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The Procurement Planning and Monitoring Report (PPMR)

Reducing Contraceptive Stockouts through Increased Data Visibility and Global Coordination

Over the past decade, the Procurement Planning and Monitoring Report (PPMR) and the Coordinated Assistance for Reproductive health supplies (CARhs) group have become an essential mechanism for countries and donors to monitor contraceptive stock status, improve data visibility, strengthen in-country coordination, and address critical contraceptive stock imbalances in countries all over the world.

Launched in 2007, the PPMR was created by the USAID | DELIVER PROJECT to capture information on contraceptive stock and shipment statuses, and other contraceptive security issues, from family planning programs on a country-by-country basis.

The CARhs group, a partnership endeavor of the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition (RHSC), uses the data at the country and global level to respond to supply issues. CARhs members include UNFPA, USAID, the West African Health Organization (WAHO), USAID | DELIVER PROJECT, RHSC, Implant Access Program, and Clinton Health Access Initiative. The CARhs group meets monthly to review the PPMR, identify contraceptive stock imbalances, discuss potential solutions, and act within available resources to avoid or mitigate stock issues, including stockouts and overstocks.

The PPMR Provides Increased Data Visibility

Participation in the PPMR has increased exponentially, starting with three countries reporting, to now receiving data from the public sector, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and social marketing programs in

Acting on PPMR Data: Benefits of Reporting

Prevention/mitigation of stockouts through new emergency orders or expediting existing orders. In 2014—

- 23 emergency shipments were created for 13 countries
- 8 shipments were expedited for 8 countries.

Prevention/mitigation of overstocks & expiries through the delay, reduction, or cancelation of existing orders. In 2014—

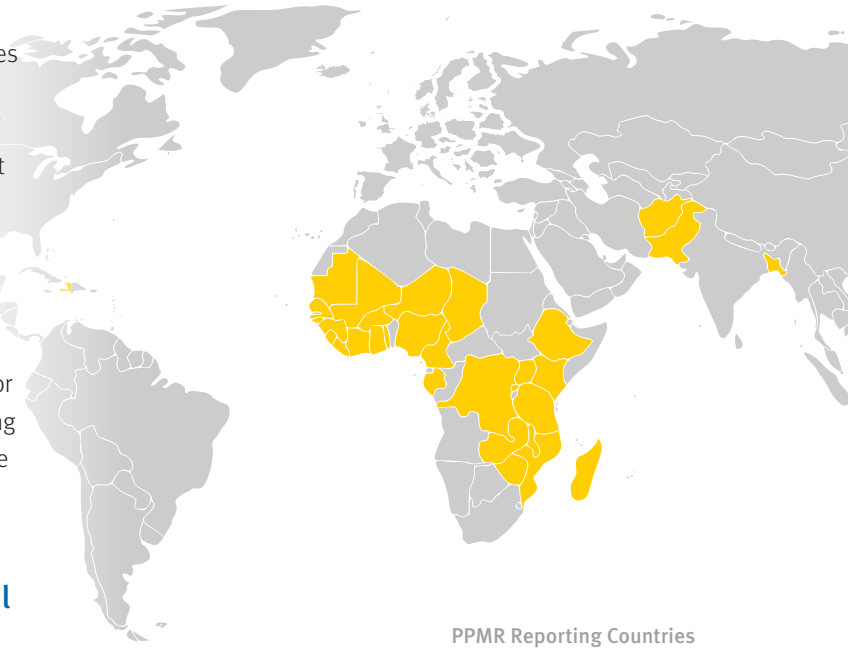
- 3 shipments were postponed for 1 country
- 2 shipments were canceled for 1 country.

Product transfers between countries to address a shortage in one country, while mitigating overstock and avoiding expiry and wastage in another. In 2014—

- 1 product was transferred from Burkina Faso to Benin, facilitated by WAHO.

more than 30 countries. This increased data visibility gives CARhs members the information needed to quickly prioritize urgent needs, understand the overall context of the program reporting, and take decisive actions to assist a wide range of programs and countries.

