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The UN Commission on Life Saving Commodities for Women and Children presents
Your South-to-South Network: Resources for Public Health Supply Chains

satellite session of the Global Health Supply Chain Summit

Copenhagen, Denmark

November 19-20, 2014

This workshop will highlight tools and resources to improve public health supply chains created by the UNCoLSC's Supply & Local Markets Technical Resource Team (TRT) with special focus on quantification, data management, and private sector engagement. Each session will be facilitated by experts who have used the tools and resources in their countries, providing opportunity for in-depth exploration and sharing of best practices, case studies, and experiences.

Plenary Session –starting at 13:30 on November 19th, 2014

This session is open to all and will start 13:30 on the final day of the GHSC Summit. This session will provide an introduction to the work conducted by Supply and Local Markets TRT, resources and tools available through the TRT, and an opportunity to interact with other supply chain implementers. The session will be followed by a reception and networking event.

Workshop Tracks – all day November 20th, 2014

These interactive sessions, facilitated by experts from Zambia, Tanzania, Senegal, Nigeria and other countries will cover different critical topics for managing in-country supply chains. Participants can only apply to one track; spaces are limited so we encourage participants to [apply](#) as soon as possible.

Track 1: Increasing access to life-saving commodities for women and children: getting the numbers right! An in-depth, practical workshop on using demographic and morbidity-based methodologies to estimate product needs for RMNCH. This hands-on session will focus on quantification of [13 lifesaving reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health commodities](#). Participants will receive a copy of the recently published *Quantification of Health Commodities: RMNCH Supplement. Forecasting Consumption of Select Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Commodities*.

Track 2: Implementing data management tools for logistics and service delivery: CommTrack, DHIS2, and OpenLMIS. This collaborative, hands-on session will include organizations and in-country partners describing their real world experience implementing and using CommTrack, DHIS2, and OpenLMIS to improve supply chain decision making and performance. There will be an opportunity to gain hands-on experience with each of these tools in small groups.

Track 3: Engaging the private sector: perspectives from the public and private sector on partnerships that work. Have you ever wondered how to engage with the private sector for outsourcing transport or warehousing? Or to arrange for a private company to provide maintenance for your cold chain? This session will provide guidance on how to do that. This participatory workshop will use *Private Sector Engagement: A Guidance Document for Supply Chains in the Modern Context* as a guide on considerations before embarking in private sector engagement, the process to take, and detailed hands-on tools to use to formalize the engagement. Participants will receive a copy of the *document* and will be able to provide feedback that will be used to improve future versions of the toolkit.

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Your South-to-South Network: Resources for Public Health Supply Chains

Plenary Session

Overview:

This session will provide an introduction to the work conducted to-date by the Supply and Local Markets Technical Reference Team (TRT), information on how to access supply chain resources and tools created by the TRT, and an opportunity to network with other supply chain implementers. The session will be followed by a reception and networking event.

Workshop Objectives:

- Participants will understand the purpose of the UN Commission for Life Saving Commodities and the goals of the Supply & Local Markets Technical Working Group.
- Participants will understand what tools and resources have been created by the Supply & Local Markets Technical Work Group and how to access them, including:
 - a framework to identify key barriers and supply challenges
 - briefs on proven and promising practices for supply chain management
 - country case studies in supply chain integration
 - a guide to best practices in supply chain integration
 - a guide of key supply chain indicators for measuring performance
 - a toolkit for supply chain management coordination committees
 - a toolkit to help in-country supply chain managers to engage with potential private sector supply chain partners
 - a quantification guidance package
 - enhancements to data management tools (CommTrack, DHIS2, and OpenLMIS)

Who Should Attend?

This session is open to anyone interested in learning more about the UN Commission for Life Saving Commodities and the Supply & Local Markets Technical Working Group. You can attend the plenary session without signing up for the second day's workshop tracks.

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Increasing access to life-saving commodities for women and children: Getting the numbers right!

Overview:

Please join CHAI, JSI, SIAPS, and UNFPA for a one-day, hands-on session for up to 25 participants on quantification of [13 lifesaving reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health commodities](#). Participants will receive a copy of the recently published *Quantification of Health Commodities: RMNCH Supplement. Forecasting Consumption of Select Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Commodities*. We are planning a highly interactive session that encourages sharing of experiences among the participants.

Workshop Objectives:

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

- Identify data that is used in forecasting for the 13 UNCoLSC products and possible challenges with the data
- Describe the major sections of the RMNCH quantification supplement and how to use it
- Identify special considerations for forecasting for specific RMNCH products
- Identify ways to adjust data for forecasting
- Prepare a forecast using demographic/morbidity data, including developing and documenting assumptions
- Discuss potential supply planning challenges for these products and possible ways to address these challenges

Who Should Attend?

