

ARVs emergency orders: how can the Supply Chain Management System (SCMS) be of help?

SCMS was established in late 2005 as part of the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). With offices in 17 countries and 350 dedicated staff members around the world, we are helping to improve the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS in some of the countries most severely impacted by the pandemic.

SCMS offers a full range of items necessary for HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment programs including antiretrovirals (ARVs), medicines for opportunistic infections such as tuberculosis, rapid HIV test kits, laboratory commodities and a host of other products. Our online e-catalog provides a list of products available, and price estimates for many items.

We work to achieve the lowest possible cost for the products we buy by leveraging purchase volumes across many recipients, negotiating long-term contracts with our suppliers, and buying generic antiretroviral and other pharmaceuticals whenever possible

We offer clients a rapid, regular and reliable supply by storing forecasted quantities of the most frequently requested essential medicines, HIV test kits and other products close to the point of use at regional distribution centers (RDCs) in Ghana, Kenya and South Africa. The RDCs follow commercial best practices to ensure security and quality of the products as well as timely delivery.

SCMS was established to serve PEPFAR programs; however the Partnership for Supply Chain Management is able to work with programs funded by other donors or governments.

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