Private Pharmacy Outlet Registration Database

Afghanistan’s National Medicine and Healthcare Products Regulatory Authority (NMHRA) uses its Private Pharmacy Outlet Registration (PPOR) database to capture and report on information about private retail pharmacies that are registered with the NMHRA (figure 1). The database captures information on each pharmacy’s current registration status, physical structure, physical location, and GPS coordinates. It also captures information about personnel (including the owner and technical workers) of private retail pharmacies. The PPOR database can generate predefined reports, and reports can be exported to Microsoft Excel (figure 2). NMHRA uses the reported information to monitor pharmacies’ registration status or updates (e.g., newly established, sold, or relocated), to facilitate coordination among NMHRA departments (such as the Inspection Department), and to inform decision-making.

The PPOR database is developed in Microsoft Access and uses a local area network to connect multiple users’ computers and the server. The database complements the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) Common Database, which provides common references among all health systems databases in the MoPH (e.g., geopolitical and demographic information).

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Figure 1: The PPOR switchboard with menu of Access level, Reports, Master list, and Data entry page (from left to right)

Figure 2: A PPOR predefined report

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