



ANGOLA: HEALTH COMMODITY PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY MANAGEMENT

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USAID provides critical health medicines and supplies through the Global Health Supply Chain Program - Procurement and Supply Management (GHSC-PSM), supporting the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), USAID's reproductive health program, and the U.S. Government's COVID-19 relief initiatives.

Through GHSC-PSM, USAID also provides the Government of the Republic of Angola (GRA) with cutting-edge technologies and commercial best practices to decrease costs and increase the efficiency of its health supply chains. This technical assistance to the Ministry of Health (MOH), the Central Procurement Agency for Medicines and Medical Supplies Central Medical Store (CECOMA), and the National Directorate for Medicines and Equipment (DNME), enables Angolan agencies to strengthen their own supply chains.

ACTIVITIES

- Plan and implement supply chain management tasks to ensure on-time delivery of critical health medicines, commodities, and supplies
- Strengthen in-country logistics for the effective and efficient delivery of health commodities to health service sites

- Transfer skills, knowledge, and technology for improved supply chain performance, supporting the MOH and CECOMA to further develop health supply chain institutions
- Share and assist with implementation of the latest innovations in supply chain
- Forecasting and supply planning for the National Malaria, the HIV/AIDS, and TB-HIV co-infection, Family Planning, and Essential Medicines Programs
- Technical Assistance to ARMED (Agência Reguladora de Medicamentos e Tecnologias de Saúde) for Regulatory, Registration and Standards Outcomes
- Collaborate with the MOH and other in-country stakeholders on implementation of PNECA, the national supply chain strategic plan

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Procured and delivered
 - Over 28.7 million malaria Rapid Diagnostic Tests
 - 15.7 million antimalarial drugs for outpatient malaria treatment
 - 2,7 million vials of injectable artesunate for inpatient treatment of severe malaria
 - 7.4 million doses of malaria preventive treatment for pregnant women
 - 7.5 million mosquito nets in support of national mass distribution campaigns, and for distribution in clinics for pregnant women and children under five years of age
- Strengthened the MOH's contraceptive logistics management capacity to manage Angola's contraceptive supply chain, and assisted the MOH to develop and implement Angola's long-term contraceptive plan
- Developed regulations and operational procedures for logistics and warehouse management for use by the National Malaria Control Program (NMCP) and CECOMA, leading to improved inventory management and reporting
- Conducted a rapid assessment and analysis of the national COVID-19 storage facility and waste management, to ensure proper storage of COVID-19 vaccines and appropriate disposal of wastes
- Supported in the development of the COVID national integration guidelines and SOPs.
- Printed 1,000 pharmacovigilance manuals and monitoring/reporting forms, to be distributed to the service delivery points
- Supported the development of the National Supply Chain Strategy 2023-2027
- Aided the development of the National Strategic Plan for Health Information Technologies 2023-2027
- Developed a cost plan for deployment of eLMIS that will inform supply planning decisions
- Supported development and roll out of a warehouse management system at CECOMA to optimize central level warehouse management for all health commodities including HIV commodities
- Improved the use of medicines consumption timely and accurate data to assertively determine future commodity needs
- Developed in conjunction with ARMED, a drug registration, approval, rational use, and quality control system, as well as a surveillance drug network

- Procured and delivered:
 - Supplied and distributed laboratory supplies for microscopy diagnosis
 - Over 25 million condoms to protect Angolans from HIV infection
 - Over 490,000 antiretroviral tablets for adult and pediatric treatment including treatment for Tuberculosis and opportunistic infections.
 - Over 500,000 HIV rapid test kits.
- Provided the MoH with antiretrovirals, HIV rapid test kits and condoms at 100% availability in 22 health facilities in 4 provinces and at military sites through last mile distribution to ensure uninterrupted product availability at site level.
- Trained 653 health workers on logistics and warehousing management.
- Trained National HIV institute staff on HIV (INLS) antiretroviral and laboratorial products quantification and forecast.
- Supported the MOH-led technical working group to initiate the national roll-out of a System designed to digitize public health supply chain logistics products.
- Developed guidance for logistics and warehousing management to strengthen national warehouse CECOMA capabilities, leading to improved inventory management and reporting.
- Conducted a rapid assessment and analysis of the national COVID-19 storage facility, to ensure proper storage of COVID-19 vaccines.
- Trained 1,739 logistic staff in supply chain, including specialized training on COVID-19
- In collaboration with INLS, reviewed and updated the standard operating procedures for the logistics management of HIV commodities and supported a training of trainers towards roll out and use of the SOP to improve logistics management of HIV commodities across Angola and specifically in PEPFAR focused provinces and sites.
- Assisted the MOH to develop a national postgraduate program focused on core supply chain elements, to improve competencies and efficiencies.

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