Theme 9: Training and Supervision Mechanisms

Quality Improvement Systems for a Challenging Cadre of Private Health Care Providers: the Drug Sellers. Consultative Working Meeting on Malaria Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RDTs) and Fever Case Management in the Private Health Care Sector in Africa

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 Drug sellers: PPMVs, ADDOs, depôts de medicaments, etc.;

 System adopted to improve quality in Fever Case Management (FCM) amongst this cadre of the private health care sector.



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- Key cadre for caregivers seeking treatment for children under 5 years of age in case of fever because important source of antimalarials;
- Popular cadre in many African countries, formal regulation ongoing by the public sector. Highly populated, hence the need of joint efforts;
- Experiences funded by USAID and UNITAID are generating evidence of working with drug sellers.







- Highly populated sector: need for prioritization (allocation of resources)
 - Quality of Care: supervision score;
 - Productivity: "80% of outputs comes from 20% of inputs";



Evidence























Evidence









reassurance about quality of FCM and safety of RDTs,

Engagement of regulatory authorities (WHO, FMoH):

iCCM policies adapted to the private sector;

- sustainability beyond the duration of the intervention;
- Joint training and supervision open the door to the feeling of being part of the national health sector.





Insights





- User-friendly interface with multiple customizations (canvassers, supervisors, project managers, FMoH, NMCP, etc.);
- Rigidity: accuracy and precision of data collection and harmonization of data analysis;
- Dynamism: introduction of tailored components (i.e. tracking of referrals, reporting of stocks and sales/distribution of RDTs and QAACTs).



Guidance



- Tailored interventions:
 - on-the-job training,
 - interactive supervision;
- Integration within existing components of health care sector:
 - referral networks,
 - biological waste management;
- Tailored supply chain mechanisms:
 - involvement of private sector distribution players.







- Make it simpler;
- Make it interactive;
- ✓ Make it integrated with existing MIS from the public sector (DHIS2);
- Integration with other health areas and ownership of the system from government and/or PPMV association.









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