SE16 - Rising to the challenge of improving human resources for health supply chains – The People that Deliver initiative

A rapid increase in health assistance from multilateral and bilateral donors has resulted in huge increases in the quantity, value, and complexity of supplies flowing through public health supply chains. However, the health supply chains of middle- and low-income countries (LMICs) are often unable to respond reliably to existing demands, putting both health supplies and health outcomes at risk.

The status of the supply chain workforce in LMICs is in marked contrast to their status in high income environments, where supply chain management is recognised as a key strategic function, instrumental to institutional success. Without a competent, recognized, and empowered health supply chain workforce, health programs will continue to suffer from a lack of supplies and universal health coverage will not be attainable in many countries.

This session, hosted by the People that Deliver (PtD) Initiative, will address the importance of a government lead systematic approach to human resources (HR) for health supply chain management (SCM) in the context of broader health systems strengthening objectives. Participants will be able to engage in case study presentations from Dominican Republic, Mozambique and Namibia outlining progress made through engagement with the PtD Initiative. Participants also will be given the opportunity to consider how PtD approaches could be applied to improve HR requirements for SCM, and ultimately universal health coverage, in their own country context.
The People that Deliver Initiative is a global partnership of more than 80 organizations established in 2011 to lead the way in a systematic focus on HR for SCM. The PtD mission is to build global and national capacity to implement evidence-based approaches to plan, finance, develop, support and retain the national workforces needed for the effective, efficient and sustainable management of health supply chains.

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