





Global Fund Market Shaping Strategy Pooled Procurement Mechanism (PPM) wambo.org Quality Assurance & PQR

Supply Operations Dpt

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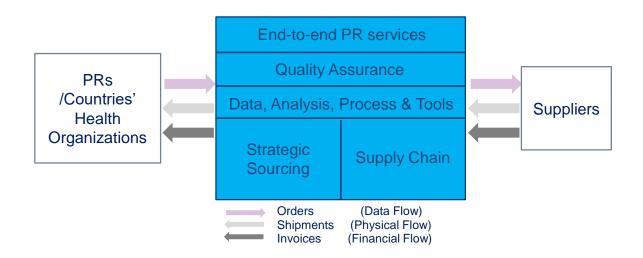
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I. Quick organizational orientation

- Supply Operations Department
- Structure and roles within Supply Operations

New Supply Operations Department

Committed to further enhance interfaces with supply and demand



- · Secure continuity of supply, affordability of product and accelerated new product launch through supplier long term agreements
- Enforce quality standards with PSAs & PR Services
- Develop end-to-end processes & tools to secure product access & compliance

Supply Operations Department – more detailed description of teams

End-to-End PR Services

 Realize all value opportunities (including savings) identified in the sourcing strategies through ensuring efficient and compliant transactions to deliver health products in order to achieve the disease targets in the grants

Strategic Sourcing

 Leverage the Global Fund and others' spend to implement the Market Shaping Strategy to make optimal health products available and affordable for procurement to deliver broad value, including savings

Quality Assurance

- Strengthen pre-qualification and regulatory systems
- · Provide relevant information for eligible products

Data, Analytics, Processes and Tools

- Support end-to-end process integration
- Enforce data standards
- · Enable data analytics

In-country Supply Chain

- 16 in-country supply chain transformations
- Embed critical demand & supply processes with other partners and donors
- Capacity building in-country & deploy relevant public-private partnerships

II. Market Shaping Strategy

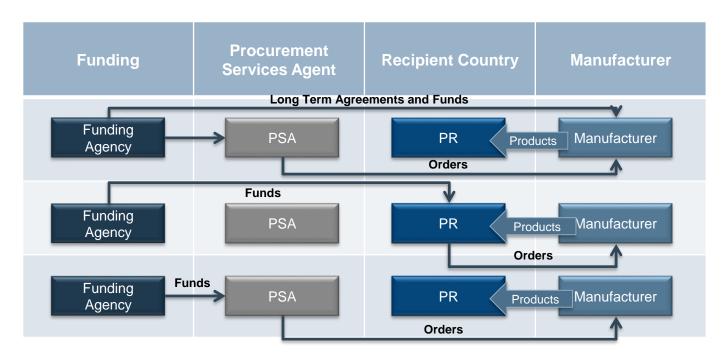
- Linkages with Global Fund strategy
- Objectives, achievements and outlook

GF utilizes a number of procurement channels - with the Pooled Procurement Mechanism (PPM) representing around 55% total GF health product spend (depending on product category)

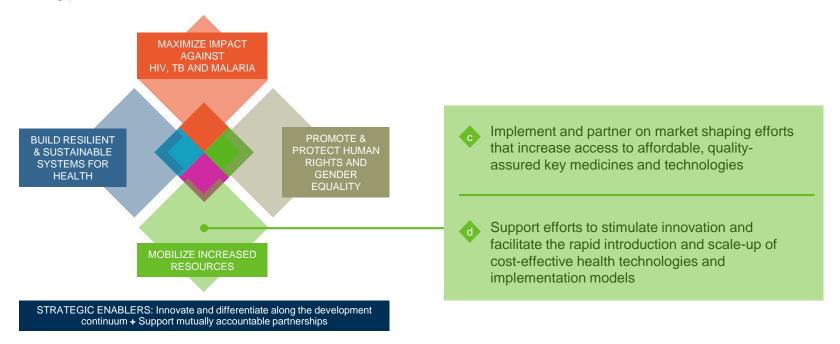
Pooled Procurement Mechanism (PPM)

National Procurement Mechanisms

Other Procurement Agents; Global Drug Facility (TB)



The Sourcing team focuses on two key areas within the new Global Fund Strategy



How does the MSS define 'healthy markets' and key tools?

