

# Operation Storm and Operation Mamba



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## INTERPOL - IMPACT Objective

- To enhance the cooperation between the health sector, the police and the customs ....To disrupt the transnational criminal networks



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## South East Asia : Operation Storm



- First time - 8 countries participating : Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, PRC, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam
- Cross Agencies involved: Police, Customs, National Regulatory Authorities
- Specific support from HSA laboratory expertise
- Support from private sector by bringing intelligence through INTERPOL
- Three preparatory meetings with SPOCs in countries participating
- Six month of Operation : 15 April -15 September 2008
- Cases reported and checked into INTERPOL Database on International Intellectual Property (DIIP) Crime



# IMPACT Enforcement Trainings



- Systematic partnership : police-customs-regulatory authorities
- Three trainings sessions : Bangkok (SPOCs); Vietnam and Cambodia
- Translation of PFIPC Investigative guide manual into Khmer and Vietnamese language





# Results



## *Operational results :*

186 Raids;  
27 Arrests;  
16,092,650 tablets seized;  
USD, 6, 650, 000 value seized

## *Strategic results:*

Innovative Operation and commitment to cooperate amongst enforcement agencies, regulatory bodies and private sector involved in combating counterfeit medical products

Laos and Cambodia



# Operation Storm : Thai Cases



# Operation Storm Case –2008





# Africa Sub-Sahara activities

## Operation Mamba



- Two Countries : Tanzania and Uganda
- Multi agencies : Police, Customs, NDA, FCC, BS...
- Two pre-operational meetings
- Identification of SPOCs
- National Taskforce created
- Pre-operational Trainings
- **One week Operation Simultaneously in both Countries – 29sept/5thOct**
- Coordinated press conferences



# Enforcement pre-operational trainings

Both in Tanzania and Uganda – Police, Customs, Regulators from the 4 regions selected for Operation

Support from the private sector representative  
PFIPC Manual distributed



# Results Operation Mamba

## Tanzania

**95** agents deployed  
**191** facilities visited  
**44** Police Cases opened  
**4** Pharmacies closed  
**18** Drug shops closed  
**100 variety** of products  
**4** cases prosecuted



## Uganda

**60** agents deployed  
**45** facilities visited  
**38** shops investigated  
**21** Police Cases opened  
**Variety** of products  
**Variety** of offences



# Pharmacy – Dar-Es-Salaam



# Kampala, Uganda



# Warehouses



TFDA Headquarters



INTERPOL Headquarters

# Results – Uganda -Tanzania

## Counterfeit products



## Illicit products



# Coordinated Press Conferences



Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanzania

[www.interpol.int](http://www.interpol.int)



Kampala, Uganda

# Challenges

- Support from top level hierarchy
- Support from the owner of the shops
- Intelligence sharing amongst stakeholders
- Timing of preparation for Operation
- Testing capacity / time line responses
- Corruption
- Follow-up on interventions
- Reports on cases
- Identify the organized criminals behind
- Follow-up after operation

# Conclusions

- Consistency
- Sustainability
- Organize another operation in each region
- Coordination of efforts = success

Thank you!