

LOCATION: WFP Meeting Room, Cox's Bazar

DATE: 11 February 2019

CHAIR: Logistics Sector, UNFPA, WHO

PARTICIPANTS: BDRCS, Food for the Hungry, Hope Foundation, IFRC, IOM, Malaysian Field Hospital, Malteser International, MSF Belgium, MSF-France, Save the Children, Terre de Hommes, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO

ACTION POINTS:

- QUAMED assessment information will be shared with health partners to assist in local procurement of drugs from national suppliers.
- Partners to complete the temperature-controlled storage capacity assessment.
- UNFPA reproductive service health kit information will be shared with meeting participants to aid with their procurement for the kits.

AGENDA:

1. Waste Management (PRISM), QUAMED and storage updates
2. UNFPA: Kits Presentation
3. WHO: Inventory Quantification Methods
4. AOB

1. Waste Management, QUAMED and storage updates

Waste Management

- The contact information for PRISM has been obtained and the information will be shared among the organisations. PRISM foundation is used by DGDA (Department of Drug Administration) and partners after using their service should request for a Certificate of Disposal. It has been recommended that organisations coordinate truckloads among themselves if there is not enough waste to be disposed to fill truckloads separately.

QUAMED

- UNHCR has conducted an assessment using QUAMED for four Bangladeshi pharmaceutical companies which comply with GMP practices and draft results were presented. The QUAMED assessment needs to be extended to the remaining national manufacturers. The full report on the findings will be shared with partner organisations.
- It was suggested that organisations should explore centralizing efforts in these assessments. UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO and UNHCR will explore possibilities to create synergies on the hiring process of the forthcoming assessments.
- UNICEF is currently locally procuring most of their medication, following an assessment with government assistance. The results are being prepared and they will be shared when completed. WHO will directly liaise with UNICEF to obtain this information.

Storage

- Temperature Controlled Storage Survey: All organisations are requested to complete this to ensure sufficient data is collected to determine cold-chain storage needs.

2. UNFPA: Kits Presentation

- A detailed presentation was provided regarding the UNFPA reproductive health service kits and the kits detailed content will be shared.

- Health sector organizations are eligible to request kits upon submission of a form. UNFPA will share the request procedures with the Logistics Sector for further distribution.
 - Feedback collected from the partners regarding the reproductive health service kits can help inform on whether the kits are aligned to Cox's Bazar needs.
 - Some kits have commodities, which can be used for other medical needs, rather than just reproductive needs.

3. WHO: Inventory Quantification Methods

- WHO presented the different methods for the quantification of drugs, namely, consumption and morbidity methods.
- It was stated that choosing the appropriate method for quantification is challenging and that no method results in perfect outcomes - The morbidity method requires medical professionals for the assessments and cannot be done by logisticians alone while the consumption method depends on stock data, and does not take into account the relations between the supplies and their purposes.
- Calculation applications are available to support quantification calculations and WHO will look further to guide organisations on accessing these tools.
- The consumption method was presented in detail. Several organisations indicated that they are currently using this method in their daily operations. It was stressed that the calculation method for buffer stock may create over estimations and organizations need to interpret results based on their own operational understanding.
- The consumption method also depends on time series and it is therefore important to utilize proper reporting time periods. It was discussed that yearly intervals allow for a long term forecasting while quarter-year intervals are able to capture the seasonal variation of medicine consumption.
- Organisations were also advised to ensure stock-outs do not reflect on backlog being carried over to other months as a way to mitigate distortions. Moreover, it was suggested to carefully interpret results based solely on consumption averages as actual consumptions may vary on monthly basis.
- The guidelines for the forecast methods will be shared by WHO.
- Due to the required time, it was decided to postpone discussing the morbidity method to the next meeting.

4. AOB

- Meeting participants proposed that a Medical Logistics training should be organized during which different organizations would lead in areas of their own expertise for the purpose of capacity-strengthening. The Logistics Sector will explore this possibility in the coming months.

The next meeting will be held on 11 March 2019 at 11:00 in the WFP Meeting Room in Cox's Bazar.

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