Healthy markets have six characteristics



There is a **robust pipeline of new products** intended to improve efficacy, reduce cost, or better meet the needs of end users, providers or the supply chain





Demand and adoption



Countries, programs, providers and end users rapidly introduce and adopt the most cost-effective products





Medicines and technologies are available at an internationally-recognized standard of quality

Affordability



Medicines and technologies are offered at the lowest possible price that is sustainable for suppliers and does not impose an unreasonable financial burden on buyers

Delivery



Supply chain systems (including quantification, procurement, storage, and distribution) function effectively to reach end users in a reliable and timely way

Seven key implementation tools are highlighted in the MSS

Price & Quality Public database with transaction-level data on Global Fund-Reporting financed procurements of core health products, after delivery Policies to assure quality of pharmaceutical and diagnostic Quality products financed by the Global Fund Assurance Expert Review Panel to accelerate procurement for products with policies few suppliers Mechanism to pool procurement of health products. Can be **Pooled Procurement** leveraged toward market shaping objectives, reduces grant Mechanism implementation risks Small revolving fund that provides working capital to scale up Revolving fund new products **Guide to Procurement** Legal obligations and best practices that recipients should apply and Supply in procuring Global Fund-financed products **Management Policies Guidance from Health** Country Team members responsible for procurement and supply **Product Management** management topics throughout grant-making and implementation **Specialists** Commissioned by countries with Global Fund financing or Cost-effectiveness centrally via GF's Value for Money special initiative, to inform

country priority-setting and selection of health technologies

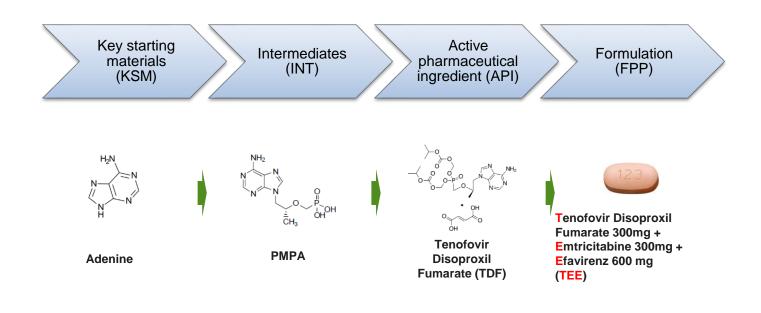
N.B. Strategies related to in-country supply chain and health product delivery were defined in 2015 as outside of the scope of the MSS

Analysis

√ = Operationalized

Focus-in: Upstream supply security

- Example pharmaceuticals – but also for other health products



Increasing GMP requirements

^{*} GMP: Good manufacturing practices (GMP) refer to guidelines laid down by agencies which control authorization and licensing for manufacture and sale of food, drug products, and active pharmaceutical products.

Generating savings and efficiencies through simply removing the bottle carton in a single country

Traditional Packaging



Individual cartons for each bottle.

More paper, higher costs, requires more storage space.

Carton less Packaging



Bottles are packed and shrink wrapped in shippers, together with leaflet pads.

Eliminating unnecessary packaging lowers freight volume and generates freight cost savings.

Freight costs



TLE 400 Carton

Cost reduction of USD 766.500

- USD 569,000 freight reduction
- USD 197,000 product cost reduction

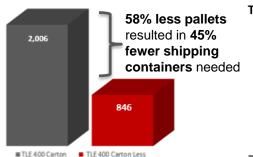


TLE 400 Cartonless

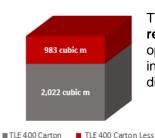
Estimated paper savings: >100 tons

Estimated wood savings: 17 tons

Number of Pallets



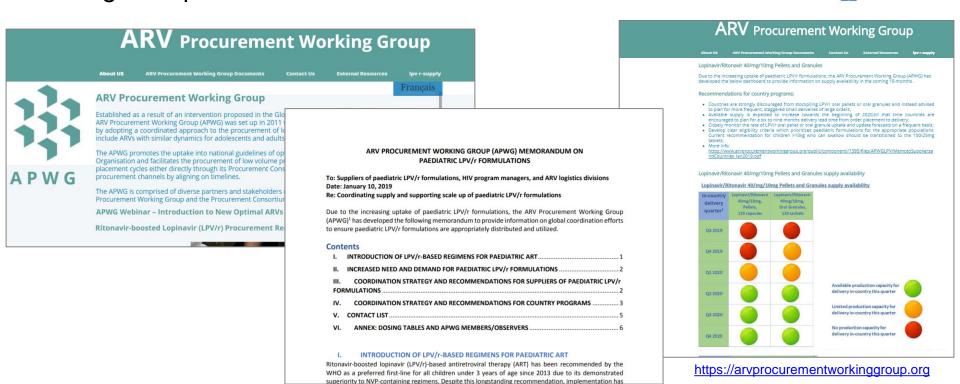
Total Pallet Volume



Total pallet volume reduction by 51% to optimizes storage space in warehouses and distribution centers.

