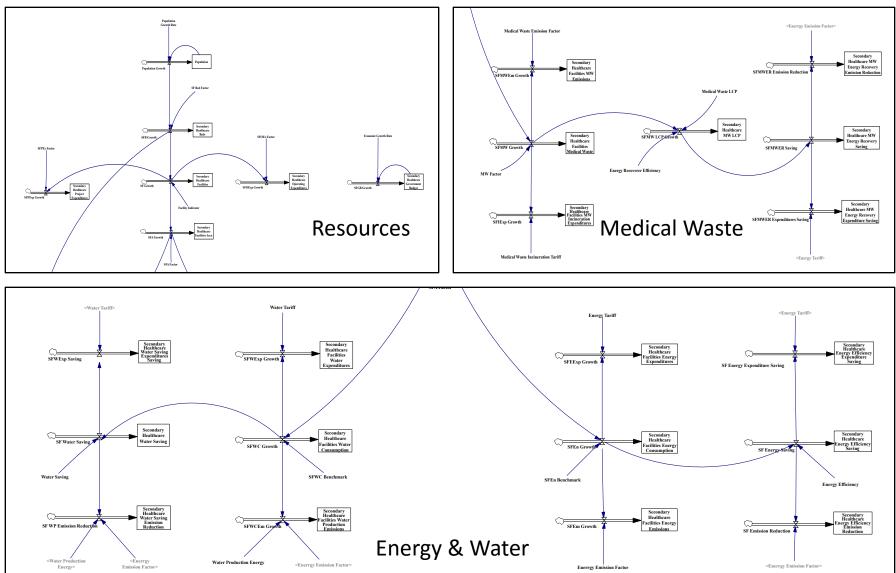
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Sustainable Healthcare SD Model

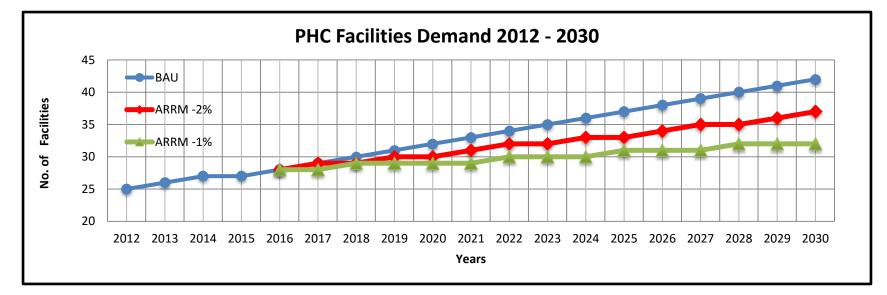


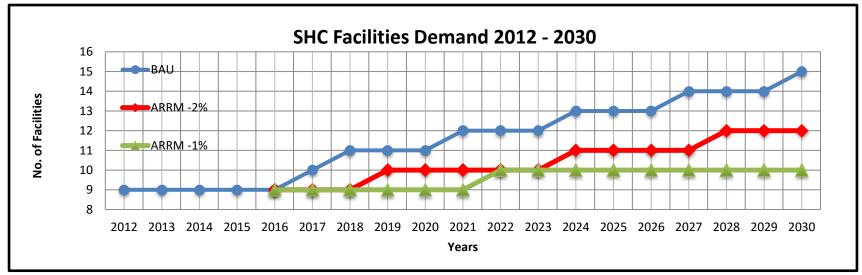




- Business As Usual (BAU)
 - 3% Population Growth Scenario
- Administrative Rules & Regulation Management (ARRM)
 - 2% Population Growth Scenario
 - 1% Population Growth Scenario
- Technical Progress (TP)
- Time Management (TM)
- Combined Policies

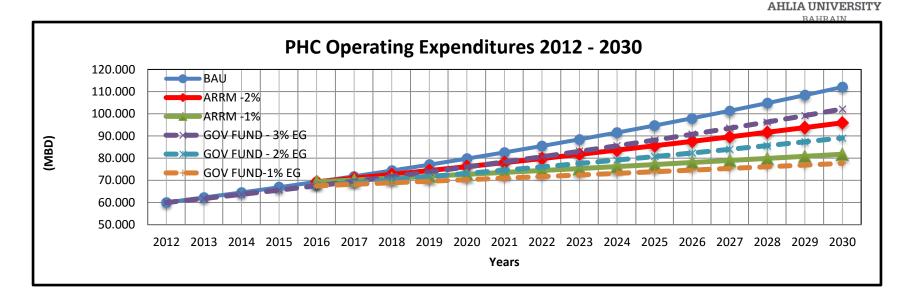
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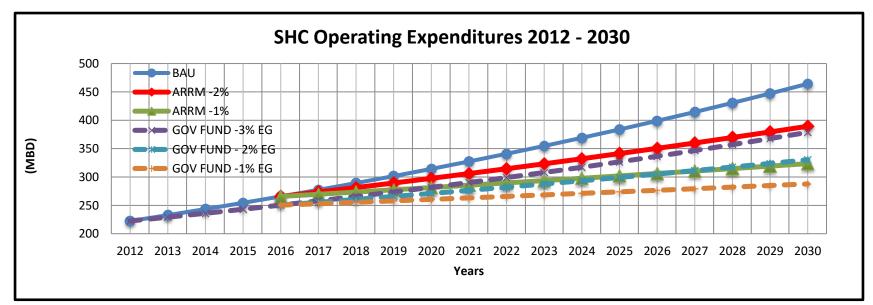




