



The Sustainable Health in Procurement Project (SHiPP).

Saving lives Sustainably.



KEY INFORMATION

Sector: Health
Lead Partner: UNDP
Implementing Partners: UNDP & Healthcare Without Harm (HCWH)
Donor: SIDA
Responsible Parties: Ministry of Health Community Development Gender Elderly and Children and Ministry of Environment
Budget: USD 650,000
Duration: : 2018 - 2021

BACKGROUND

The health sector’s mandate is to prevent and cure diseases. Yet the delivery of health care services can inadvertently contribute to human and environmental health problems.

Health systems generate significant environmental impacts both up and downstream. These range from service delivery, to the natural resources and products health systems procure and consume, to the waste they generate. This in turn contributes to climate change, chemical contamination, resource depletion, biodiversity loss, air and water pollution.

A major point of impact in health care delivery is along the supply chain. The health sector purchases a broad array of products including chemicals, electronics, plastics, medical devices, energy generation technologies, laboratory reagents, anaesthetic gases, pharmaceuticals and food. The production, packaging, transportation, use and disposal of these products has a significant impact on the health of people and the environment.

PROJECT DETAILS

Creating and implementing sustainable and ethical procurement policies can positively impact the global healthcare supply chain in many ways. Sustainable procurement also plays a central role in aligning health care with the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement on climate change and other multilateral environmental conventions for achieving sustainable development at the 1992 Rio Earth Summit. Since that time, a number of UN conferences and agreements have recognized the value of sustainable procurement in fostering sustainable production and consumption and have promoted action to implement it. Sustainable procurement strategies can help implement many of the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 12 on Sustainable Production and Consumption.



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KEY ACTIVITIES

- Develop universally applicable criteria and standards for sustainable manufacturing, distribution and content of products procured by the health sector.
- Strengthen capacity for sustainable procurement in the health sector in ten project countries.
- Strengthen capacity for sustainable production, supply and disposal of health care products in at least ten project countries.
- Strengthen the understanding and application of appropriate indicators and monitoring and evaluation processes that help promote accountability for sustainable procurement in the health sector.

RESULTS

In June 2018 SHiPP organized the global “Saving Lives Sustainably,” health suppliers and manufacturers forum. This first in a series of annual forums took place in Manila and was hosted by the Asian Development Bank. The second Saving Lives Sustainably Forum was held in Tanzania in July 2019. It was organized jointly with the Medical Stores Department (MSD), the host institution of the 16-member-state South- 8 Sustainable Health in Procurement Project (SHiPP) Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Pooled Procurement Service. SHiPP has supported SADC and MSD to embed environmental and social sustainability in operational guidelines for member states that pool their procurement of health commodities.

Through the project’s Latin America regional component, the Secretary of Public Health of the city of Cali, Valle del Cauca, Colombia, issued a new policy to implement sustainable procurement requiring reusable instead of disposable products and recycling.

United Nations Environment Programme invited UNDP and HCWH to co-chair the Health Working Group of its One Planet Initiative, setting the stage for the integration of health procurement into UN Environment’s worldwide sustainable public procurement initiatives.

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