This session is designed for up to 25 people who have existing supply chain and quantification knowledge.

Required knowledge: We expect that you already have supply chain knowledge including understanding of quantification, the major steps involved, key terms (including forecasting and supply planning), and the preparation required. We assume you will be able to participate in technical discussions in English.

Desirable knowledge/experience: We invite in particular participants responsible for quantification in their regular jobs, or who have participated previously in a quantification exercise (though this is not a requirement). We also welcome participants who have experience with some or all of these 13 commodities (though this is not a requirement).

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Implementing data management tools for logistics and service delivery: CommTrack, DHIS2, and OpenLMIS

Overview:

Public health supply chains need accurate, timely data to ensure information is available when and where needed for making decisions to ensure a continuous supply of lifesaving commodities. This workshop is structured to facilitate cross country sharing of experiences and lessons learned in designing, implementing, and rolling out data management systems. This workshop provides an overview of data management tools for logistics and service delivery data, focusing in on DHIS2, CommTrack and OpenLMIS. The session will include organizations and in-country partners describing their real world experience implementing and using these systems to improve supply chain decision making and performance. There will be an opportunity to try these tools in small groups to provide some hands-on experience with each one.

Workshop Objectives:

- Provide participants with an overview of data management resources that have or are being developed with support from UN Commission on Life-Saving Commodities and those also being explored in Phase 2 (i.e. the integrated dashboard).
- Create forum for countries with experience implementing data management systems to share with those exploring/considering data options, including discussion of lessons learned during implementation process and value added from these systems.
- Provide opportunity for hands-on exposure to and learning about existing tools, with special attention to DHIS2, CommTrack, and OpenLMIS.
- Provide an update on the Supply and Local Markets Technical Reference Team work related to an integrated dashboard.

By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- Describe OpenLMIS, DHIS2, and CommTrack systems and describe the purpose of each, especially the type of data collected, business processes supported and reports the tools make available.
- Understand the resources needed to implement and maintain each system and decision process for choosing the appropriate data management tool for a given supply chain management problem.
- Discuss country specific experiences with implementation and use of data management systems including lessons learned in implementation and the value added by implementing each system.
- Access and navigate through at least one tool which they would consider using in their jobs and be able to explain the benefits to other stakeholders.

Who Should Attend?

The session is designed for up to 25 participants. This track is open to participants interested in learning more about open source data management options and experiences from actual country implementation. Ideal participants are ministry of health information/supply chain specialists, logistics managers and non-governmental organizations or advocacy groups who are interested in learning more about supply chain data management systems. Participants will gain the most from this session if they have a basic understanding of supply chain functions, data requirements for supply chain management, reporting system design (manual or automated), and supply chain indicators. We encourage all who are currently implementing data management systems (or interested in learning more about data management systems) to attend and share their experience.

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Engaging the private sector: Perspectives from the public and private sectors on partnerships that work

Overview:

Have you ever wondered how to engage with the private sector for outsourcing transport or warehousing? Or to arrange for a private company to provide maintenance for your cold chain? This session will provide guidance on how to do that. Private sector engagement can be defined as the deliberate, systematic collaboration of the government and the private sector to move national health priorities forward, beyond individual interventions and programs. This participatory workshop will use *Private Sector Engagement: A Guidance Document for Supply Chains in the Modern Context* as a guide on considerations before embarking in private sector engagement, the process to take, and detailed hands-on tools to use to formalize the engagement. Participants will receive a copy of the *document* and will be able to provide feedback that will be used to improve future versions of the toolkit.

Workshop Objectives:

- Participants will gain an overview of the private sector engagement process including:
 - Benefits, risks and challenges of the engagement process
 - Different approaches to private sector engagement
 - Specific steps for engaging the private sector in different forms from simple dialogue to well-defined legally-binding contracts
- Participants will hear lessons learned from public and private sector engagement stakeholders who will share lessons learned in instigating and implementing successful private sector engagement initiatives.
- Participants will gain awareness of the *Private Sector Engagement: A Guidance Document for Supply Chains in the Modern Context*. Participants will also provide feedback on the guidance document in an on-going effort to refine and shape the document and its utility.

Who Should Attend?

This workshop is designed for up to 20 participants. Ideal participants are those who work for ministries of health, private sector companies interested in working with public sector supply chains, donors, and ministry of health partners and supply chain implementers. Participants should have an interest in public/private partnerships (experience with PPPs is a bonus, though not required). Those in position of influence to start a private sector engagement initiative will gain the most from the workshop.

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