

Pharmaceutical, Infrastructure and Food Safety Working Group

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Membership

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PSU• TFDA• MSD• PC• VP• DPP• HSPPS• JSI-Deliver & SCMS• GTZ• APHTHA• Co-opted members	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WHO• DANIDA• KFW• UNFPA• UNICEF• USG• CSSC• SIKIKA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PMO-RALG

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Mandate of the PIFWG

To provide advice and technical support for sustainable improvement of provision of pharmaceuticals and related supplies, infrastructure and food safety so as to attain the overall objectives of the Health and Medicines Policies

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Achievements

- Managed to extended to 8 more regions DDTHF
- PSU and MSD working has finalised modalities to renovate 3 out 15 district hospital pharmacies through GF support
- Completed ILS training of trainer to all ZRHC


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Achievements


- The new resource allocation formula for medicines to Health Centres and Dispensaries has been used in four rounds of funds allocation to MSD facility accounts.
- Initiated sentinel monitoring of medicines indicators in district health information and conceived electronic logistics management information system.

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Challenges and Way forward

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Challenges

- The unpredictable schedule / incomplete disbursement of funds and inadequate recurrent budget for medicine, medical devices and related supplies
- Dependence on development funding and vertical model of procurement of key health commodities for HIV-AIDS, Malaria and TB.
- Limited capacity of quantification and forecasting of medicines and medical supplies requirements and implementation gap in the ILS

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Challenges

- Existence of counterfeit and sub-standard pharmaceuticals and unfit food products in the market and accumulated expired medicines waiting disposal in public health facilities
- Low order fulfillment rate at MSD
- Poor infrastructure for hospital pharmacies and stores in various regions and districts
- Shortage of human resources for pharmaceutical services in public sector

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Way - forward

- Strengthen management of available resources for pharmaceuticals at all levels.
 - Rational allocation of funds to facilities to base on the workload/service population per facility;
 - Establishment of mechanism for timely and predictable disbursement of funds to MSD facility accounts;
 - Strengthening of medicines and therapeutics committees;
 - Revision of NSTGs

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Way - forward

- Improve capacity for forecasting medicines requirement, MSD order fulfillment, and strengthen operation of the ILS through capacity building and performance monitoring
 - Strengthen of the MSD zonal stores medicines inventory system to enable reliable consumption data at all levels
 - Introduction of electronic logistics management information system for health commodities
 - Incorporate agreed performance standards in the operating procedures at MSD, MOHSW, PMO-RALG and councils (June 2012)

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Way - forward

- Strengthen post-marketing surveillance, quality testing and pharmacovigilance to monitor counterfeit and substandard medicines circulating in the market
- Facilitate coordination for authorization of disposal of expired medicines and support the councils on disposal process
- Rolling out the Food Borne disease Investigation and Surveillance system all over the country
- Conducting research on level of contamination and exposure of mycotoxins to food consumers especially infants.

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