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Too often, affordable, effective medicines and simple health supplies do not reach the women and children who need them.

The UN Commission on Life-Saving Commodities for Women and Children aims to increase access to life-saving medicines and health supplies for the world's most vulnerable people.



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10 Recommendations:

1. Shaping global markets
2. Shaping local markets
3. Innovative financing
4. Quality strengthening
5. Regulatory efficiency



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10 Recommendations:

6. Supply and awareness
7. Demand and awareness
8. Reaching women and children
9. Performance and accountability
10. Product innovation





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The Maternal Health Technical Reference Team

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Subgroups



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Tools – Beth Yeager, **Management Sciences for Health (SIAPS/MSH)**

John Snow Inc (JSI), iPas , PAI, PopCouncil, RHSC , UNFPA, MSH

Availability of Quality Maternal Health Products [formerly the Mapping/Manufacturers and Increased Use of MgSO4 subgroups] – Hans Vemer , **Accelovate/Jhpiego**. Peter Hall, **Concept Foundation**, *VSI, PSI, PAI, Pop Council, MCHIP, UNFPA, PATH, MacArthur Found, WHO, Pathfinder, CHAI, PFSCM, M4M, USP.*

Guideline Dissemination – Joshua Vogel, **World Health Organization (WHO)**. Michel Pacqué, **PATH**, *Univ of Toronto , USAID, UNFPA, PSI*

Essential Medicines List – Shannon Bledsoe, **Venture Strategies Innovations**

FCI , Gynuity Health Projects , MSH, MSI, MCHIP, PAI, PSI

Commodity Security [formerly Resource Mobilization] –David O'Brien, **John Snow, Inc.**

Univ of Brit Columbia, PAI, RHSC, Pop. Council, PATH, JSI

Oxytocin in the Cold Chain –Michel Pacqué, **PATH**

PATH, USAID, Merck for Mothers, JHPIEGO, WHO, JSI/MSH/PFSCM, US Pharmacopeial Convention, UNFPA

Key Achievements: Tools Subgroup

- Inventory of 46 tools related to MH commodities developed
 - Final list includes tools for advocacy, improving medicine use and various components of supply chain management
 - Contained in an excel file that contains descriptors for each tools such as purpose, commodities addressed in the tool, intended audience, language, etc
 - Fact sheets for each tool also developed

Next step:

- Inventory with fact sheets to be posted on Supplies Information Data base of RHSC and UN Commission website

Key Achievements: Availability of Quality Maternal Health Products

General:

- Master list of country EMLs has been assembled
- EML spreadsheet is completed

MgSO4:

- Held expert meeting, decided on first priority presentation
- Completed list of barriers
- Received requirements for PQP
- Business plan being finalized

Misoprostol:

- Two companies submitted dossiers for PQP, one has gone through ERP
- Business case has been finalized
- Discussions are being held with high capacity manufacturers

Oxytocin:

- Mapping of manufacturers continues
- Business case is being prepared

Key Achievements: Guideline Dissemination

- The Guidelines activity was presented during the Rec 9 meeting in Nairobi (May 2013) and discussed with country representatives during the Dakar meeting with pathfinder countries (July 2013).
- Country plans were reviewed to determine which countries are best suited for the in country assessment.
- PATH received funding , while WHO is still awaiting funding.

Key Achievements: Essential Medicines List

- Short-listed priority countries for EML revision (DRC, Sierra Leone)
- Assembled master EML list that includes to date 65 country EMLs from Africa, Asia
- Supports inclusion of misoprostol on EML in two new countries with national EML revisions planned for 2013
 - Democratic Republic of Congo (ongoing support provided by MSH)
 - Sierra Leone (MSI to lead pending release of funding)

Key Achievements: Commodity Security

- Compiled list of products to be considered for inclusion in the basket of commodities
- Reviewed EMLs of 60+ countries to determine status of inclusion of 3 primary medications
- Drafted and reviewed suggested definition of CS for MH products
- Drafted preliminary framework on MH commodity security
- Drafting questionnaire for obtaining country level information on challenges and facilitators in advancing MH commodity security

When completed, these activities will contribute to:

- Drafting a white paper on MH commodity security, and
- Developing a commodity security framework for MH products

Key Achievements: Oxytocin in the Cold Chain

- PATH conducted a literature review and developed a draft background paper on the burden of PPH, policy statements and reports around including oxytocin and other drugs in the EPI cold chain and relevant experiences in including other drugs in the cold chain
- Reviewed country plans for activities regarding including oxytocin in the cold chain
- Made link with Rec 10 activities (including the time temperature indicator on oxytocin) to explore collaboration possibilities
- Made an initial contact with GAVI to advocate for the inclusion of oxytocin in the cold chain



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Challenges:

- Turn reports and plans into action, especially in countries
- Avoid duplication and overlap.

Thank you

