

Options	Advantages	Disadvantages
New equipment from a big manufacturer	Good quality Access to service, spare parts and consumables	Expensive to purchase Difficult and expensive to maintain/repair More functionality
Second-hand or manufacturer refurbished equipment from a big manufacturer	Less complicated to use than new equipment Good price/quality May come with a guarantee for availability of spare parts and consumables	Not as desirable as new equipment – recipients may want the 'gold standard'
Equipment produced for low-resource settings (often star-ups or NGOs)	Appropriate to setting: Both functionally and technically	Unsure if the company will last (availability of spare parts) Not as desirable as new equipment – recipients may want to the 'gold standard'
New equipment of inferior quality (mostly produced in Asia)	Not expensive Fast delivery	No quality guarantees Access to service/spare parts is often limited Short life-time Higher level of break downs