

Strengthening supply chains to prevent theft / diversion of donor funded antimalarial medicines.

Fake antimalarials: Start with the facts
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Why supply chains?

- The integrity of supply chains plays an important role in reducing the demand and subsequent availability of antimalarials from informal vendors.
- Informal vendors are a major avenue for the sale of fake antimalarials.



What we know

- We know that donor funded antimalarials are being stolen and being found for sale in pharmacies and street markets both in the country that the antimalarials were delivered to and other countries.
- We know that they are exiting the supply chain at various points; from delivery in country to the 'last mile' and in between.



Fake antimalarials

- We have seen the theft / diversion of genuine donor funded antimalarials can create stock outs at public health facilities and patients are turned away.
- The stock outs force patient, who are financially able, to seek antimalarials from alternate sources such as pharmacies and street markets.
- Once there is a demand, vendors are approached to purchase and on sell counterfeit antimalarials. The vendors may or may not know that the antimalarials are in fact counterfeit.



What are we doing at the Office of the Inspector General?

- We are actively investigating reports of genuine diverted / stolen antimalarials and fake antimalarials being found in pharmacies and informal markets.
- We are collaborating with other donors and the WHO
- We are looking at supply chains to identify risks and put corrective measures in place to make it harder.
- We are working with manufacturers regarding packaging and other safeguards.