



Supply Chain Management System (SCMS)

ARV and HIV/AIDS commodities are available in Haiti for all existing patients, taking into consideration the national objectives as well as the PEPFAR program goals.



PFSCM Staff

Cholera kits in a warehouse wait to be transported through SCMS.

SCMS ensures the availability of pharmaceuticals and HIV commodities for the treatment of more than 16,000 HIV/AIDS patients at more than 35 PEPFAR sites.

In the earthquake response, SCMS redirected essential medicines and health commodities for the humanitarian response and provide technical and logistical support to PROMESS.

For the cholera outbreak, SCMS distributed cholera kits—sufficient to treat more than 11,000 patients—and 60,000 bags of Ringer lactate—sufficient to treat 6,000 severe to moderate cholera cases.

Overview

SCMS saves lives by providing much needed medical supplies to those in need. SCMS activities are carried out to provide best quality antiretroviral (ARV) drugs and other HIV commodities through needs assessments, forecasting, procurement, shipping, warehousing, and distribution at the national level. Locally, SCMS improves infrastructure, provides technical assistance, and improves the ability of clinics to manage supplies to ensure proper storage and management. Since the January 2010 earthquake, SCMS has provided commodities for relief response and assisted the Pan American Health Organization-managed essential medicines warehouse (PROMESS) - the Government of Haiti (GOH) warehouse and distribution system for medical commodities. SCMS remains involved with the overall response against cholera, primarily by purchasing and distributing related commodities.

Objectives

SCMS aims to establish and operate a safe, secure, reliable, and sustainable supply chain to procure, manage, and distribute pharmaceuticals and other products needed to provide care and treatment of persons with HIV/AIDS and related infections. SCMS operates throughout Haiti's 10 geographical departments, providing services through the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) sites.

Activities

SCMS procures commodities related to HIV/AIDS testing, care, and treatment for PEPFAR-supported countries worldwide, including Haiti. Commodities include ARV and opportunistic infection drugs, rapid test kits, laboratory equipment, and other miscellaneous equipment. The majority of these commodities are purchased on the world market by the SCMS central system, thus achieving cost savings through economies of scale and preferred pricing. SCMS handles importation, warehousing, and distribution to approximately 140 USAID/Haiti and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) supported health service delivery facilities throughout Haiti.

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Implementing Partner: Partnership for Supply Chain Management System (PFSCM)