Supporting the adoption & access to new and low volume products: ARV Procurement Working Group





More on Market Shaping and on Sourcing & procurement of health products

- Category information
- Supply & demand information
- Previous RFP documentation
- Reference pricing
- Lead times
- Etc.

https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/sourcing-management/health-products/

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Sourcing & Management of Health Products

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Antiretrovirals

HIV & Malaria Rapid Diagnostic Tests

Long-Lasting Insecticidal Nets

Other Essential Medicines

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Viral Load & Early Infant Diagnosis

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Health Product Procurement

The Global Fund plays a significant role in global markets for health products used in the fight against the three diseases. As a key financier in public health, we are committed to maximizing our investments through achieving affordable, quality assured, timely delivered health and medical products.

83%

IN-COUNTRY ON-TIME-IN-FULL DELIVERIES IN 2018

We regularly update our procurement planning and budgeting guides with indicative lead times for key health products and health technologies, as well as estimated freight, insurance and quality assurance costs:

Category and Product-Level Procurement and Delivery Planning Guide: Indicative Lead
Times.

download in English | Français

 Pooled Procurement Mechanism: Freight, Insurance, Quality Assurance/Quality Control Indicative Reference Costs

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We actively engage in global markets for key medicines and health products used in the fight against the three diseases, and have established long-term framework agreements with suppliers in several product categories. Product category specific information, procurement strategies and past tender documents can be found on each product category page:

- · Antimalarial medicines
- Antiretrovirals
- · HIV and malaria rapid diagnostic tests
- · Long-lasting insecticidal nets
- Other essential medicines
- Viral load and early infant diagnosis
- · Procurement services

With such a significant role to play in the global market for critical health products, we base our procurement strategies for each product category on:

Market intelligence

III. Quality Assurance and PQR



Revised version October 2018

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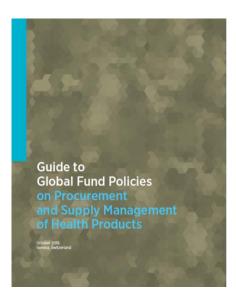
Guide to Global Fund Policies on Procurement and Supply Management of Health Products (the PSM Guide)

- outlines the policies and principles that govern the procurement and supply management of health products financed by the Global Fund.
- describes quality assurance requirements by category of health products according to the Global Fund quality assurance policies.

It is available for download: English | Español | Français

The PSM guide - Highlights of the last revision in October 2018

- Provide clarification on the language regarding TRIPS flexibilities
- Add new Global Fund guidance on the adoption of GS1 Global Data Standards
- Provide clarification on price and quality reporting (PQR) requirements:
- Reflect changes related to vector control (VC) transitioning from the WHO Pesticide Evaluation Scheme (WHOPES) to the WHO Prequalification Mechanism and other alignements with other health products practices
- Improve the reporting mechanism for adverse drug reaction and non-compliance to National Regulatory Authority and the Global Fund Secretariat
- Clarify the definition of a Stringent Regulatory Authority (SRA)
- Require that Principal Recipients designate a Quality Assurance focal point.



GS1 Standard Adoption

Announcement of the Global Fund's adoption of GS1 Global Data standards (GS1 Standards) for product identification, location identification, and product master data and the preparation of an implementation plan by product categories, as described below:

GF is requesting manufacturers to be compliant with GS1 standards for product identification and sharing in a phased manner.

PQR Reporting

- Clarification of the list of laboratory equipment that needs to be reported
 - i. ARVs;
 - ii. anti-malarial pharmaceutical products;
 - iii. anti-TB pharmaceutical products;
 - iv. anti-hepatitis C pharmaceutical products;
 - v. long lasting insecticidal nets or other insecticide treated nets with WHO Policy recommendation
 - vi. insecticides for indoor residual spraying activities;
 - vii. condoms;
- viii. diagnostic tests for HIV, TB, malaria, and co-infections such as syphilis, hepatitis B and hepatitis C; and
- ix Laboratory equipment: for HIV, Hepatitis, TB and Malaria testing.
 - ✓ Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) equipment for HIV Viral Load and HIV early infant diagnostics (EID), Hepatitis and Malaria.
 - √ TB Liquid culture equipment,
 - √ TB molecular and Cartridge based molecular testing,
 - ✓ CD4 and Enzyme-linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) Test equipment.

Note: QA Team manage the creation of core QA Attributes in the system but do not deliver access to PR

Vector Control Products

Add the requirements for vector control (VC) products to be **WHO Prequalified** but maintaining the WHOPES approved products for old products Note: WHO VC listed products can be WHO pregualified or WHO converted products (from WHOPES) Add the **Expert Review Panel (ERP)** pathway for VC products in line with other products Requirements to monitor the quality of Vector control products along the supply chain and to report to the Global Fund = PR advisory guideline to be developed later on Requirements to set up a mechanism to **inform GF of any non-compliance** identified on vector control Requirements for the **compliance to WHO Specifications for the equipment** to be used for vector control activities Requirements to comply with **national requirements** on vector control products (in any) Requirement to comply with **national policy** for vector control (if any)

