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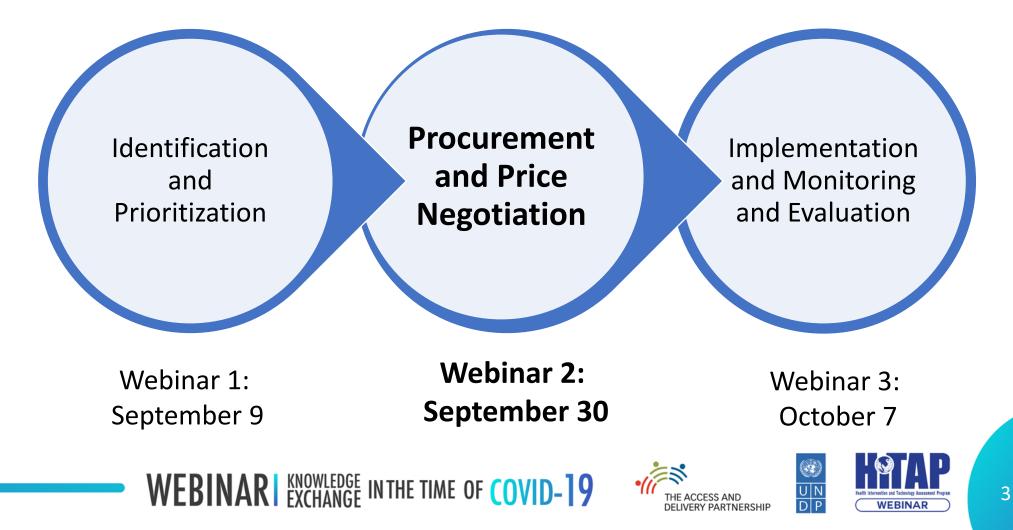
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## Chair: Dr. Ruth Lopert



Director and Principal Consultant LWC Health







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# Why is this topic important?

- Medicines, vaccines and other health products comprise a large share of total health expenditure in LMICs
- Policies and programs that optimise pricing and procurement can improve efficiency and sustainability
- The use of evidence to support pricing and procurement can enhance health system efficiency, effectiveness, and equity







# In this webinar we will

Share the best practices in pricing strategies and procurement

Learn about key aspects of the procurement systems in Thailand and Ghana

Explore the role of of evidence (and HTA) in supporting procurement processes and price negotiations

Share experiences and challenges in procurement and price negotiation during public health crises

Brainstorm potential solutions and (hopefully) identify some key lessons for the future







## **Finding What Works: Ghana**



Mrs. Joycelyn Azeez Director Pharmaceutical Services Ghana Ministry of Health

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Overview of the procurement system in Ghana

Case of Framework contracting - what it is and how it has helped Ghana

Looking ahead - using evidence from HTA for price negotiation (example of hypertension study)

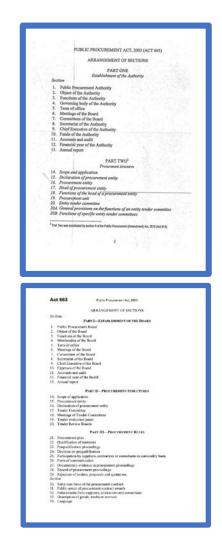
## Overview of the procurement system in Ghana

- All public procurement in Ghana is done within the legal framework of the Public Procurement Act 2003, (ACT 663) as amended by the Public Procurement (Amendment) Act 2016(Act 914)
- Key principles

TransparencyFairnessAccountabilityValue for money

• The amendment of the Act has brought to the fore, issues of

C. Negotiation M. Contractors Framework contracts



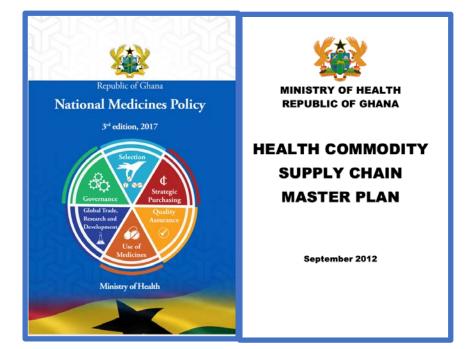
## Case of Framework contracting – background

### **1.** National Medicines Policy 3<sup>rd</sup> edition 2017

### Section 3.2.4

For large volume general essential medicines supplied in the public sector, the government will publish the tender results of the annual framework ("rate") contracts, and the RMS sales price based on a fixed distribution margin. This information will also guide the NHIS reimbursement price.

