

## Information Sheet

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### **CHANNEL**

#### **Developer**

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

#### **How to access the tool**

This is an electronic tool. To access it and for more information, contact Joseph Abraham, [jabraham@unfpa.org](mailto:jabraham@unfpa.org).

#### **Purpose**

CHANNEL is a computer software program for managing health supplies. The program allows individual warehouses to track their supply stock as soon as commodities enter or leave storage, and to generate simple reports and requests. The software is meant to automate the data collection and reporting requirements of the facilities at which it is used, while assisting and encouraging good practices in logistics and supply management. Any number and type of commodities can be managed by the system, including essential drugs, vaccines, and medical supplies. This makes the software flexible and suitable to accommodate the management of health supplies, in general. It may also be used for forecasting and procurement planning.

#### **Audience**

This tool may be used by program managers at warehouses and service delivery points.

#### **Language**

English, French, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish

#### **Keywords**

inventory management, logistics management, forecasting

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