Stringent Regulatory Authority Definition

□ Clarification of the definition of Stringent Regulatory Authority, in line with the interim WHO definition to consider changes in the institutional membership of ICH which was used in the past

Note: Only for pharmaceuticals

Stringent Pharmaceutical Regulatory Authority (or Stringent Regulatory Authority) means a regulatory authority which is

- A member of the International Conference for Harmonization of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (<u>www.ich.org</u>) being the European Commission, the US Food and Drug Administration and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan also represented by the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (as before 23rd October 2015).
- An ICH observer, being the European Free Trade Association, as represented by Swissmedic, and Health Canada (as before 23rd October 2015); or
- A regulatory authority associated with an ICH member through a legally-binding, mutual recognition agreement, including Australia, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway (as before 23 October 2015).

Post-Marketing surveillance requirements – PR Reporting requirements

- Recipients are required to provide to the Global Fund, or arrange for the provision of the results of quality control tests – Current Statement
 - In case of product non-compliance, Recipients are required to provide the same within five working days to minimize the risk of exposure to the patient New
 - Recipients shall make the necessary arrangements to ensure the Global Fund is authorized to use these results – New
 - In case of serious Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR) Recipients shall provide to the Global Fund, or arrange for the provision of reports relating to those products within five working days to minimize the risk of exposure to the patient.
 - All ADRs related to ERP products should be reported to Global Fund Secretariat.

NOTE: Standard forms will be made available from the 1st December 2019 at https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/sourcing-

QA Focal Point

Requirement for the PR to identify a Quality Assurance Focal Point to support the PR in ensuring that Global Fund Quality Assurance requirements are implemented

- Not a new requirement. The concept is coming from the Guidance on Incountry monitoring of pharmaceutical products in Global Fund supported programs January 2014 which states in section 14. It is recommended that the person appointed by the PR to coordinate quality monitoring activities...
- But put forward in the PSM guide.

Note: QA Induction/refresher training can be organized by Global Fund QA Team for PR QA contact people

Recalling Changes in previous edition (just in case...)

- Recipients should ensure that the relevant norms and standards which are necessary for the adequate implementation of the MQAS are established and implemented
 - Because MQAS provides detailed guidance on the system to be put in place but let some flexibility to the products norms and standards to apply
 - We request PR to have better visibility on the standards applied by procurement agent
 - For now we don't specify the standards as such
- Recipients shall monitor, or shall take measures to ensure adequate monitoring of the quality of condoms throughout the supply chain
- New definitions:
 - Antiretroviral (ARVs)
 - Anti-malarial pharmaceutical products
 - Anti-Tuberculosis pharmaceutical products

Way forward (as suggested by GF QA team)

PR Responsibilities:

- Designate a QA focal point and forward details to CT/HPM
- Review the changes of QA requirements and seek if they are relevant to your activities
- Define the activities which are needed to satisfy the new requirements
- Set a plan describing main activities, responsible person and deadline for completion
- Implement the plan and make it available to CT/HPM upon request
- Forward to CT/HPM if support is need from QA perspective

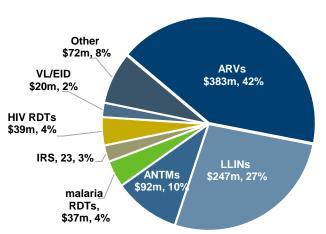
IV. Pooled Procurement Mechanism (PPM)

The Global Fund's Pooled Procurement Mechanism (PPM)

- Established in 2009 (as Voluntary Pool Procurement, VPP), 60 countries with over 150 grants
- Enables the Global Fund Secretariat to aggregate order volumes from participating PRs to leverage market spend
- US\$ 1 billion spend annually (85% on core products)
- Aims to:
 - Secure quality assured products
 - Obtain better value-for-money through best pricing and delivery conditions
 - Reduce lead times for critical health products by engaging with manufacturers using framework contracts
 - Contribute to sustainable markets for core life-saving health products

PPM Spend (only product costs, USD m) and Countries





Acronyms:		RDTs:	Rapid Diagnostic Tests
ARVs:	Antiretroviral medicines	VL/EID:	Viral Load/Early infant
ANTMs:	Antimalarial medicines		diagnosis
IRS:	Indoor Residual Spraying	Other:	General lab equipment & supplies,
LLINs:	Long-Lasting Insecticidal Nets		essential medicines, condoms, and
			other diagnostics

- ⇒ "Core products" represent +/- 85% of procurement value
- ⇒ PPM spend is approximately 55% of the total Global Fund health product spend

High Impact

High Impact Africa 1

- Burkina Faso
- · Congo (Dem. Republic)
- · Côte d'Ivoire
- Ghana
- Mali
- Nigeria

High Impact Africa 2

- Ethiopia
- · Mozambique
- · Tanzania (United Republic)
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zanzibar
- Zimbabwe

