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TOOLS

Task Order 4: Public Health

Logistics Briefs, Success Stories, Fact Sheets, and Newsletters

Addressing Public Health Procurement Bottlenecks: Lessons from the Field (395 KB)

 [English](#)

Effective procurement is a critical component of a strong supply chain. Bottlenecks in the procurement process can result in supply chain failures, such as stockouts and shortages of essential commodities. This brief is intended for public health practitioners and other concerned parties who may be impacted by bottlenecks in the first mile of public health medicine supply chains.

Compendium of Supply Chain Costs (182 KB)

 [English](#)

Policymakers and analysts can use the data found in this spreadsheet for supply chain planning and comparison. The project worked with several partners to create the compendium, including Llamasoft, PATH Optimize, Imperial Health Sciences (formerly RTT Trans Africa), and VillageReach. We welcome additional data submissions.

Contraceptive Security Index Dashboard 2003-2012 (392 KB)

 [English](#)

Originally developed in 2003 by a team of contraceptive security (CS) experts from USAID, DELIVER project, the POLICY Project, and Commercial Market Strategies, the CS Index captures 17 indicators from 5 areas critical to ensuring cs: supply chain, finance, health and social environment, access, and utilization. This dashboard shows data from 2003 to 2012.

Empowered with Real-Time Logistics Data, Health Facilities Improve Access to Medicines (240 KB)

 [English](#)

At Wukro Hospital, located 800 km north of Addis Ababa in Ethiopia's Tigray region, availability of essential medicines and other vital health supplies was a major challenge for many years. Then the hospital—with support from the Regional Health Bureau, the Pharmaceutical Fund and Supply Agency, and the USAID | DELIVER PROJECT—started implementing the Health Commodity Management Information System (HCMIS) in 2008, becoming the first in the country to pilot and fully implement this innovative inventory management system.

Pakistan: Internships Build Capacity in Logistics for Health Supplies (408 KB)

 [English](#)

As the USAID | DELIVER PROJECT steps into its fourth year with the Government of Pakistan to achieve universal access to health commodities by strengthening health supply chains and the policy environment, a number of capacity-building measures have been adopted to help sustain the project's interventions. This brief describes the successful new internship program that is part of that capacity building effort.

Reports

Addressing Procurement Bottlenecks: A Review of Procurement Bottlenecks in Public Sector Medicine Supply Chains and Practical Approaches Taken to Resolve Them (635 KB)

 [English](#)

This report documents the successes in overcoming procurement bottlenecks, in particular, those that occur at the first mile of the procurement cycle (planning and budgeting; purchasing activity; contract management) of public sector supply chains for medicine. It presents a set of 14 short case studies from various developing countries that illustrate successful strategies that may help stakeholders and concerned parties in other countries solve their own procurement bottlenecks.

Ghana: Landscape Analysis of Supply Chain Management Software Tools in Use (142 KB)

 [English](#)

To collect information on software tools in use in the public health supply chain, consultants working on the landscape analysis developed a questionnaire for in-person interviews. The questionnaire included a broad range of questions, including type of application, length of time in use, maintenance and support processes, and others. The assessment revealed that a wide variety of software applications are being used for commodity management throughout the public health supply chain.

Malawi: Assessment of the Integrated Logistics Management Information System: Review of the Processes and Software Tools (484 KB)

 [English](#)

In February 2013, the Ministry of Health, with technical assistance from the USAID | DELIVER PROJECT, Task Order 4 and Task Order 7, conducted an assessment of Malawi's integrated logistics management information system (LMIS) for medicines and related health commodities. This report, presented to the MOH, includes the findings of the assessment, as well as short- and long-term recommendations to improve the LMIS processes and technology solutions in Malawi.

Tanzania: Strategic Review of the National Supply Chain for Health Commodities (3,188 KB)

 [English](#)

Tanzania: Strategic Review of the National Supply Chain for Health Commodities In response to concerns regarding product availability, the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare in Tanzania began preparations to undertake an assessment of the national supply chain for health commodities, and requested technical assistance from USAID for this assessment. This assessment examined and synthesized broad systems issues affecting the availability of commodities, the performance of the supply chain, and the ability of Medical Stores Department (MSD) to fulfill its responsibilities.

Uganda: Financial Tracking of Reproductive Health Commodities (1,212 KB)

 [English](#)

This report summarizes the findings and recommendations from an exercise to improve tracking of financing for subsidized contraceptives and other reproductive health commodities in Uganda and to identify entry points for advocacy.

