
Medical Logistics Meeting Minutes, 8 April 2019

Bangladesh



LOCATION	IOM office, Cox's Bazar
DATE	8 April 2019
CHAIR	Logistics Sector, UNFPA, WHO.
PARTICIPANTS	Food for the Hungry, Gonoshashthaya Kendra, IFRC, IOM, Malaysian Field Hospital, Malteser International, MSF, Research Training and Management International, Save the Children, Terre des Hommes, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO.
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Logistics Sector to summarise guidelines on the quantification methods (morbidity and consumption) and to share them with partners.• Partners to explore options to co-share trucks for drug disposal with Prism Foundation.• Partners to express their interest in piloting Quantimed software and in being trained to use the tool.• UNICEF to share the list of the 11 approved local medicines through local tenders in Bangladesh.• UN Agencies to organise a joint meeting with the manufacturer and the Director General of Drug Administration (DGDA) in regard to local procurement.• All partners with medicine quality assessments to share the results with the Logistics Sector.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Inventory Quantification2. Assessments Overview3. Quantimed Training4. UNICEF Procurement5. AOB

1. Inventory Quantification

- WHO reviewed the inventory quantification methods presented in the previous meeting. It was recommended that inventory forecast using consumption or morbidity methods should take the drug's expiry and lead date into account.
- UNFPA suggested that large time-bounded campaigns (e.g. polio vaccination campaigns) should be isolated in the quantification calculation to prevent forecast deviations.
- The Logistics Sector suggested that a summary of guidelines should be prepared and shared with the partners, including a simplified tool for calculations.
- Partners agreed that once the summarised guidelines are ready, the use of the quantification methods should be mandatory.

2. Assessments Overview

Drug Quality

- WHO provided the list of approved suppliers prequalified under the Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) but further assessment is needed to confirm quality standards.
- Partners agreed QUAMED assessments should be expanded and preferably prepared in a coordinated manner.
- Partners requested the information on the manufacturers and the results of the GMP inspection to be shared in order to go directly towards sourcing and avoid independent assessments.

Drug Disposal

- The Contact details of the Prism Foundation (DGDA-WHO approved drug disposal company) were shared with the partners along with the rates and dimension specifications of truck loading quantities for transport.
- Several UN agencies are currently sharing trucks for their disposal loads. It was recommended to partner NGOs to take part in the sharing and to coordinate truckloads with WHO for disposal.

3. Quantimed Training

- WHO provided a brief introduction to the Quantimed software, an application designed to determine the quantities of medicines and medical supplies required for a health programme.
- WHO proposed training sessions on the Quantimed software to partner organisations. These will be conducted either over three full days of training, or will be held for half a day over the course of five days.
- The conduction of training sessions will depend upon partner's interest in piloting the application. Several organisations have already expressed their interest in using the software as a trial.
- Interested organisations are invited to submit their interest to WHO and can access the Quantimed software [here](#).

4. UNICEF Procurement

- UNICEF presented the organisation's procurement methods and procedures for medicine and nutrition supplies in Bangladesh.
- UNICEF informed the partners that 11 products have been selected for long term procurement through the first round of tenders. The second and third rounds of tenders are in progress with a target for 68 products.
- UNICEF identified challenges in dealing with the local market regarding documentation, labelling, stability data and certification issues.
- Several NGO partners and UN agencies have expressed interest in attending the joint meeting with manufacturers and the DGDA organised by UNICEF.

5. AOB

- UNICEF suggested using a common pipeline for information on essential medicine and health kits and their locations to harmonise procedures and enable access to up to date data. Partners agreed to start with the harmonisation of information sharing and procurement practices as a first step.
- Preparedness and contingency planning will be independently discussed with the Health Sector.

The next Medical Logistics Coordination meeting will be held on Monday, 6 May 2019 at 11:00 in the WFP Meeting Room in Cox's Bazar.

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