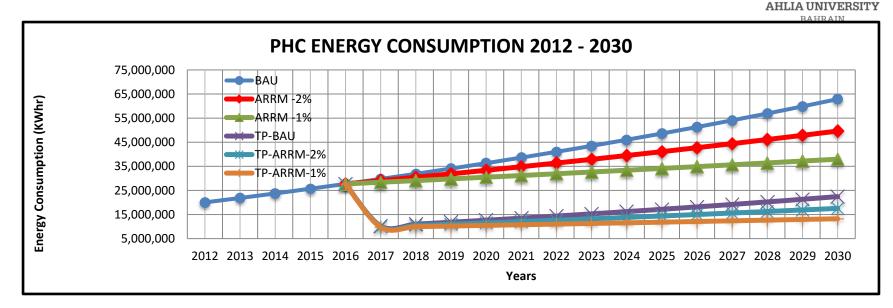
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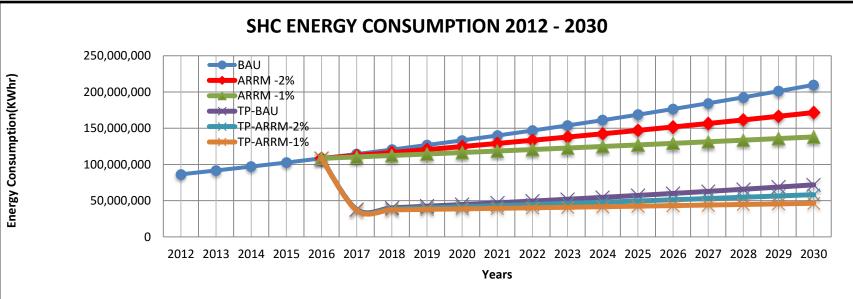
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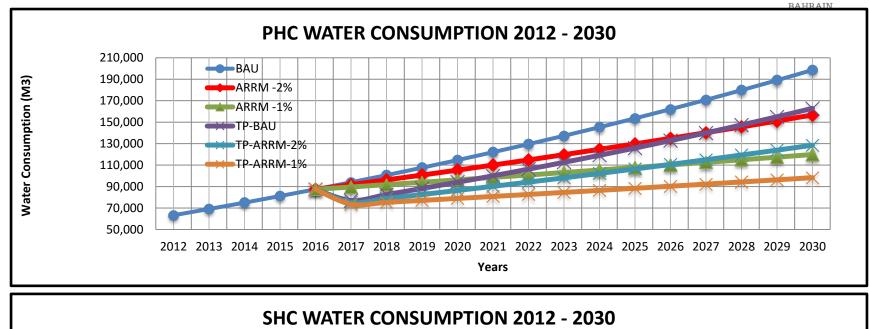


