Quality Assurance of Reproductive Health Commodities

Procurement Services Branch
Copenhagen
Presentation outline

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1. UNFPA: core products

Lead agency: reproductive health commodities

* Barrier methods: male & female condoms
* IUDs
* Hormonal contraceptives
  - Oral contraceptives (combined and progestin only)
  - Emergency contraceptives
  - Implants
  - Injectables
* Other essential reproductive health medicines
* Medical equipment
* RH Kits
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2. UNFPA in figures: contraceptive distribution

Contraceptive Distribution
Relative expenditure versus contraceptive methods

USD Value
- 23,684,109 Injectable contraceptives 26.96%
- 16,673,015 Female condoms 18.98%
- 16,258,156 Male condoms 18.51%
- 12,729,253 Subdermal implants 14.49%
- 11,340,611 Combined low dose OC pills 12.91%
- 3,590,658 Progestagen only pills 4.09%
- 1,714,661 Art work & packaging RH commodity 1.95%
- 811,266 Intra uterine device (IUD) 0.92%
- 419,094 Sampling / Testing of condoms 0.48%
- 410,781 Lubricants 0.47%
- 207,063 Emergency contraceptive 0.24%
- 8,316 Phasic pills 0.01%
- 87,846,985 Contraceptives Total 100.00%
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3. Current status (1)
UNFPA largest procurement agency for RH commodities

- WHO PQ Progr. does not include all the RH medicines procured
- List of RH medicines prequalified/SRA approved limited
- Cases with one unique supplier for a product

recurrent complications

Need for expanding supplier base assuring quality standards.

Safety  Efficacy  Quality
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Quality criteria applied

Pharmaceuticals under WHO Prequalification Programme
- WHO Prequalification
- Approval by an SRA
- Recommendation by WHO Expert Review Panel (ERP)

All other pharmaceuticals (not under Prequalification Programme)
- Systematic standardized review by technical experts
  (Internal Technical Review)
4. UNFPA Quality Assurance Policy (2)

**Classification of medicines**

-Medicines included under **WHO Prequalification Programme**:
  - Oral hormonal contraceptives
  - Injectable hormonal contraceptives
  - Implantable contraceptives
  - Uterotonics
  - Magnesium Sulphate

-Medicines not included under WHO Prequalification Programme:
  - Analgesics
  - Anaesthetics
  - Anti-inflammatory drugs
  - etc.
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- UNFPA published an EOI in the UNGM in Apr 12 (see www.UNGM.org)

- Over 30 dossiers were presented, 20 assessed

- ERP is reviewing the submissions

- Positive outcome: expand quality manufacturers supply base (to date: 10 medicines recommended, some still pending)
Prequalified RH Commodities

- Male condoms
- Female condoms
- IUDs
- RH Medicines (WHO PQP)
- RH Medicines (WHO ERP)

Reviewed
Approved
Thank you

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