



INTERAGENCY SUPPLY CHAIN GROUP

Supporting supply chains to boost health outcomes

OUR KEY AREAS OF WORK



Donor

Improving donor coordination to promote financially sustainable supply chains



Policy and advocacy

Boosting supply chain resilience and ensuring access to health commodities



Country implementation

Increasing supply chain visibility, delivery, traceability and coordination



Knowledge & communications

Sharing evidence, knowledge and tools, to aid coordination and implementation

OUR VISION

Everyone in low- and middle-income countries with access to the **health care** they require.

WHAT WE DO

Hosted by **UNICEF's Supply Division**, we convene member organisations and other stakeholders in global public health to **coordinate supply chain efforts**.



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IN PRACTICE



The problem

While the implementation of traceability systems has been identified by national regulatory authorities as a useful and efficient tool to combat falsification and the illicit distribution of medical products, **only some countries have issued traceability regulations.**



The solution

Global data standards such as **GS1**: these provide a harmonised framework for supply chain visibility to **enable traceability and the safe passage of medicines** through national supply chains.



The ISG's role

Encouraging countries and organisations to adopt global standards, like GS1, and **providing technical assistance** to implement product traceability systems.



The result

Following the ISG's promotion of GS1, **the standards have been adopted in numerous countries.** Ethiopia's National Drug Regulatory Authority, for instance, has adopted GS1 standards as well as a national track and trace system.

OUR PRIORITY

To improve **service delivery** at health facilities in low- and middle-income countries.

The ISG developed a roadmap and timeline for the adoption of GS1 standards in the labelling of all health commodities and products.



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