

Coordinated Procurement Planning (CPP) for HIV/AIDS

Strengthening the supply of HIV/AIDS commodities through donor coordination

As key donors recognized their growing interdependency in country operations and the need to coordinate their efforts under the Three Ones principle, the CPP initiative provides a framework to improve and strengthen country-level coordination for the planning and procurement of HIV/AIDS related commodities. The initiative is in line with the Paris Declaration and the Accra Agenda for Action (AAA) endorsed at the recent high level Forum on Aid effectiveness.

The initiative started in 2006 in six countries; Ethiopia, Guyana, Haiti, Mozambique, Rwanda and Vietnam, and initially focused on ARVs.

Thanks to increased coordination of procurement planning, countries can expect:

- Greater efficiency of HIV/AIDS programs' use of funding, program implementation and scale up through an improved management of national stocks
- Reduced cost of HIV/AIDS programs
- Reduced stock outs and overstocks of ARVs and other commodities

The initiative also:

- Creates a favorable climate for coordination in general
- Helps identify best practices for coordination and provides a model for coordination in other countries
- Provides a basis for further collaborative activities on other HIV/AIDS commodities, related diseases like TB and malaria, and on other areas of the procurement and supply chain management such as warehousing and distribution.

As the initiative develops, additional countries and new commodities (such as rapid test kits) are being considered. In some countries coordination efforts are even being extended to commodity security.

Principles of the initiative

- *Building on existing systems and mechanisms*

The initiative complements and helps strengthen existing efforts towards coordination. Where no structure exists, the initiative can foster the implementation of such structures.

- *Working under country leadership*

Government's leadership is key for the success of the initiative and all efforts are made to ensure the government is taking ownership of national efforts towards coordination. Where the government's capacity is limited the initiative can bring adequate support to help coordination move forward.

Supporting Organizations

- The Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM)
- UNITAID
- US Government: Office of the US Global AIDS Coordinator (PEPFAR)
- World Bank (WB)
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- Technical Secretariat: Supply Chain Management System (SCMS)

Structure and organization

A Steering Committee is providing strategic guidance and monitoring progress and achievements of the initiative. The Steering Committee was originally composed of representatives from the GFATM, PEPFAR and the WB. It has now been expanded to include UNITAID within the group of major funders of HIV/AIDS commodities, and WHO contributing the unique role globally and regionally, in supporting national coordination.

SCMS, a PEPFAR funded project, is the initiative's technical secretariat, facilitating communications between country programs and the Steering Committee and coordinating technical aspects of the initiative. With offices in 16 countries and expertise in supply chain management, SCMS is well positioned to support and contribute to the initiative's implementation.

In each country, representatives of the Steering Committee members (US Government teams,, WB offices, UNITAID partners such as the Clinton HIV/AIDS initiative (CHAI) and UNICEF and in some cases WHO country offices) and Global Fund Principal Recipients are contributing to and supporting the initiative in close collaboration with SCMS.

How you can contribute to the CPP initiative

If you are a country office/representative/recipients:

- Support the implementation of the initiative:
 - o Develop a relationship with SCMS field office
 - o Promote the initiative and advocate for coordination
 - o Participate into the national coordinated procurement planning process
 - o Support the initiative to overcome specific challenges as they arise
- Contribute to reporting on the initiative's progress, lessons learned, challenges and successes by sharing your perspective and providing feedback to the technical secretariat through the SCMS field office and your organization/contractor/donor.

If you are a regional office:

- Facilitate the technical secretariat's communication and coordination with country offices and representatives
- Support country offices and representatives to include this activity into their work plans
- Share perspectives on the initiative's implementation in your country with your organization's Steering Committee member's representative

For further information

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