The PPMR data is available online through an interactive database that increases data visibility for all registered users. Users of the system include but are not limited to, country data providers, CARhs members, in-country donor representatives, Ministry of Health staff, and implementing partners, ensuring that all key partners have access to the same data.



PPMR Reporting Countries

The PPMR Facilitates in-Country and Global Coordination

Reporting data regularly via the PPMR gives countries the unique opportunity to communicate updated data and supply needs to both in-country and global-level stakeholders, particularly to donors of reproductive health commodities. This direct line of communication enables donors to improve coordination within their own agencies, between agencies, and with family planning programs in order to ensure that countries' needs are being addressed effectively.

In addition, multiple family programs in the same country are allowed to report via the PPMR. When this occurs, it supports in-country coordination and allows donors to see a more complete picture of the contraceptive stock situation in-country. With this information, CARhs members are able to identify opportunities to assist multiple programs and to avoid duplicate efforts.

> *"The PPMR has allowed for a better monitoring of the stock level of contraceptives at the central level. It has also allowed a better exchange of information with partners and, to a certain extent, with other countries."*
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> *— Yawo-Mensah Damessi, Former Data Provider, Ministry of Health, Togo*

Understanding the PPMR and CARhs Process

PPMR Data Collection and Reporting

Participating countries report data to a central database managed by the USAID | DELIVER PROJECT; the data are then reviewed and analyzed to ensure the quality of the report, which is produced monthly. Country data providers report via the PPMR either on a monthly or quarterly basis by entering data directly on the PPMR website http://ppmr.rhsupplies.org or by sending the report as an attachment to the PPMR email address ppmr@jsi.com, using a specially designed PDF form.

Data for the public sector are provided by the Ministry of Health directly, by USAID implementing partners (such as Management Sciences for Health [MSH] and the USAID | DELIVER PROJECT), or by UNFPA country offices. In some countries, data are also provided by programs operating along-side the public sector, including social marketing organizations such as Population Services International (PSI), International Planned Parenthood (IPPF) Member Associations, and Marie Stopes International (MSI).

PPMR Contents

Each PPMR includes two types of detailed data: the Commodity Security (CS) Updates and the contraceptive stock status. The CS Updates include short descriptions of the commodity security situation in a particular country at the national level. The stock status section of the report includes data for each contraceptive product managed by each program; key data points captured can be seen in the Product Stock Status example from the PPMR presented below. Within this section of the report, family planning programs may request that donors provide updated information about pending shipments, as well as request donor action to prevent or mitigate supply imbalances.

