CHAD

National Pharmaceutical Sector Form

Date: 7th May 2004

Population: 8,038,270

Daily wage of lowest paid government worker: 849.4 FCFA

Rate of exchange (commercial “buy” rate) to US dollars on the first day of data collection: 542.94

Sources of information: Commercial Bank Tchad
General information on the pharmaceutical sector

Is there a formal National Medicines Policy document covering both the public and private sectors? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is an Essential Medicines List (EML) available? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, state total number of medicines on national EML: **287**
If yes, year of last revision: **1999**
If yes, is it (tick all that apply):
☒ National
☐ Regional
☒ Public sector only
☐ Both public and private sectors
☒ Other (please specify): **for mission health facilities**

If yes, is the EML being used (tick all that apply):
☒ For registration of medicines nationally
☒ Public sector procurement only
☐ Insurance and/or reimbursement schemes
☐ Private sector
☒ Public sector

Is there a policy for generic prescribing or substitution? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Are there incentives for generic prescribing or substitution? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Public procurement

Is procurement in the public sector limited to a selection of essential medicines? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, please specify if any other limitation is in force:

Type of public sector procurement (tick all that apply):
☒ International, competitive tender
☒ Open
☒ Closed (restricted)
☐ National, competitive tender
☐ Open
☐ Closed (restricted)
☐ Negotiation/direct purchasing

Are the products purchased all registered? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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1 If there is a public procurement system, there is usually a limited list of items that can be procured. Products procured on international tenders are sometimes registered in the recipient country only by generic names. Import permits to named suppliers are issued based on the approved list of tender awards. An open tender is one that is publicly announced; a closed one is sent to a selection of approved suppliers.
Is there a local preference? Yes No
Are there public health programmes fully implemented by donor assistance which also provide medicines? Yes No
If yes, please specify: TB, Leprosy, Onchocerciasis

Distribution
Is there a public sector distribution centre/warehouse? Yes No
If yes, specify levels: 3 levels
Are there private not-for-profit distribution centres: Yes No
e.g. missions/nongovernmental organizations?
If yes, please specify:
Number of licensed wholesalers: 4

Retail

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<th>Number of inhabitants per pharmacy (approx.)</th>
<th>Urban</th>
<th>Rural</th>
<th>Overall</th>
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<td>Number of inhabitants per qualified pharmacist</td>
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<td>Number of pharmacies with qualified pharmacists</td>
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<td>Number of medicine outlets with pharmacy technician</td>
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<td>Number of other licensed medicine outlets</td>
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Private sector
Are there independent pharmacies? Yes No
Number: 23
Are there chain pharmacies? Yes No
Do doctors dispense medicines? Yes No
If yes, approximate coverage or % of doctors who dispense:
Are there pharmacies or medicine outlets in health facilities? Yes No

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2 A local preference means that local companies will be preferred even if their prices are not the cheapest. Local preference is normally in the range of 10–20%.
3 The public sector often has a central storage and distribution centre which may have at least one sublevel. The private not-for-profit sector may be dominated by one type of NGO (e.g. church missions), but may also comprise others such as Bamako Initiative type projects, Red Cross or Red Crescent Society, Médecins Sans Frontières.
4 Retail outlets may be called pharmacies, medicine outlets, drug stores, chemists, etc. They may be run/owned by a qualified pharmacist (with diploma) or another category: e.g. pharmacy technician, or a lay person with short training.
5 Many countries allow doctors to dispense and sell medicines.
Financing

(Give approximate figures, converted to US dollars at current exchange rate: commercial “buy” rate on the first day of data collection)

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<th>Type of expenditure</th>
<th>Approximate annual budget (US dollars)</th>
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<td>National public expenditure on medicines including government insurance, military,</td>
<td>2,431,207.87</td>
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<td>local purchases in past year</td>
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<td>Estimated total private medicine expenditure in past year (out of pocket, private</td>
<td>9,876,456.46</td>
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<td>insurance, NGO/mission)</td>
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<td>Total value of international medicine aid or donations in past year</td>
<td>1,289,276.90</td>
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<td>What percentage of medicines by value are imported?</td>
<td>79%</td>
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Government price policy

Is there a medicines regulatory authority? ☑ Yes ☐ No

Is pricing regulated? ☐ Yes ☑ No

Is setting prices part of market authorization/registration? ☑ Yes ☐ No

Do registration fees differ between:

- Innovator brand and generic equivalents ☑ Yes ☐ No
- Imported and locally produced medicines ☑ Yes ☐ No

Public sector

Are there margins (mark-ups) in the distribution chain? ☑ Yes ☐ No

- Central medical stores 16%
- Regional store 25%
- Other store (specify) %
- Public medicine outlet 30%

Are there any other fees or levies? ☑ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe: **Customs (5%), Statistics tax (2%), BIVAC (International Purchasing Verification Tax) (0.9%)**

Private retail sector

Are there maximum profit margins? ☑ Yes ☐ No

If yes (if they vary, give maximum and minimum):

- Wholesale 20%
- Retail 30%
Is there a maximum retail price (sales price)?
(If it varies, give maximum and minimum)
- Maximum: 31%
- Minimum: 30%
Do patients pay professional fees (e.g. dispensing fee)?
If yes, please describe:

“Other” sector
Are there maximum profit margins?
If yes (if they vary, give maximum and minimum):
- Wholesale %
- Retail 30%
Is there a maximum sales price?

Insurance, risk-sharing or prepayment schemes
Are there any health insurance, risk-sharing or prepayment schemes or revolving medicine funds?
If yes, please describe: revolving medicine funds
Are all medicines covered?
If no, state which medicines are covered (e.g. EML, public health programmes): TB, Leprosy, Onchocerciasis
Are some patients / groups of patients exempted, regardless of insurance coverage? (e.g. children < X yrs, war veterans)
If yes, please specify: some private companies
Estimated percentage of population covered NA%
Is it official policy to supply all medicines free at primary health care level?
If no, are some free?
If yes, tick all that apply:
- Tuberculosis
- Malaria
- Oral rehydration salts
- Family planning
- Others, please specify: leprosy, onchocerciasis
Are there official user charges/patient co-payments/fees?
Are all medicines supplied free at hospitals?
If no, are some free?
If yes, please specify: TB, Leprosy, Onchocerciasis