High Impact Asia

- Bangladesh
- Indonesia
- Myanmar
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Thailand
- Viet Nam

Asia - Europe - Lat. America - Caribbean

E. Europe and Central Asia

- Armenia
- Belarus
- Georgia
- Ukraine
- Uzbekistan

Latin America and Caribbean

- · Dominican Republic
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Jamaica
- Nicaragua

South East Asia

- Bhutan
- Lao (PDR)
- Mongolia
- Nepal
- · Papua New Guinea
- Solomon Islands
- Sri Lanka
- · Timor-Leste

Africa and Middle East

Central Africa

- Benin
- Cabo Verde
- Cameroon
- · Central African Republic
- Chad
- Congo
- Togo

Middle East and North Africa

- Eritrea
- Mauritania

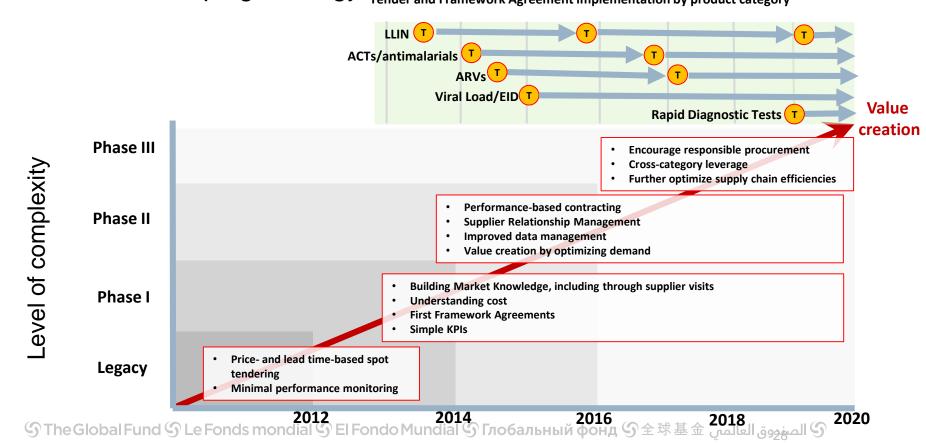
Southern Africa

- Angola
- Comoros
- Eswatini
- Lesotho
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Namibia

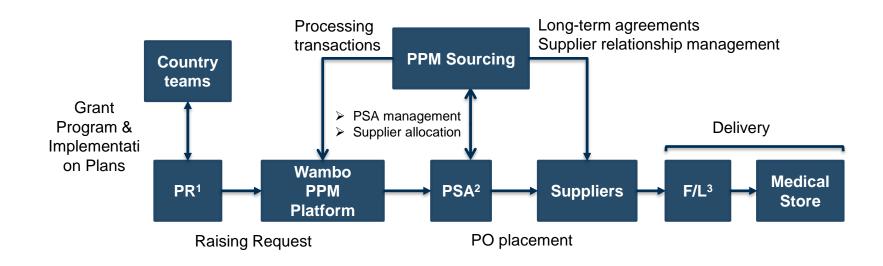
Western Africa

- Gambia
- Guinea
- Liberia
- Niger
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone

Implementation of PPM has evolved over time to better deliver on the Market Shaping Strategy Tender and Framework Agreement implementation by product category



Pooled Procurement Mechanism (PPM) Process Flow

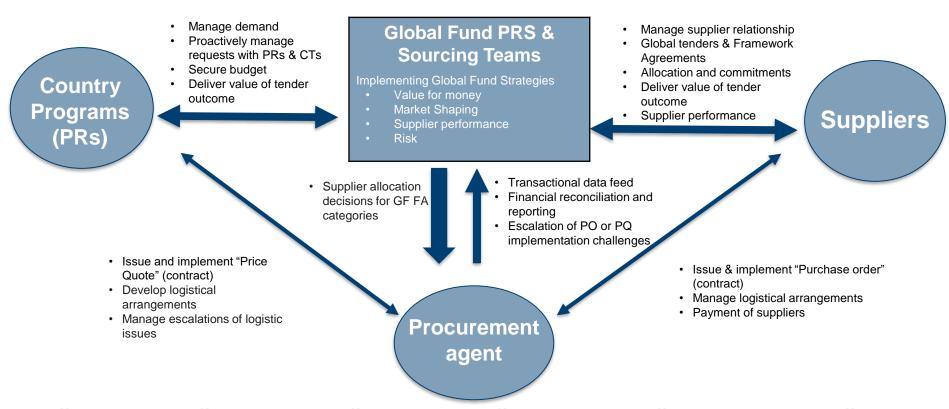


^{1.} Principal Recipients

^{2.} Procurment Services Agent

^{3.} Freight Logistics

Relationships



Good practices and opportunities

- Adoption of product innovation and avoidance of waste
 - Cartonless ARVs
 - LLINs packed in bulk
 - Rifapentine
 - ACTs: high-strength tablets...
 - Etc.
- Clear segregation of PPM costs from in-country costs in detailed budget, to allow easier determination of savings
- Earlier ordering to allow for more consolidation of shipments and sea delivery
- Staggering of deliveries to reduce in-country logistics costs and expiry risks