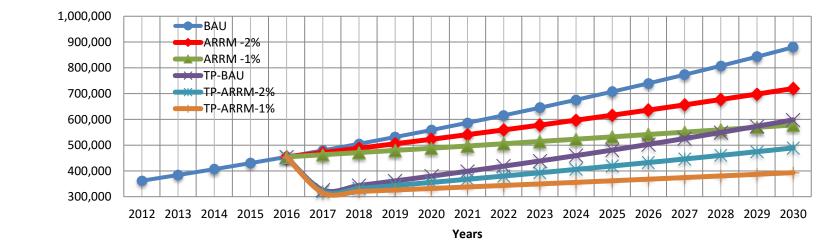
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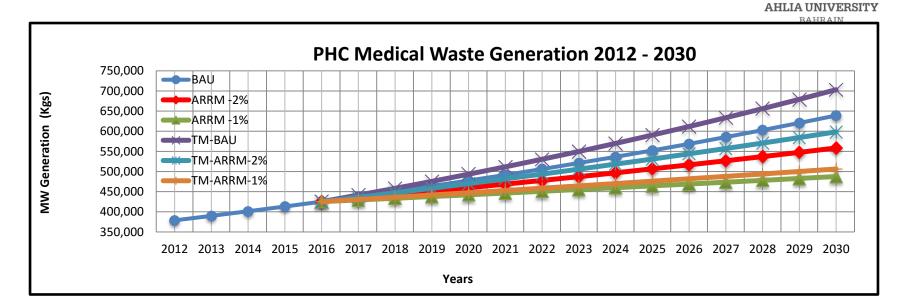
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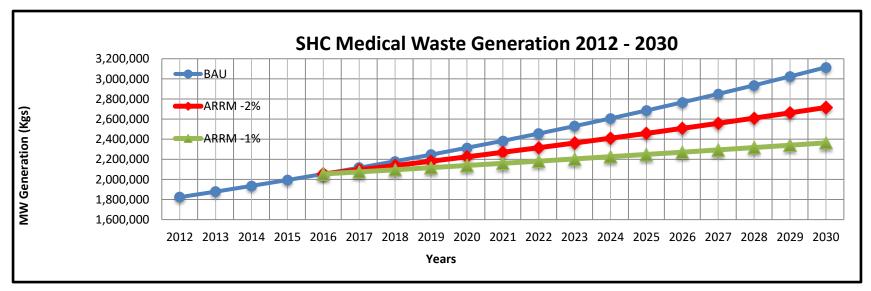




Water Consumption (M3)

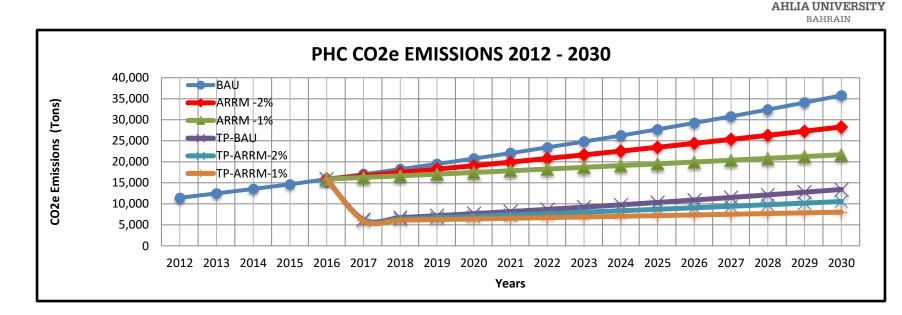
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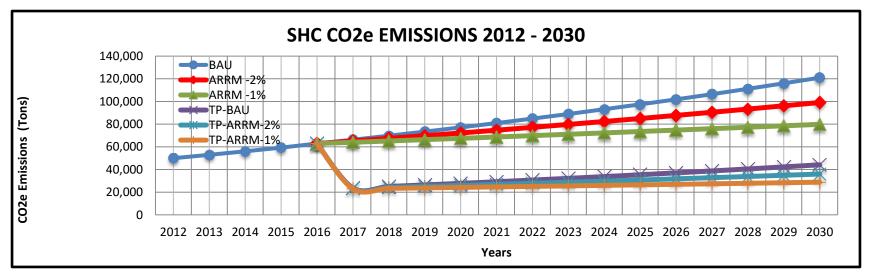




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- SD Model shows high potential of energy saving in Healthcare Buildings by deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies.
- The cost of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies represent a barrier for wide-scale applications. Special funds and incentives are required to motivate the investment in this field.
- The lack of expertise in energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies represent another barrier for wide-scale applications. Scientific collaborations with expert institutions is necessary to enforce local expertise.

- Special funding and transfer of technologies agreements with some leading firms such as UN, Gov. and Non-Government Organizations are needed.
- Safe recycling of waste water (Gray Water) of some Healthcare processes is highly recommended to reduce water consumption.
- Energy recovery from Medical Waste is highly recommended to offset CO2e emissions.



Sustainable Healthcare SD Model



 Is the proposed SD Model Dynamic enough to handle new scenarios such as :

What is the effect of changing Medical Fees for expatriates on Healthcare Facilities?



This came after a resolution passed by Faeqa bint Saeed Al Saleh, Minister of Health was published in Official Gazette and

the decision stipulates that the non- Bahrainis are obliged to pay BD7 for general medical consultancy and dental consultancy.

It also mentioned that non-Bahrainis will have to purchase their medicines from private pharmacies.

However, it was also added that expats who work in the public sector and their dependents will be excluded from the new price hike.



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