

UN Commission on Life-Saving Commodities for Women and Children

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Background

- **Scaling up the 10 non-family commodities could save the lives of 6.2 million women and children at an estimated cost of \$1.3 billion.**
- **Enabling 120 million more women to gain access to contraceptives between 2012 and 2020 can impact in 300,000 fewer women and 3 million fewer infants death with cost of approx. \$4 billion.**
- **Family planning programmes can save 100,000 maternal lives every year.**

Introduction

- **Supporting the UNSG's Global Strategy: Saving lives through improving equitable access to life saving commodities**
- **Building on 10 Recommendations for 13 "overlooked" life saving commodities**
- **Strengthening 3 cross-cutting areas: market shaping, performance and accountability, and innovation**

1. High-impact, effective commodities

In general, high-impact commodities are those medicines, medical devices and health supplies that effectively address avoidable causes of death and disease among children and women during pregnancy, childbirth and childhood.

2. Inadequate funding

Inadequate funding means the commodity lacks the monetary support that would allow a rapid increase in its distribution and use. Selected commodities, therefore, are not funded by existing mechanisms, such as The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and GAVI.

3. Untapped potential

Innovation and rapid increases in product development and market opportunities (including the potential for better formulations, price reduction and improved stability of supply) could rapidly improve the affordability, availability and use of selected medicines, medical devices and supplies.

13 Life-Saving Commodities



RMNCH Continuum of Care	Commodity	Usage
Reproductive health	Female Condoms	Family planning/Contraception
	Implants	Family planning/Contraception
	Emergency Contraception	Family planning/Contraception
Maternal Health	Oxytocin	Post-Partum Hemorrhage
	Misoprostol	Post-Partum Hemorrhage
	Magnesium sulfate	Eclampsia and Severe Pre-Eclampsia/Toxemia of Pregnancy
Newborn Health	Injectable antibiotics	Newborn Sepsis
	Antenatal Corticosteroid (ANCS)	Respiratory Distress Syndrome for preterm babies
	Chlorhexidine	Newborn Cord Care
	Resuscitation Equipment	Newborn Asphyxia
Child Health	Amoxicillin	Pneumonia
	Oral Rehydration Salts (ORS)	Diarrhea
	Zinc	Diarrhea

Recommendations (10)

Improved markets for life-saving commodities

1. Shaping global markets
2. Shaping local delivery markets
3. Innovative Financing
4. Quality strengthening
5. Regulation efficiency

Improved national delivery of life-saving commodities

6. Supply and awareness
7. Demand and awareness
8. Reaching women and children
9. Performance and accountability

Improved integration of the private sector and consumer needs

10. Product innovation

Conveners for Recommendations

- 1. Shaping global market CHAI, DFID
- 2. Shaping delivery markets CHAI, Gov. of Nigeria
- 3. Innovative Financing World Bank, Norway
- 4. Quality strengthening WHO, Gov. of Nigeria
- 5. Regulation efficiency WHO, Gov. of Nigeria
- 6. Supply and awareness USAID, UNFPA
- 7. Demand and awareness USAID, Gov. of Tanzania
- 8. Reaching women and children Gov. of Uganda, SC
- 9. Performance and accountability AMREF
- 10. Product innovation PATH

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Next Steps

- Abuja meeting
- Country engagement
- Monitoring the progress
- communication