Supply Chain Inter-Agency Coordination Cell
Supply and Market Working Group
Terms of References

Background
Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, was first detected in Wuhan city, China in December 2019. On 11 March 2020, the WHO Director General declared the outbreak a pandemic. As of 23 March, more than 336,000 cases have been confirmed worldwide.

In the initial days of the emergency, global manufacturing and transportation concentration around a single-market (China) led to unprecedented market pressure on items critical to the COVID-19 response, as well as having far-reaching effects on the wider global marketplace. As the virus has spread across the globe, demand for key supplies has created massive price increases and, in some cases, threatened total market collapse. To combat extreme competition and scarcity, procurement of critical items must be well-coordinated.

The Supply Chain Inter-Agency Coordination Cell (SCICC) is part of a coordination mechanism established UN Crisis Management Team (UNCMT) to support strategic guidance, operational decision-making, and overall monitoring of the global humanitarian response to the outbreak of COVID-19.

As a key pillar of the SCICC, the Market and Supply Working Group will coordinate key aspects of the market engagement and access to critical supplies to facilitate the free flow of critical supplies, such as personal protection equipment, lab testing equipment and clinical equipment (list in Annex I), with the objective of avoiding market disruptions and lack of access to supplies.

Structure
The Market and Supply Working Group is a voluntary, inter-agency data management and coordination mechanism, led by WHO and open to procurement practitioners of key agencies involved in the health response. The group is by invitation only.

Key activities
- Overlaying demand planning at the country with global forecasting models to facilitate decision making, allocation and distribution of critical supplies.
- Providing market monitoring capacities and risks of global and local markets, manufacturers, distributors, and logistics providers.
- Monitoring and assessing critical item pricing and availability.

Requirements
Agencies joining the working group agree to:
- Transparency and coordinated messaging to ensure an effective response and critical decision making;
Provide the necessary information on suppliers, pricing and demands;
Evidence-based allocation of supplies prioritized to the countries that are in most need.

Strict confidentiality rules will be applied. Specific information regarding supplier names and prices will be shared for the purposes of establishing market trends and behaviours only. When required, price averages may be shared with the UNCMT. Other identified market trends, of non-sensitive nature, may be shared with the wider humanitarian community.

In addition, organizations part of the group will have to meet minimum requirements in terms of:

- In-house technical capacity to review items specifications,
- Long Term Agreements in place with suppliers of at least one of the three item categories

The yearly USD value of these contracts will also be considered.

**Expected outcomes**

The Working Group will enable a unified approach to a constricted market, avoiding competition and duplication.

It is anticipated that as bottlenecks to supply chains are reduced, members of the Market and Supply Working Group will work collaboratively to determine divisions on procurement that leverage market positioning with an aim to meet demand requests without competition or duplication amongst responders.

### Annex I

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<td>Goggles, protective</td>
<td>RT-PCR kit (100 tests)</td>
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<td>Lab extraction kit (250 extractions)</td>
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<td>Face shield</td>
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