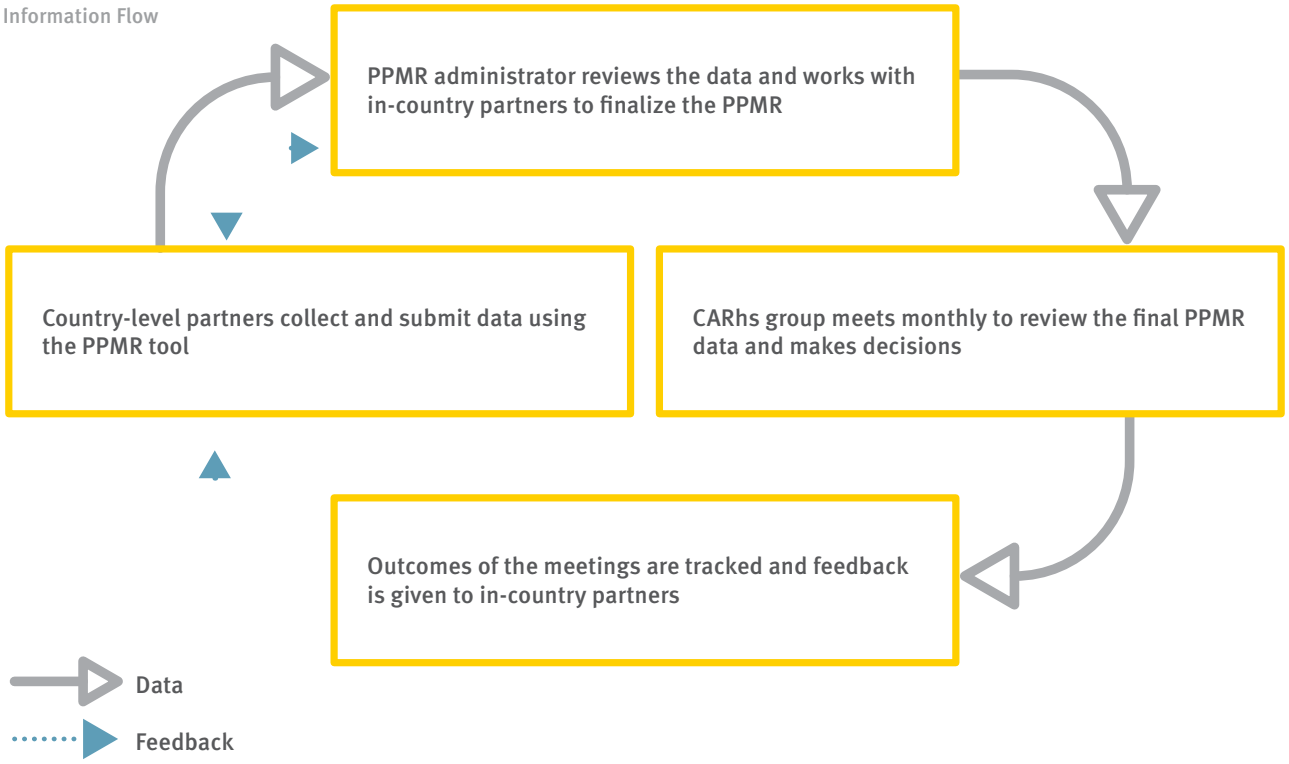
Product	No New Data	Date Stock Data Reported	Min	Max	MOS	Status	Supply Chain Level	Quantity On Hand	AMC	Data Source	Receipt Date of Next Shipment	Supplier of Next Shipment	Comment	Action Recommended
Jadelle		31-05-2015	6	12	5.00	below min	Central	26,330	4,902	Warehouse Report	30-10-2015	UNFPA	The increase in the MOS is due to the receipt of 3,850 units of Jadelle transferred from the Regional Pharmacy of Plateaux to the Family Health Division warehouse. Our next shipment of 41,596 Jadelle (of which 39,850 are for the MOH and 1,746 are for IPPF) is expected in October 2015.	No recommended action.

Example of Product Stock Status from the PPMR

The PPMR and CARhs Process

The PPMR and CARhs process serves multiple communities as an information-sharing and supply-balancing mechanism that has brought about significant improvements in available country-level data and country- and global-level coordination. The steps and information flow of the data and feedback shared as a result of the PPMR and CARhs process are highlighted in the illustration below.

Information Flow



Expanding the PPMR

Expanding the PPMR to additional countries and programs would enable more countries to experience the benefits of increased data visibility and coordination. Countries can report data for one or more family planning programs in the country (i.e. the public sector, NGOs, social marketing programs, etc.) and have the choice to report in English, French, Spanish, or Portuguese. In order for a family planning program to start reporting via the PPMR, the program must have a dedicated person who can access, compile, and report data from the central level of the supply chain (at a minimum). If an implementing partner is reporting data on behalf of the Ministry of Health or another program, then that program should give permission to share the data with the CARhs members. Countries and programs interested in starting to report data should contact ppmr@jsi.com.

Related Links

To learn more about the PPMR online system, please visit http://ppmr.rhsupplies.org.

To learn more about the CARhs group and access the CARhs factsheet, please visit http://www.rhsupplies.org/activities-resources/tools/coordinated-assistance-for-reproductive-health-supplies/.

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