Task Order 6: Emerging Pandemic Threats

Task Order 6, Emerging Pandemic Threats Annual Report: February 2012–February 2013 (2,020 KB)

 [English](#)

This report documents the activities of Task Order 6, Emerging Pandemic Threats (EPT), from February 2012-February 2013. The stated objective of Task Order 6 is to ensure the timely, consistent, and efficient provision of critical public health commodities and other supplies required to effectively and rapidly respond to outbreaks of infectious diseases globally and in support of the USAID Pandemic Influenza and Other Emerging Threats (PI/OET) Program.

Task Order 7: Malaria

Briefs

Ghana: Nationwide Distribution of Bed Nets to Stop Malaria (250 KB)

 [English](#)

Malaria is a major public health concern in Ghana with the entire population of 25 million at risk. From May 2010 to June 2012, the National Malaria Control Program (NMCP) and its partners, including the President's Malaria Initiative-funded USAID | DELIVER PROJECT, conducted a nationwide campaign with volunteers going door to door to distribute and hang long-lasting insecticide-treated bed nets for free.

Stopping Malaria in Its Tracks (207 KB)

 [English](#)

To reduce the malaria disease burden and related deaths, the National Malaria Control Program and its partners, including the USAID | DELIVER PROJECT, conducted a nationwide campaign for the distribution of long-lasting insecticide-treated bed nets (LLINs). This Photo & Caption brief features the national supervisor of the campaign and one of the families that received LLINs through it.

Reports

Task Order 7 (Malaria): FY2013 Semi-Annual Report, October 2012-March 2013 (2,565 KB)

 [English](#)

This semi-annual report documents the activities of Task Order 7 (Malaria) during the first half of FY2013 (October 1, 2012– March 31, 2013). Key sections highlight the major activities under each objective—the accomplishments, the implementation issues, and proposed solutions.

PROJECT NEWS (in reverse chronological order)

[World Contraception Day: The Important Role of Contraceptives in Reaching MDG5](#)

Millennium Development Goal (MDG) number 5 calls for a reduction in maternal mortality and universal access to reproductive health. One central component of both of these goals is access to contraceptives, which empowers men and women to make their own reproductive choices. Click on the title to learn more. (September 26, 2013)

[The USAID | DELIVER PROJECT Recognizes World Contraception Day](#)

World Contraception Day (WCD) on September 26, 2013 is a worldwide campaign to increase awareness of the contraceptive options available to men and women so they can make informed decisions about their reproductive health. This includes couples in developing countries. Click on the title to learn more. (September 26, 2013)

[From Six Rights to Results: Improving Access to Contraceptives](#)

World Contraception Day, on September 26, is an opportunity to highlight the importance of logistics in providing access to contraceptives. Without an uninterrupted supply of quality products to every health facility in a country, women and men are unable to plan their families, which impacts the health and prosperity of individuals, as well as health systems and economies. Click on the title to learn more. (September 23, 2013)

[Pakistan: Internships Build Capacity in Logistics for Health Supplies](#)

As part of the USAID | DELIVER PROJECT's support for health logistics in Pakistan, a new internship program adds diversity to the capacity building efforts. Click on the title above to learn more. (August 27, 2013)

[New Report and Brief Offer Potential Solutions for Procurement Bottlenecks](#)

The USAID | DELIVER PROJECT announces two new publications on the subject of procurement bottlenecks and strategies to address them. The first, Addressing Procurement Bottlenecks: A Review of Procurement Bottlenecks in Public Sector Medicine Supply Chains and Practical Approaches Taken to Resolve Them, is a full report documenting successes in overcoming procurement bottlenecks. The second, Addressing Public Health Procurement Bottlenecks: Lessons from the Field, is a brief drawn from the 14 case studies detailed in the full report. (August 20, 2013)

[Latin American Health Leaders Strengthen Their Advocacy Skills with Help from the USAID | DELIVER PROJECT](#)

Twenty-three officials from health ministries and civil society groups in 10 Latin American countries gathered in Lima, Peru for a training workshop titled, "Strengthening Data Analysis and Communication and Advocacy Skills for Commodity Security in Latin America and the Caribbean." The training was sponsored by the USAID | DELIVER PROJECT and the Salud Mesoamérica 2015 Initiative. Participants learned about health data analysis and how to use several data analysis sources, methods, and tools to advocate for the improvement of family planning services and contraceptive security. (August 01, 2013)

The USAID | DELIVER PROJECT, funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development under the terms of contract no. GPO-I-00-06-00007-00, designs, develops, strengthens; and, on request, operates safe, reliable, and sustainable supply systems that provide a wide range of affordable essential health commodities, including drugs, diagnostics, and supplies to clients in country programs. The project's technical support strengthens all aspects of in-country supply chains: forecasting, procurement, distribution, management information systems, quality assurance, storage and infrastructure, and medical waste disposal.

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