### 2. Ghana Supply Chain Master Plan



The above is a major policy shift in the procurement and pricing regime in the medicine policy arena in Ghana

# Case of Framework contracting – what it is and the objectives

### Framework contracting is a procurement process that results in long-term contracts

- Framework Contracting (FWC) part of the ongoing reforms to strengthen and improve the performance of the Public Health Supply Chain in Ghana
  - MOH, GHS, and partners including GF
  - Procurement of essential medicines at Regional Medical Stores (RMS) and Teaching Hospitals (TH)

### Key objectives for the application of framework contracts in the Ghana context

- 1. Remove fragmentation of procurement activities
- 2. Increase the benefits of economies of scale
- 3. Ensure continuous availability of good quality health commodities at affordable prices
- 4. Use of FWC as a bargaining tool for effective price negotiation

### Value of Procurement and Procurement tools

- Total Value of 54 selected medicines procured under FWC was about USD 12 Million
- Procurement Tools
  - Consultative process to agree on the selection process
  - National Competitive Tendering process

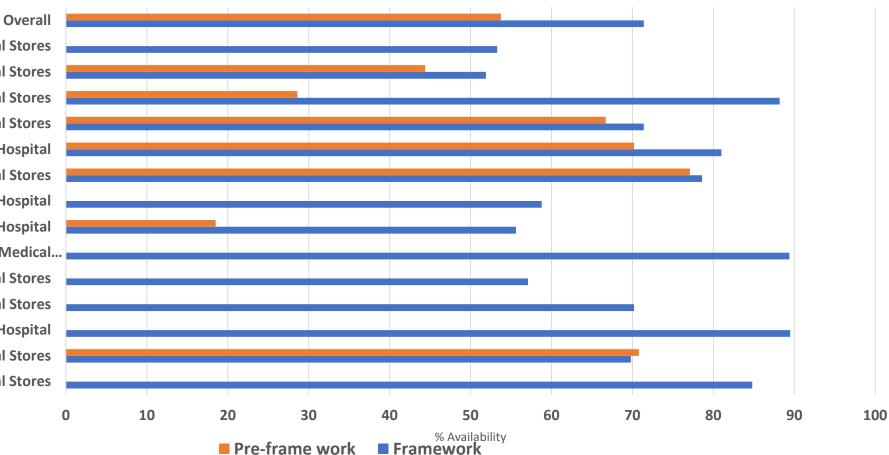
- Entire procurement process managed by a customized Procurement soft ware called TEOMS (Tender Evaluation and Order Monitoring System)

## Case of Framework contracting – unforeseen challenges

8% upward review of Medicines under FWC contracts	Long supply lead time	Supplier Performance
Quantification Challenges	Supply Planning	High Indebtedness and Payment of Suppliers
Shortage of key essential medicines (due to single supplier under FWC)	Order fill rate	Coordination and information sharing at the Regional level

# Case of Framework contracting – outputs – overall availability

Commodity availability at end of review period (framework vs pre-framework)



Western Regional Medical Stores Volta Regional Medical Stores Upper West Regional Medical Stores Upper East Regional Medical Stores Tamale Teaching Hospital Northern Regional Medical Stores Korlebu Teaching Hospital Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital Greater Accra Regional Medical... Eastern Regional Medical Stores Central Regional Medical Stores Cape Coast Teaching Hospital Brong Ahafo Regional Medical Stores

## Case of Framework contracting - how this has helped Ghana

### **Overall good process**

### Improved availability

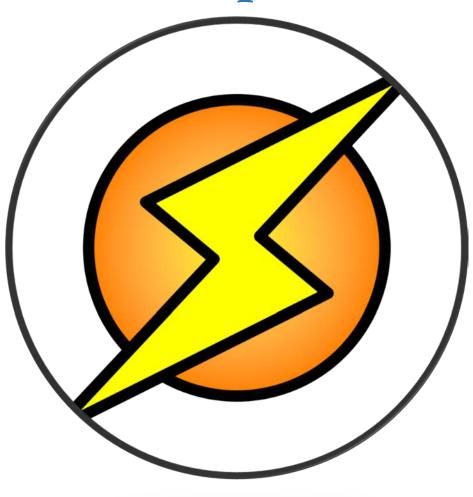
### **Good prices**

# Looking ahead - using evidence from HTA for price negotiation (example of hypertension study)

- HTA could guide the determination of the price range within which a product would be considered cost-effective in the context of cost-effectiveness thresholds
- 2. The indicative price range would serve as a guide in the price negotiation process
- 3. At the moment, the Hypertension model provides leverage for the prices of amlodipine and bendrofuazide in the context of price negotiation to determine the price range which would be cost-effective
- 4. The defining factor: is for the HTA process to adapt existing benchmarks and thresholds for cost-effectiveness to serve as a guide

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## **Tried and Tested Methods: Thailand**



