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HEALTH COMMODITY SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

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USAID is providing technical assistance to the Central Medical Stores (CMS), Supply Chain Management Unit, Pharmacy Division and public health programs of the Ministry of Health (MOH) in Liberia to strengthen the management of health commodity logistics management systems. This support is also extended to the County Health team and District Health teams to improve the overall health supply chain support systems and thereby help improve health outcomes for the people of Liberia. This support is provided through two projects: USAID Global Health Supply Chain Program-Procurement and Supply Management (GHSC-PSM) implemented by Chemonics International Inc., and Project Last Mile (PLM), a partnership between USAID and Coca-Cola.

USAID assistance is focused on improving health commodity forecasting and supply planning, procurement, international freight, custom clearance, storage, distribution, and monitoring of medicines and other health commodities, through the logistics management information system (LMIS) and the electronic LMIS. In addition, USAID supports stakeholder coordination platforms and capacity building of different units, programs and divisions of the MOH with respect to supply chain management of health products.

USAID GLOBAL HEALTH SUPPLY CHAIN PROGRAM-PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY MANAGEMENT

USAID Global Health Supply Chain Program-Procurement and Supply Management (GHSC-PSM) support to CMS is focused on in-country storage, warehousing, and distribution of medicines and medical supplies to the 14 county depots and identified clinics in Montserrado County. This support helps to ensure access to quality healthcare service delivery and availability of quality health products.

GHSC-PSM is also providing support to the SCMU, Pharmacy Division and public health programs for appropriate health product selection, forecasting, supply planning, LMIS, stakeholder's coordination, supply chain mentoring and surveys. These activities are used to generate accurate health supply chain data to inform national health commodities procurement decisions. In addition, GHSC-PSM supports the procurement of malaria and family planning health products and uses forecasting and supply planning to support in-country health service delivery.

GHSC-PSM activities will be implemented in close collaboration with other supply chain partners and relevant stakeholders. GHSC-PSM will use on-the-job coaching as its main approach to targeted capacity building and technical assistance in response to specific needs as defined by the MOH/CMS.

PROJECT LAST MILE

Project Last Mile (PLM) leverages Coca-Cola's systems experience through a public private partnership to provide focused technical assistance to health supply chain network optimization to introduce industry standards of efficiencies in the distribution systems. PLM is working with the National Public Health Institute of Liberia (NPHIL) to strengthen the emergency supply chain system that will enable the country to be agile in responding to outbreak of disease of public health importance. This assistance includes selection, forecasting and supply planning of essential health products for disease outbreaks. Activities also include identification of efficient storage and distribution strategies that will enable the MOH to appropriately provide needed health products in event of crisis.

PLM most recently provided technical assistance to NPHIL to establish an emergency supply chain playbook to guide preparedness and implementation of supply chain activities in the event of a public health disease outbreak by the National Epidemic Preparedness and Response Committee.