Resources on the Pooled Procurement Mechanism

- Operational Policy Note and Operational Procedures on PPM
 - See Operational Policy Manual

(https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/3266/core_operationalpolicy_manual_en.pdf)

- Reference prices/costs:
 - ARVs
 - HIV RDTs
 - HIV Viral Load and EID
 - Antimalarial medicines
 - LLINs
 - Malaria RDTs
 - PSA fees

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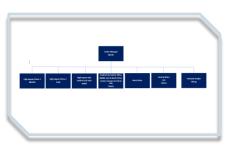
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- Indicative other PSM reference costs (https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/8985/ppm_freightinsurancequalityreferencecosts_list_en.pdf)

- Lead time planning tool
 - (https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/4754/psm_categoryproductlevelprocurementdeliveryplanning_guide_en.pdf)
- Procurement Service Agents and their allocated product categories
 - (https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/8460/ppm_procurementserviceagentsprovisionalallocatedactivities_list_en.pdf)
- Online tools (see demos)
- Quarterly Grant Account Statements per PSA ⑤ TheGlobal Fund ⑤ Le Fonds mondial ⑤ El Fondo Mundial ⑤ Глобальный фонд ⑤全球基金 الصندوق العالمي ⑤

End-to-end Principal Recipient (PR) Services – Team objectives



Maximizing the delivery of value at the grant and global level

- Shaping specifications and pooling demand to underwrite the sourcing strategies, global tenders and Framework Agreement implementation
- Maximizing performance by realizing all the value opportunities for each grant and delivering global market shaping strategy outcomes through proactively managing demand and ensuring efficient and compliant management of transactions
- Reducing end-to-end lead times to improve responsiveness and supply chain and financial efficiency
- Leveraging further impact with other buyers (including domestic resources) through aligning specifications and demand; and improving sourcing capability

Enhancing performance and accountability in the management of demand The second of th

Enhancing Secretariat and PR performance and accountability

- **Strengthen relationships** through full **alignment** to Grant Management Division regional organization and **engagement** in grant management processes
- Introducing rigor into demand-side management similar to that achieved for managing supply-side/ manufacturer performance
- Demand process sequencing aligned with grant management needs; large buyer demand processes;
 and Strategic Sourcing contracting and negotiating needs
- PR and Secretariat supply/demand performance dashboard and engagement to enable resolution of challenges and operationalizing opportunities at the grant and Global Fund portfolio level
- Improved health product budget management to optimize efficiency and rational utilization of funds throughout the various stages of the grant cycle from grant making through to grant closing

V. Demos

- wambo.org: the tool through which PPM orders and beyond – are managed
- PSA tracking platforms (PFSCM, IDA Foundation, i+ Solutions)

PSA tracking tools

PFSCM MyOrders: Register/access through https://myorders.pfscm.org

IDA MyOrders: Register/access through https://myorders.idafoundation.org

- i+solutions - i+ Track: Register/access through https://trackandtrace.iplussolutions.org

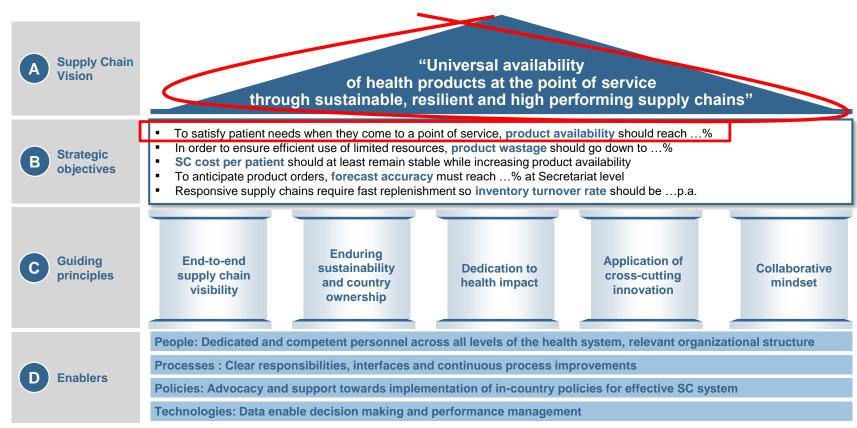
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OSA data collection



