
Memo

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The following is a list of forthcoming publications from the DELIVER Project, John Snow, Inc.:

- **On Tracks**— A collection of one-page success stories, lessons learned, and best practices in logistics.
 1. **On Track: AD Syringes**

Increasingly, the international public health community is advocating the use of auto-disable syringes to improve injection safety in developing countries. What are the logistics challenges brought about by the shift to AD syringes?
 2. **On Track: Global Fund**

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria recently used a tool adapted from DELIVER's Logistics System Assessment Tool to help determine Haiti's readiness to receive Global Fund money. The Procurement and Supply Management Assessment Tool (PSMAT) measured the ability of Haiti's procurement system and supply chain to handle an expanded in-flow of health products. The PSMAT was developed jointly by the Global Fund; John Snow, Inc.; Management Sciences for Health; the World Health Organization; and the Stop TB Partnership.
 3. **On Track: Procurement Manuals**

DELIVER recently produced a first-of-its-kind set of health commodity procurement manuals for the Government of Bangladesh to use on World Bank-financed procurements. The three manuals outline a set of fundamental procurement procedures that could be adapted to any country seeking to purchase health commodities on a long-term basis.
 4. **On Track: RHInterchange**

One of the important elements to achieving contraceptive security in developing countries is improving the accuracy of information used to make procurement decisions. The RHInterchange is a web-based tool being developed to enable the analysis of dissimilar program data from the world's biggest purchasers of contraceptives. Its upcoming release is a key milestone for the Supply Initiative, a newly formed consortium

working to improve worldwide contraceptive security through better collaboration among donors of reproductive health supplies.

5. On Track Update: Bolivia

In August 1999, we reported that the Family Planning Logistics Management project, the predecessor to JSI/DELIVER, helped Bolivian officials incorporate substantial logistics training into Bolivia's nursing school curricula and create the first logistics job aids in the country—and in Latin America. In this reprint of the original text we provide an update on some of the activities and objectives presented in the original text.

6. On Track Update: Nepal

In May 2000, we reported that the Family Planning Logistics Management project (FPLM), the predecessor to JSI/DELIVER, was helping to improve commodity security in Nepal. In this reprint, we provide an update on some of the activities and objectives presented in the original text.

7. On Track: Uganda

A December 2002 transport study by JSI/DELIVER in Uganda suggests that reducing the supply chain in certain markets may significantly affect the price of handling donated medical commodities.

8. On Track: Bar Coding

The use of warehouse bar coding systems is a well-established solution for increasing efficiency and lowering costs. But, it is not necessarily an appropriate tool for all markets. A recent evaluation in Uganda showed that the purchase price of coding systems is only one in a series of factors that logistics managers need to consider before implementation. Additional factors that affect the sustainability of bar coding systems include the recurrent costs associated with warehouse management software and hardware, and the availability of local technical support.

9. On Track: Ghana Process Mapping

Many private industry experts consider process mapping, an exercise to improve the efficiency systems by examining the steps required to complete particular tasks, to be the most important new business improvement tools to come along in more than a decade. In February 2002, JSI/DELIVER conducted a process mapping workshop with the Planned Parenthood Association of Ghana to analyze its contraceptive logistics system.

• **Handbooks/Guides:**

1. **Chandani, Yasmin.** 2003. *HIV Test Kit Selection: Operational Considerations for Voluntary Counseling and Testing and Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission Programs*. DELIVER/JSI, for the U.S. Agency for International Development. Forthcoming.

Discusses the multiple criteria to consider when selecting HIV test kits for use in voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) and preventing mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) programs. Also provides a checklist of criteria that may enhance the quality of

services and reduce program costs, as well as an example of how the product selection process might work.

2. **DELIVER.** 2003. *Guide for Quantifying HIV Test Requirements.* DELIVER/JSI, for the U.S. Agency for International Development. Forthcoming.

This guide presents a process for quantifying HIV test requirements in developing country settings using a variety of forecasting methodologies. It was developed to help program managers and logistics advisors select recognized methodologies and apply them based on specific country circumstances.