

WHO/UNFPA Prequalification Programmes



- Prequalification programmes started in 2001 (WHO's normative and standard setting role)
- In 2005 it was agreed that UNFPA will manage the prequalification of condoms and intrauterine devices
- UNFPA evaluates all submissions made in response to the expression of interest.

Aims of the Prequalification Programme



- Ensure that manufacturers have effective quality management systems in place and meet product quality standards
- Determine the physical capacity of manufacturers to deliver required quantities of products
- Enhance confidence in ability of manufacturers to meet all requirements and reduce the level of associated risk
- Save time and resources in identification of reliable manufacturers

Major Prequalification Programme Activities



- Management of the Prequalification programmes
- Development of technical specifications for condoms and IUDs
- Development of technical guidance on prequalification of condoms and IUDs
- Assessment of the technical file of the device
- Inspection of the manufacturing site
- Testing of the device for prequalification purposes
- Management of quality complaints

Major Prequalification Programme Activities



- Stakeholder collaboration activities
- Management of the Quality control laboratories for testing devices
- Coordination of a network of national laboratories
- Stakeholder collaboration activities
- Maintenance of Member States collaboration programme



Sustainable Funding



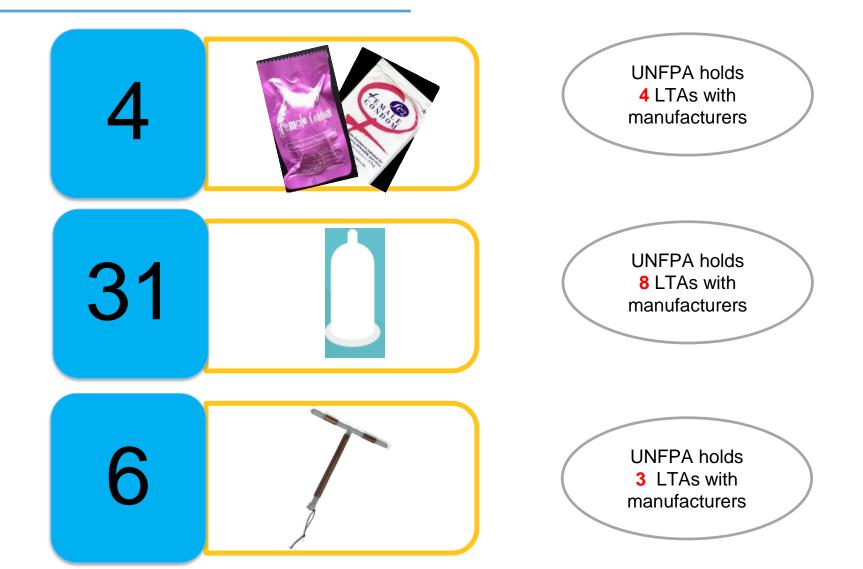
UNFPA Core resources – reduced and continue to reduce

UNFPA Supplies – reduced and continue to reduce

• 2020

Impact of UNFPA Prequalification programme







Immediate strategies



- Increase funding
 - UNFPA Supplies programme,
 - Norway and the Netherlands
 - TGF
 - Unitaid
- Postpone new applications to 2019
 - Currently UNFPA receives about 2 new applications per year,
 - Postponing new applications will not add value.

Medium-term strategies



- Reduce the target number of prequalified suppliers
 - Possible reduction in programme running costs
 - Requires a review of the programme determine adequate number of manufacturers to meet the unmet need
- Risk-based Requalification
 - Requalification is standard 3 years
 - Current approach does not take into consideration the performance of the manufacturers.
 - Requalification period may be higher or lower based on performance.
 - May not necessarily reduce costs of running the programme.

Long-term strategies



Market Research

- Benefits
 - provide factual information about the value of the WHO/UNFPA PQ
 - indicate resources required to ensure an efficient programme.
- Challenges
 - activity funding will be required
 - might be complex as there are many stakeholders.

Long-term strategies



Prequalification Fees

- Benefits
 - In-line with other UN PQ e.g. vaccines charging fees, medicines charging nominal fees
 - Sustainable funding
- Challenges
 - Manufacturers may be reluctant to pay fees as the services (assessments, inspections and product testing etc.) used to be free of charge
 - Will require assessment of the running cost which might be costly
 - Will require gradual implementation and consultation with other partners



