

MALI

National Pharmaceutical Sector form

Date: 29/3/2004

Population: 12 623 000 (2002)

Rate of exchange (commercial "buy" rate) to US dollars on the first day of data collection: 1 USD = 516 FCFA (31/3/2004)

Sources of information: BDM-SA

General information on the pharmaceutical sector

- Is there a formal National Medicines Policy document covering both the public and private sectors? Yes
- Is an Essential Medicines List (EML) available? Yes
- If yes, state total number of medicines on national EML: 426 (271 DCI)
- If yes, year of last revision: 2003
- If yes, is it (tick 3all that apply):
- National
 - Regional
 - Public sector only
 - Both public and private sectors
 - Other (please specify):
- If yes, is the EML being used (tick 3all 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
- Are there incentives for generic prescribing or substitution? Yes

Public procurement¹

- Is procurement in the public sector limited to a selection of essential medicines? No
- If no, please specify if any other limitation is in force:
- Type of public sector procurement (tick 3all that apply):
- International, competitive tender
 - Open
 - Closed (restricted)
 - National, competitive tender
 - Open
 - Closed (restricted)
 - Negotiation/direct purchasing
- Are the products purchased all registered? Yes

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?² No

Are there public health programmes fully implemented by donor assistance which also provide medicines? Yes
(e.g. TB, family planning, etc.)

If yes, please specify: TB, leprosy, SIDA

Distribution³

Is there a public sector distribution centre/warehouse? Yes

If yes, specify levels:

Are there private not-for-profit distribution centres: No
e.g. missions/nongovernmental organizations?

If yes, please specify:

Number of licensed wholesalers: 17

Retail

	Urban	Rural	Overall
Number of inhabitants per pharmacy (approx.)			
Number of inhabitants per qualified pharmacist (approx.)			
Number of pharmacies with qualified pharmacists			
Number of medicine outlets with pharmacy technician			
Number of other licensed medicine outlets			

Private sector⁴

Are there independent pharmacies? Yes Number:

Are there chain pharmacies? No

Do doctors dispense medicines?⁵ No

If yes, approximate coverage or % of doctors who dispense:

Are there pharmacies or medicine outlets in health facilities? Yes

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)

Type of expenditure	Approximate annual budget (US dollars)
National public expenditure on medicines including government insurance, military, local purchases in past year	
Estimated total private medicine expenditure in past year (out of pocket, private insurance, NGO/mission)	
Total value of international medicine aid or donations in past year	
What percentage of medicines by value are imported?	%

Government price policy

Is there a medicines regulatory authority?	Yes
Is pricing regulated?	Yes
Is setting prices part of market authorization/registration?	No
Do registration fees differ between:	
■ Innovator brand and generic equivalents	Yes
■ Imported and locally produced medicines	No

Public sector

Are there margins (mark-ups) in the distribution chain?	Yes
■ Central medical stores	20%
■ Regional store	15%
■ Other store (specify)	%
■ Public medicine outlet: 15% (hospital) – 20% (CS) – 30% (CSCOM)	
Are there any other fees or levies?	Yes
If yes, please describe: insurance, inspection tax, clearance, tender tax	

Private retail sector

Are there maximum profit margins?	No
If yes (if they vary, give maximum and minimum):	
■ Wholesale	%
■ Retail	%
Is there a maximum retail price (sales price)?	No

(If it varies, give maximum and minimum)

■ Maximum:

■ Minimum:

Do patients pay professional fees (e.g. dispensing fee)? No

If yes, please describe:

“Other” sector

Are there maximum profit margins? Yes

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

■ Wholesale 20%

■ Retail 30%

Is there a maximum sales price? Yes No

Insurance, risk-sharing or prepayment schemes

Are there any health insurance, risk-sharing or prepayment schemes or revolving medicine funds? Yes

If yes, please describe: INPS (social security), UTM (mutual insurance)

Are all medicines covered? Yes

If no, state which medicines are covered (e.g. EML, public health programmes):

Are some patients / groups of patients exempted, regardless of insurance coverage? (e.g. children < X yrs, war veterans) No

If yes, please specify:

Estimated percentage of population covered %

Is it official policy to supply all medicines free at primary health care level? No

If no, are some free? Yes

If yes, tick 3 all that apply:

Tuberculosis

Malaria

Oral rehydration salts

Family planning

Others, please specify:

Are there official user charges/patient co-payments/fees? Yes

Are all medicines supplied free at hospitals? No

If no, are some free? Yes No

If yes, please specify: