

Pharmaceutical, Infrastructure and Food Safety Working Group

Technical Review Meeting
7-8th September 2010

Background

- The working group formerly known as the *Pharmaceutical Working Group (PWG)* has been widened to include infrastructure and food safety
- WG is known as the *Pharmaceutical, Infrastructure and Food Safety Working Group (PIFWG)*.

Membership

- PSU
- TFDA
- MSD
- PC
- VP
- DPP
- HSPS
- JSI-Deliver
- JSI-SCMS
- GTZ

- WHO
- DANIDA
- KFW
- UNFPA

- PMO-RALG

Meetings of the WG

- Four meetings held
- Meeting schedule: last Thursday of the month
- TOR for the WG prepared and approved
- Discussed three key developments:
 - MSD pilot project for direct delivery
 - Resource allocation scheme for HC/Disp
 - Better Medicines for Children Project

Achievements - MSD

- Conducted Tanga pilot exercise on direct delivery to HCs/dispensaries
- Decentralised facility order processing to 7 out of 9 zonal stores
- Commissioned new zonal store in Mwanza

Achievements - TFDA

- Accredited 1455 ADDOs by Dec 2009
- Conducted inspections to identify sub-standard and counterfeit medicines in DSM
- Piloted surveillance system for food-borne diseases in three regions
- Conducted research on mycotoxin contamination in rural maize storage

Achievements - PSU

- Completed ILS training in public health facilities nationwide
- Developed supervision guidelines for management of medicines and other medical supplies
- Developed strategic HR plan for pharmaceutical sector
- Finalised communication strategy to promote rational use of medicines among consumers

Achievements – Vertical Programmes

- Strengthened management of commodities for malaria, TB/leprosy and HIV-AIDS at MSD and facilities
- Placed zonal supply chain monitoring advisers (for HIV-AIDS commodities)

Achievements - INFRASTRUCTURE

- Standard specifications and architectural drawings for facilities at all levels distributed to Councils
- Regions sending reports on new construction and rehabilitation of facilities under MMAM
- Mapping of health facilities and service availability by various stakeholders (PMO-RALG, NHIF, HMIS, HRH, NMCP)

Challenges	Way forward
Inadequate budget	Mobilise additional resources
Need to change from flat resource allocation for HCs and dispensaries	Implement an equitable resource allocation scheme for HCs and dispensaries
Erratic disbursement of funds to MSD	Regular and systematic allocation to MSD facility accounts

Challenge	Way forward
No baseline for tracer medicines indicator in CCHP and HSSP III. No reliable reporting on this indicator	Establish sentinel monitoring of tracer medicines indicator

Challenge	Way forward
Poor forecasting and ordering of medicines and medical supplies	Develop tools to improve capacity for forecasting and quantification
Limited functionality of ILS	Strengthen ILS using new approaches
Low order fulfillment rate at MSD	Develop MSD inventory management and tracking tools

Challenge	Way forward
Financing and sustainability of direct delivery of medicines and medical supplies to HCs and dispensaries	Concept development and proposal for funding of roll-out of direct delivery to HCs and dispensaries

Challenge	Way forward
Existence of counterfeit and substandard products in the market	Extend post-marketing surveillance, quality testing and pharmacovigilance country-wide

Challenge

Inadequate of information on the extent of food-borne diseases and their impact

Way forward

Roll out Food-Borne Disease Investigation and Surveillance System country-wide

Challenge	Way forward
Mapping of Health facility and service availability is fragmented and poorly coordinated	Harmonising of health facility inventories and GIS data into a single database

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