

Action Points

- Supply Chain Interagency Coordination Cell (SCICC) to circulate TORs and participation criteria to the Supply Working Group.
- WHO to share the COVID-19 Disease Commodity Package and Technical Specifications.
- Partners to share with WFP their feedback, suggestions and considerations on the establishment of the common services proposal (cargo and passengers).

Discussions

Topics	Key Points
<p>WG Reconfiguration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Supply Chain Interagency Working Group (WG) will be articulated around 4 buckets of work, namely: Supply & Demand, Logistics an Access, Programme Continuity and Scale up of Operations. It was suggested and endorsed that sub-working groups would be established to support coordination and implementation. • Supply and demand WG: restricted group for buying partners to enable establish a joint approach to procurement for critical medical items. The WG will be led by WHO and restricted to Procurement personnel from partner organizations. The WG will require partners to be open on pipeline and pricing for critical response items. Weekly meetings will take place on Fridays 16:00 Geneva time. Further information will follow. • The Supply and Demand WG will provide global data analytics on the status of critical items. A data sharing mechanism will be communicated. • Logistics and Access Constraint WG: open to any partner willing to receive and share updates on access and logistics constraints and availability of assets and services. This group will be led by the Logistics Cluster, and further decentralized in regional and country level WGs.
<p>Supply</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPE: WHO is working with Chinese Government at highest levels. Certain quantities will be released to WHO but progresses could be faster. • Ventilators, Oximeters and other clinical equipment: European Governments competing on the market, receiving positive answers from the Chinese Government. EU is buying items for critical and severely ill patients. • Lab kits: test protocols to be approved to include new suppliers to the shortlists in order to increase availability. WHO currently working with FIND to shortlist companies.
<p>Access & Common Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suppliers are suffering from export bans and travel restrictions. WHO keeps advocating to ease travel restrictions for critical items. • In preparation for a pipeline opening, common services are being set up by WFP to support the wider humanitarian community. • Common Services will consider: (a) international staging areas, (b) cargo and passenger transport in affected area, (c) consolidation points, (d) air transportation for passenger and cargo, (d) platforms to move cargo from upstream points of consolidation. • WFP is seeking feedback from partners.

<p>Q&A</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IOM requested clarification on the membership restrictions to the Supply WG. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sensitive information will be exchanged through this forum (prices, availability, origin/destinations, etc. for critical items only), and therefore, membership restrictions will be required to ensure confidentiality. • UNICEF highlighted the limited information available in WHO’s SCM pandemic database: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Further resources will be put into it to capture shipment deliveries and pipeline status. Looking into the country level incentives to participate and looking at macro levels, from central procurement entities (e.g. what is going where?). Particularly for items under severe global shortage. • UN Secretariat raised concerns on Governments asking for supplies, through different agencies, and therefore biasing the overall demand. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A “requirement” per country calculated on epidemiology models will be the base for supply allocation, prioritizing low- and middle-income countries for which the UN is a provider of last resort. ➤ There are currently no critical supplies available on the global markets, and WHO will facilitate the reconsideration of the impact of export bans, equipment lockdown and travel ban on airfreight from industrialized countries. • UNFPA raised the point that different coordination forums for COVID-19 response are available, with a risk of duplication. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Supply Chain Interagency Coordination Cell (SCICC) is mandated by and reports to the UN Crisis Management Team through Dr. Michael Ryan, the Executive Director of WHO Health Emergencies Programme. It is the official UN SC coordination forum for COVID-19 response. ➤ Other forums serve different purposes: IASC is a generic coordination WG not specific to Supply Chain; WEF Pandemic SC Forum is a non-operational forum that bring private sector insights; Global Compact is fostering the relationship UN/Private sector. • MSF requested a concrete action plan to take up the Procurement forum. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The idea is now settled, and modalities will be shared shortly by email. • UNDP requested to clarify if the Procurement forum will be broken down in specific commodity groups. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Supply WG will be narrowed down to critical markets where there is currently a collapse. It will be focused on COVID-19 response and is not expected to look into agency specific commodities (food, etc). • COVID-19 specifications were requested. The Disease Commodity Package will be shared to the WG.
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