
Medical Logistics Meeting Minutes, 3 June 2019

Bangladesh



LOCATION	WFP meeting room, Cox's Bazar
DATE	3 June 2019
CHAIR	Logistics Sector, UNFPA, WHO.
PARTICIPANTS	Concern Worldwide, IOM, MSF-Belgium, MSF-Spain, Plan International, Welthungerhilfe (WHH), UNFPA, UNHCR, WHO, UNICEF.
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• List of priority medicines for quality assessments to be shared by all organisations.• Pharmacists meeting to be organised in the third week of June.• Partners planning to use minivan ambulances during a cyclone response to share their mitigation plans for vehicle breakdown.• Partners operating cold chain to share recommendations of fridges and other equipment based on the local market availability.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Previous Action Points2. Logistics Sector Updates3. Quality Assessments/QUAMED Presentation4. AOB

1. Previous Action Points

- The preparation of the summary guidelines on quantification methods (morbidity and consumption) is in progress, and the Logistics Sector will share them with partners within the next weeks.
- Participants to demonstrate interest for the QUANTIMED Training to WHO and Logistics Sector.
- Logistics Sector to share the format for facility data collection form with the partners to get the dataset for the health facilities. Forms are being developed to include facilities on GIS tools.

2. Logistics Sector Updates

- Miquel Serra, WHO OSL lead has left Cox's Bazar and Navjuvon Mazabshoev is now the focal point for WHO logistics.

Storage

- The six locally adapted temperature-controlled containers supplier selection process was completed on 4 June and the Logistics Sector anticipates finalisation within the next four weeks. Moreover, the Logistics Sector is exploring the need to purchase additional units to be deployed on a loan basis.
- The Logistics Sector is looking for references/recommendations of fridges to create a standby capacity stock of cold chain equipment for loan, particularly focused on the band 2-8°C. Partners who procured similar equipment in the past are kindly asked to provide inputs on the market availability.
- It was recommended to purchase chest-type fridges with integrated temperature monitoring capacity. Other types are also available, however they are not certified by WHO.

Access

- The Logistics Sector presented the proposed access control procedures for the camp locations in the event of a cyclone or severe monsoon. The need to ensure vehicles are capable of dealing with deteriorated road conditions was indicated, therefore, it is advisable to focus on the use of all-wheel-drive vehicles. Concerns were raised in regard to the minivans used as ambulances and partners were requested to share their plans on how to ensure these vehicles can move in the first 72-hours of the response.

3. Quality Assessments/QUAMED Presentation

- In continuation of the quality management discussions, Oliver De Santi – CEO of QUAMED – presented the organisation and its activities. QUAMED is an NGO focused on improving access to quality medicines.
- 10 quality assurance components should be matched in order to ensure the quality of medicines. Their verification is the responsibility of multiple stakeholders in the chain, including regulatory authorities, manufacturer and distributors.
- Different markets verify these 10 quality assurance components with different level of scrutiny and it often depends more on the country of destination than on technical capacity in the origin. It was mentioned that a single manufacturer may be able to produce a strictly compliant product with good practices and simultaneously produce a lower quality product to attend different markets.
- Counterfeit and informal markets may negatively affect the availability of substandard products in the market. Moreover, a medicine produced following Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) may be impacted by non-compliance with Good Distribution Practices (GDP).
- Several assessments/audit exercises are available – and are performed by QUAMED – to mitigate quality related problems:
 - Local market Assessment (LMA)
 - Model Quality Assurance System Audit (MQAS)
 - Good Storage Practices (GSP)
 - Good Distribution Practices (GDP)
 - Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)
 - Technical Visits
- QUAMED indicated that Bangladesh has several producers included in EUDRA GMP certification database. Partners suggested that key producers not included in EUDRA GMP could also be considered for GMP audit.
- Partners identified the verification of wholesalers and distributors to be the main focus of quality assessments considering the multiple sources in the local market.
- In order to plan the appropriate potential assessments, QUAMED suggested partners create a master list of most consumed/critical medicines in Bangladesh for the refugee response. It was suggested to reach around 80% of all local procurement that typically reflects between 30 and 50 molecules. The Logistics Sector started compiling this information to continue discussions.
- Partners suggested a draft of the above-mentioned list could be validated by a smaller group of pharmacists in order to ensure relevance and appropriateness. The Logistics Sector will call this group after the Eid festivities.

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4. AOB

- In order to allow further discussions with QUAMED, the agenda item “Medical Logistics Training Modules” was postponed to the forthcoming meeting.

The next Medical Logistics meeting will be held on Monday, 1 July 2019 at 11:00 in the WFP meeting room in Cox’s Bazar.

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