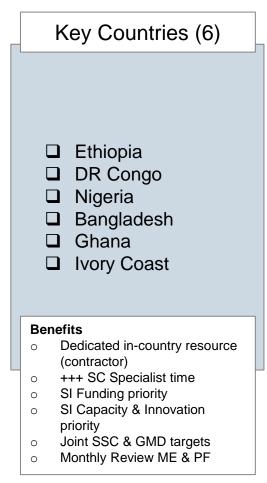


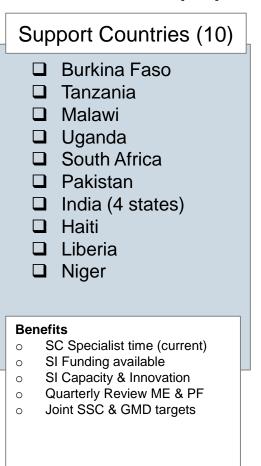
Global Fund Supply Chain Vision



Source: TGF Supply Chain Implementation Plan Team

Reminder: Focus more on Few countries (16)





Other Countries All other GF recipients **Benefits** Support with: Standardised Logistics contracts Support with SC KPI setting and data collection Political / replenishment activities

Reminder: GMD & SC 2019 Target setting – 4 objectives

managers submitted **argets**

Objective 1

KPI6B: Measure On shelf Availability

Quarterly

Quarterly collection based on:

☐ Quarterly USAID/Chemonics reports, if not available

☐ Country LMIS data, if not available

☐ LFA/Vendor spot checks in statistically relevant # HF's

Objective 2

KPI6B: Improve On Shelf Availability (15% reduction of out of stocks or % based on workplan)

Example: if OSA is 82%, the total loss is 18points, 15% of these 18 points is 2.7point improvement, which results in a target of 84.7%

(If performance is +90%, maintain performance)

Objective 3

Measure Inventory
Turns at CMS level

(LFA) Collect inventory turn data from the Central Medical Stores to get visibility of inventory velocity and associated risks of over or understocking

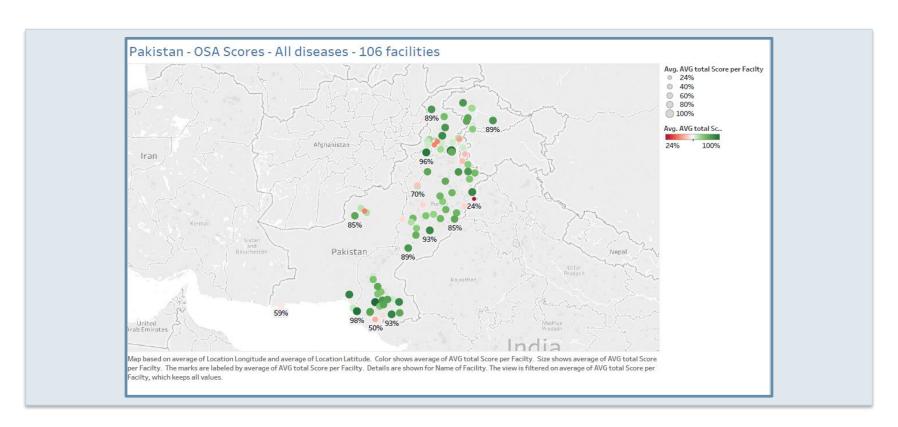
Objective 4

Invest in results

Investments in RSSH presented on improving On Shelf Availability and/or Waste reduction and/or cost optimisation and/or data creation

All targets underpinned by a joint workplan with Roles & Responsibilities

Public Health: We start to see where & what products are problematic



On Shelf Availability (KPI6B) update: Access to Health Products are trending upwards, but improvements are still necessary to avoid treatment / diagnostics disruption

Dashboard and trends

Key achievements in 2019

	HIV				Malaria				ТВ			
Country	HIV diagnostic Capacity	YTD TGT	HIV First Line Drugs	YTD TGT	Malaria diagnostic Capacity	YTD TGT	Malaria First Line Drugs	YTD TGT	TB diagnosti c capacity	YTD TGT	TB First Line Drugs	YTD TGT
	YTD AVG		YTD AVG		YTD AVG		YTD AVG		YTD AVG		YTD AVG	
Niger	97	93.0	87	86.4	92	93.0	75	81.3	98	95.0	99	99.0
Liberia	81	83.9	58	64.3	85	89.0	67	71.1	63	68.6	81	83.9
Malawi	98	98.0	98	98.0	99	100.0	96	99.0	96	71.1	91	86.4
Bangladesh									95	99.0	84	85.
Pakistan	100	88.1	98	100.0					98	98.0	100	100.0
Haiti	92	92.0	88	89.8	88	89.8	52	59.2	96	96.0	90	90.0
India	100	100.0	97	86.4					95	88.1	98	77.7
Congo DRC	74	62.6	83	77.9	83	89.0	80	86.4	31	33.7	52	60.
Côte d'Ivoire	97	99.0	100	99.0	85	63.0	91	76.7	78	67.7	93	89.0
Ghana	97	92.0	97	89.8	99	79.6	78	54.1	83	79.6	88	68.6
Uganda	89	88.1	78	81.3	95	95.0	95	96.0	69	59.2	86	67.
Burkina Faso	97	95.0	91	89.0	96	90.7	82	85.6	84	75.4	91	87.3
Ethiopia	87	91.0	99	97.0	94	90.7	89	88.1	89	94.0	96	98.0
Tanzania	100	91.0	92	96.0	99	96.0	93	95.0	80	68.6	96	96.0
South Africa			99	99.0							74	75.4
Nigeria	88	90.7	87	96.0	92	67.7	56	82.2	87	72.0	96	89.0
	Average results	Average target	Average results	Average target	Average results	Average target	Average results	Average target	Average results	Average target	Average results	Average target
	92.5	90.3	90.0	90.0	92.1	86.9	79.4	81.2	82.7	77.7	88.4	84.6

