Where is PipeLine being used?

Africa—

Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Malawi, Mali, Morocco, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zimbabwe

Americas—

Bolivia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru

Asia—

Bangladesh, Jordan, Nepal, Philippines

In most developing nations, the process of budgeting, procuring, and shipping health commodities is quite lengthy. Having a reliable procurement plan for one to two years into the future is critical for ensuring that all people have continuous access to the health commodities they need, where and when they need them.

How can you get PipeLine?

You can download PipeLine version 4 software from the USAID | DELIVER PROJECT website: deliver.jsi.com.

To obtain PipeLine version 4 and its accompanying documentation, contact—

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PIPELINE

SOFTWARE FOR MONITORING ORDERS AND PLANNING PROCUREMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS

Updated in 2007: PipeLine version 4.0 is more user friendly! Using its enhanced features, you can easily import and export data for managing a wide range of health commodities for programs, including repro ductive health, HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis.

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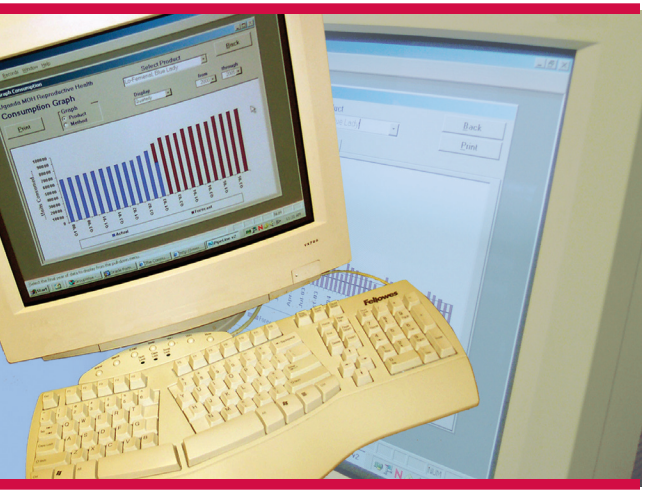
What is PipeLine?

To be successful, public health programs must always have enough medicines and supplies to meet the needs of their clients. At the same time, programs must avoid surpluses that waste products and money. PipeLine is a best-in-class desktop software tool—it helps program managers plan optimal procurement and delivery schedules for health commodities, and it helps them monitor their orders throughout the supply chain.

Policymakers, product suppliers, and donors can generate reports, estimate future product needs, and use the software as a key tool in program planning. This effective tool has been used in more than 40 countries around the world.

PipeLine, developed first for contraceptives, has been expanded to manage a full range of health commodities: antiretrovirals, malaria and tuberculosis drugs, HIV test kits, and laboratory supplies.



How does PipeLine work?

For each medicine or health product in a program, PipeLine helps track—

- the rate at which commodities are used
- what has been ordered but not yet received
- total quantity available at all storage facilities and health care facilities
- total amount of losses (due to expiry and damage) or transfers
- time required for the product to arrive after it is ordered.

With these data, PipeLine can be used to—

- identify when to order new products and what actions are needed to do so
- identify shortfalls, surpluses, stockouts, and other pipeline problems
- forecast future needs.

Minimum system requirements

- PC with Microsoft Windows 2000 or XP
- Microsoft Office 2003 with Service Pack 2
- 500 MB of hard drive space
- 256 MB of memory
- CPU with Pentium III or higher
- Video adapter (SVGA with 800 x 600 resolution).

New features of PipeLine version 4.0

Automation for efficiency and accuracy—

automatically transfer product information, including prices, product availability, and registration status from an .xml file. Import forecasting data from .xml files that were exported from other automated MIS software packages, such as Quantimed or Supply Chain Manager.

Enhanced visibility for demand planning—

export shipment, consumption, and stock data.

Information sharing—

share inventory data with stakeholders to prevent overstocks or stockouts, and share demand planning data with suppliers.

Flexible reporting—

export reports to Microsoft Excel to sort and view data.

Health indicators—

use consumption data to calculate product coverage, for example, a patient year of treatment based on the quantity required to treat one patient for one year.

Language options—

choose the Arabic, English, French, Portuguese, or Spanish version. Also use the on-line help and user's guides in English, French, and Spanish.