

The Supply Chain Management System (SCMS) began operations in Kenya in July 2008 to ensure a reliable, cost effective supply of high quality laboratory commodities to support care and treatment of HIV/AIDS patients. To date, SCMS has delivered commodities worth over \$31 million to Kenya to support HIV/AIDS efforts.

What We Do

Procurement

SCMS's key objective is to support and strengthen the Kenyan Government's health services in order to provide care to HIV/AIDS patients and support HIV/AIDS prevention efforts. To date, SCMS has delivered commodities worth over \$31 million to over 4000 health facilities, most of which are managed by government and faith-based organizations (FBOs). SCMS procures a wide range of commodities — including reagents for chemistry, hematology and CD4 analyzers, laboratory accessories including pipette tips and vacutainers, and HIV rapid test kits — which are used for numerous programs including voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) and prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT).

In addition, SCMS has procured state of the art equipment for specialized institutions including the National Blood Transfusion Centers — which can now screen for HIV and other blood borne infections simultaneously — and the TB Laboratory — which diagnoses multi-drug resistance TB, a life threatening infection in AIDs patients. To ensure that the equipment procured under the program is operating optimally at all times, SCMS has entered into contracts with vendors to maintain the equipment.

Distribution

Kenya is home to one of SCMS's three regional distribution centers (RDC) in Sub-Saharan Africa. These temperature-controlled facilities follow commercial best practices to ensure security and quality of products as well as timely delivery.

By virtue of the RDCs, SCMS holds inventories closer to where clients are located. This allows for more frequent deliveries of smaller quantities which reduce client inventories and the incidence of expired drugs and supplies, and contribute to improvements in all supply chain services for clients in East African focus countries. The Kenya RDC is uniquely positioned to provide freight and logistics services for our procurement activities, including customs clearance and distribution of cold chain products directly to testing sites.

To ensure that health facilities have adequate laboratory commodities and HIV rapid test kits, SCMS facilitates distribution from the RDC to over 4,000 health facilities and stand alone VCT centers throughout the country.

National Activity Support

- SCMS supported the National AIDS and STIs Control Programme in conducting the Rapid Result Initiative (RRI), a successful HIV testing campaign held November 23 to December 12, 2009. The program informed over one million Kenyans with their HIV status.



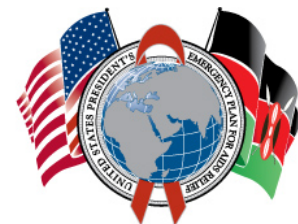
National Blood Transfusion Centre staff using state of the art ABBOTT Architect to screen for blood borne infections. The equipment is one of the many devices procured through SCMS.

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- SCMS played a central role in the RRI campaign by distributing rapid test kits to a network of over 200 health facilities.
- SCMS distributed 1,000,000 HIV rapid test kits in Kenya during the 2010 World Cup RRI which was organized by National AIDS and STD Control Program.
- SCMS provides technical assistance in the development of national policies, guidelines and protocols, and quantifications of laboratory reagents, commodities and HIV rapid test kits.

Our Partners

Collaboration among host-country governments, international donors, nongovernmental organizations, manufacturers and other stakeholders is critical to ensuring that quality laboratory commodities and medicines reach the people with HIV/AIDS who need them.

Our key partners in Kenya:

- Ministry of Medical Services
- Ministry of Public Health and Sanitation
- Kenya Medical Supplies Agency (KEMSA)
- National AIDS Control Council (NACC)
- National AIDS/STI Control Program (NASCOP)
- International and Local Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs)
- Faith-based organizations (FBOs) working in the field on HIV/AIDS

In addition, SCMS also collaborates and coordinates with The Global Fund, Japanese International Cooperation Agency, Clinton HIV/AIDS Initiative and UNICEF on laboratory commodities procurement and distribution.

About Us

The Supply Chain Management System (SCMS) is a project of US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), administered by United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

SCMS brings together 13 private sectors, nongovernmental and faith-based organizations that are among the most trusted names in supply chain management and international public health and development. With offices in 18 countries including the United States and more than 450 dedicated staff members around the world, we are helping to improve the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS in some of the countries most severely impacted by the pandemic.

SCMS procures essential medicines and supplies at affordable prices; helps strengthen and build reliable, secure and sustainable supply chain systems; and fosters coordination of key stakeholders. SCMS helps to reduce the price of essential medicines by working closely with clients to plan future procurement, pooling orders to buy in bulk, establishing long-term contracts with manufacturers and purchasing generic alternatives whenever possible.



RDC warehouse serves Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and Ethiopia.

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