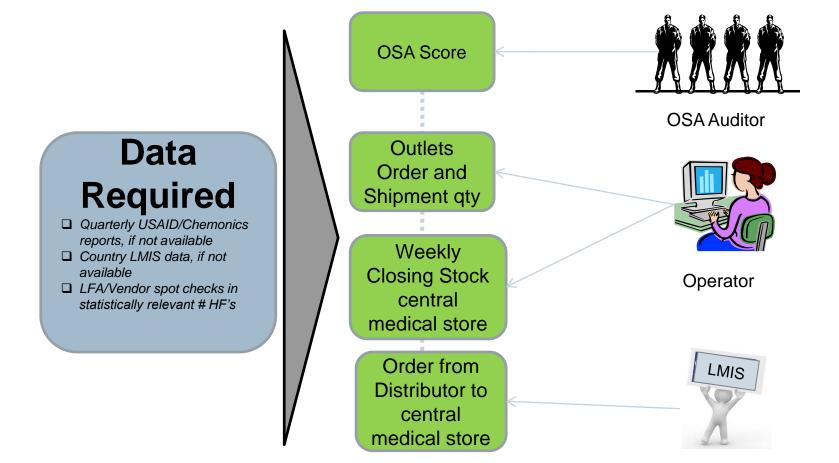
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June Baseline communicated +
Target

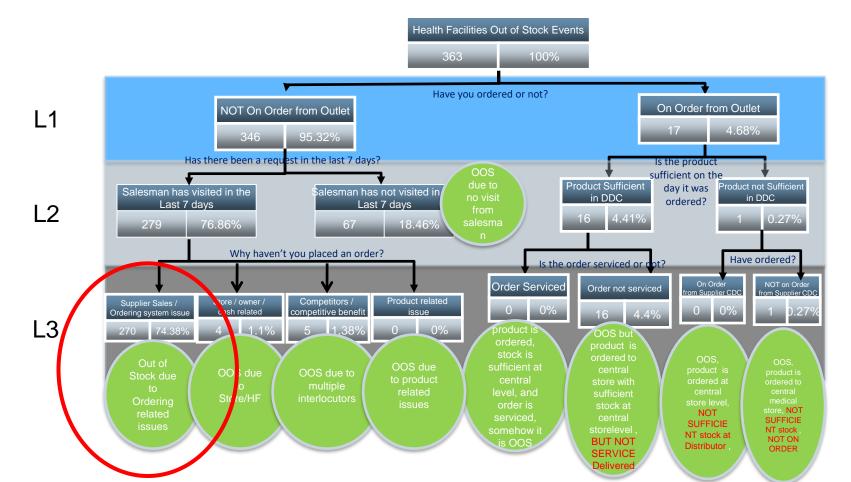
LFA data collection contract
sign-off

Based on Q3 reported country / product category figures we are tracking on / above target on 5 out of the 6 OSA KPIs.

Triangulate data to develop a loss tree – Data collected



Loss tree assessment - what are the roots causes?



VII. Discussion, Q&A



Backup slides



III. Pooled Procurement Mechanism (PPM)

Innovative packaging for ARVs

Overall benefits of shrink and multi-month packaging

Clinical

- Less clinical visits to pick up medication
- Reduced financial costs of travelling to the clinic
- Higher retention in care for stable patients
- Indirect cost savings i.e. medical personnel would be able to attend to other patients

Environmental

- · Minimize the use of materials and resources throughout the product lifecycle
- Green packaging
- Reducing paper consumption

Economic

- Savings in terms of transportation costs including freight cost, inland transportation, handling and clearance charges etc. Number of packs per 40 ft container can be increased up to 42% i.e. for every 3 containers you can save 1 container in transportation
- Savings in terms of space in the warehouse
- In transit damage can be minimized as no mono carton is used
- Easy to handle shrink packaging