Creating a private sector market for RDTs



Pricing, Procurement & Distribution

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RDT Market development Strategic Framework





Market development approach fast tracked along supporting a sustainable supply chain;

- Manufacture pre-negotiated prices-CHAI
- Pre-shipment testing-Insitute Pasteur du Cambodge
- Planned 3 series of procurement, did 1
- Procured 500,000 RDTs (P.f.) –SAI pharmaceuticals
- Quantified need based on universe of outlets, 60% unregistered

Leveraged on pre-negotiated prices/importers



Procurement pricing distribution logistics 2014 – Start-up					
RDT Type	PS Kenya Buying price (USD)	Total cost incl.15% distribution	Price to outlets	RRP	Actual (exit surveys, 2014)
Hospital pack	0.33	0.38	0.46	0.80	1-1.5
Single pack	0.54	0.63	0.70	1	



RDT is a service- skills, waiting time, waste management



Additional costs-, fuel levy, validation cost, registration cost, inspection fee





Microscopy (75% of total fever cases)

Moderator: Is there any other benefit you are getting out of RDT, like more profits? Respondent: Yes because there are many patients who come here for the test. PSI has promotion activities at different market places and so as result many patients come here for the RDT test. (Clinical Officer, Kwale)

Respondent: It brings more patients and more money. The patients call it "*Msema Kweli*. When patients use it, they feel satisfied and ready to come back. They always ask "*wapi msema kweli*" (*Clinical Officer, Kilifi*)

Are RDTs profitable ? Providers split

(Provider qualitative study,2014)

Respondent: the kits are ok, if only they could be gotten at a cheaper price (Pharmacist, Kwale).

Moderator: what is the maximum amount that you'd want to pay for the RDT kit? Respondent: 25 per kit Moderator: how have you decided on the 25? Respondent: this would be good because we could charge 50 for the test and therefore reach more clients.

Clinical officer, Mombasa)

Moderator: So is that price okay with them the clients? Respondent: It is okay because they give us the bonuses (Pharmacist, Kwale)



2015: Priming the Market for Sustainability



RDTs Pricing- a delicate balance









Supporting the Outlets

Challenges

- Getting wholesalers/outlets interested in stocking
- Market intervention effects take time
- Appropriate pricing, relative to ACTs
- Consistent Demand (consumer and provider).

Opportunities/recommendations

- •Promising approach to support sustainable health market for at scale coverage (universal access)
- •Manufacturers /wholesalers are interested- but price must be friendly
- •RDT pricing is delicate but important