### Mrs. Netnapis Suchonwanich Advisor of HITAP, Thailand Former Deputy Secretary General of NHSO, Thailand

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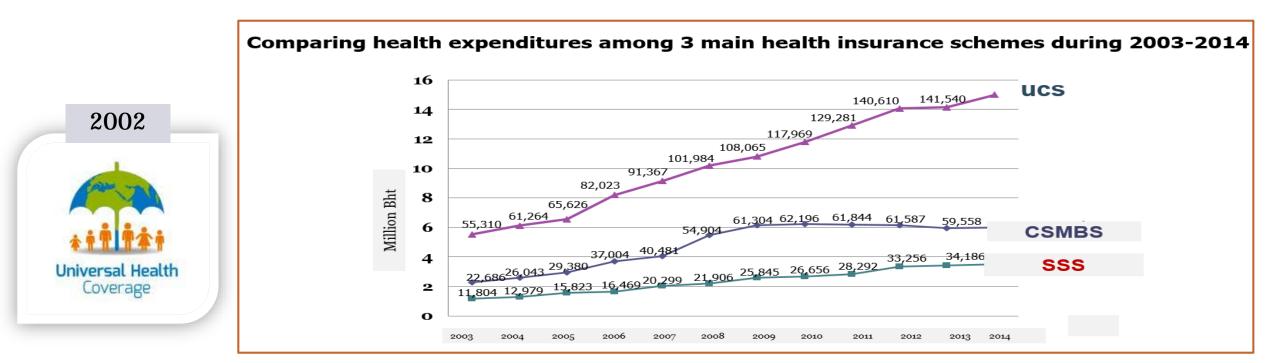
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# Medicines procurement and price negotiation

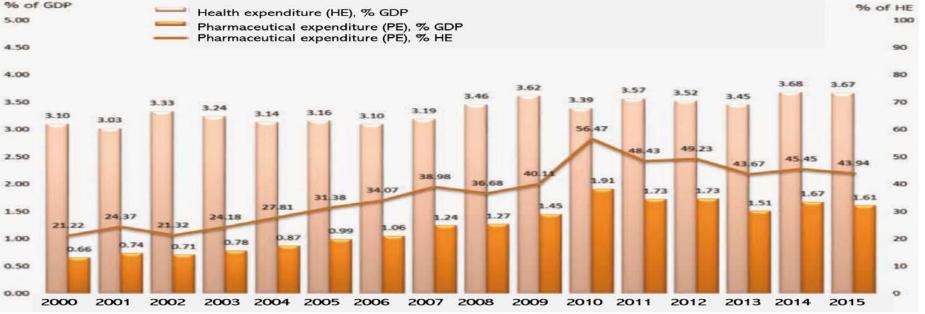
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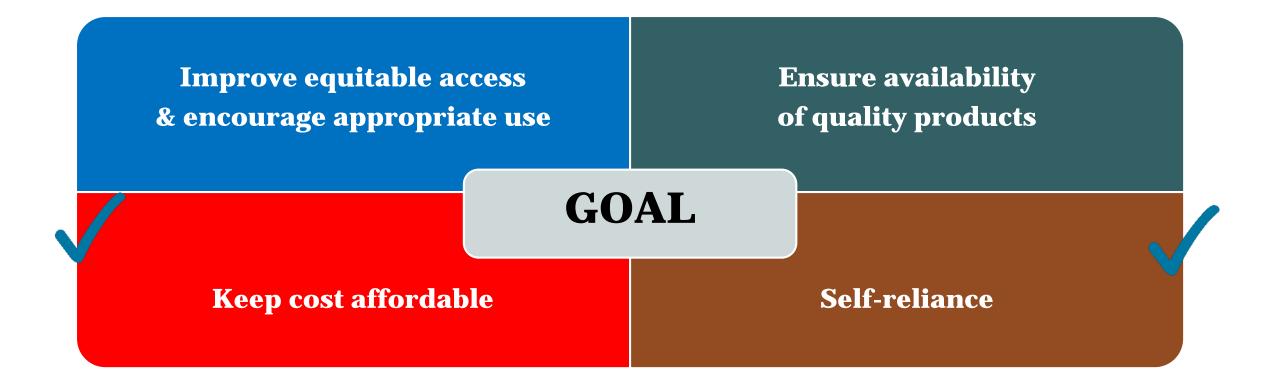




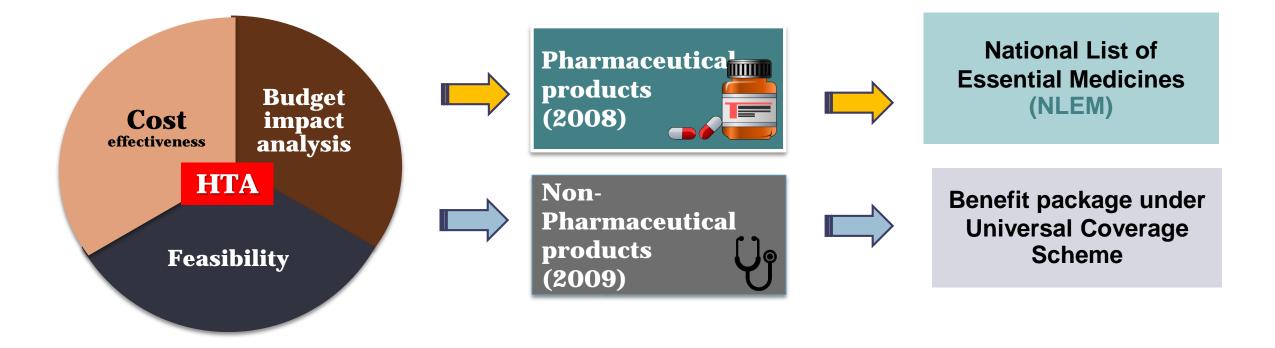


## **National Drug Policy 2019**

<u>Vision</u> : Universal access to essential medicines under rational drug use and quality assurance , and national self-reliance

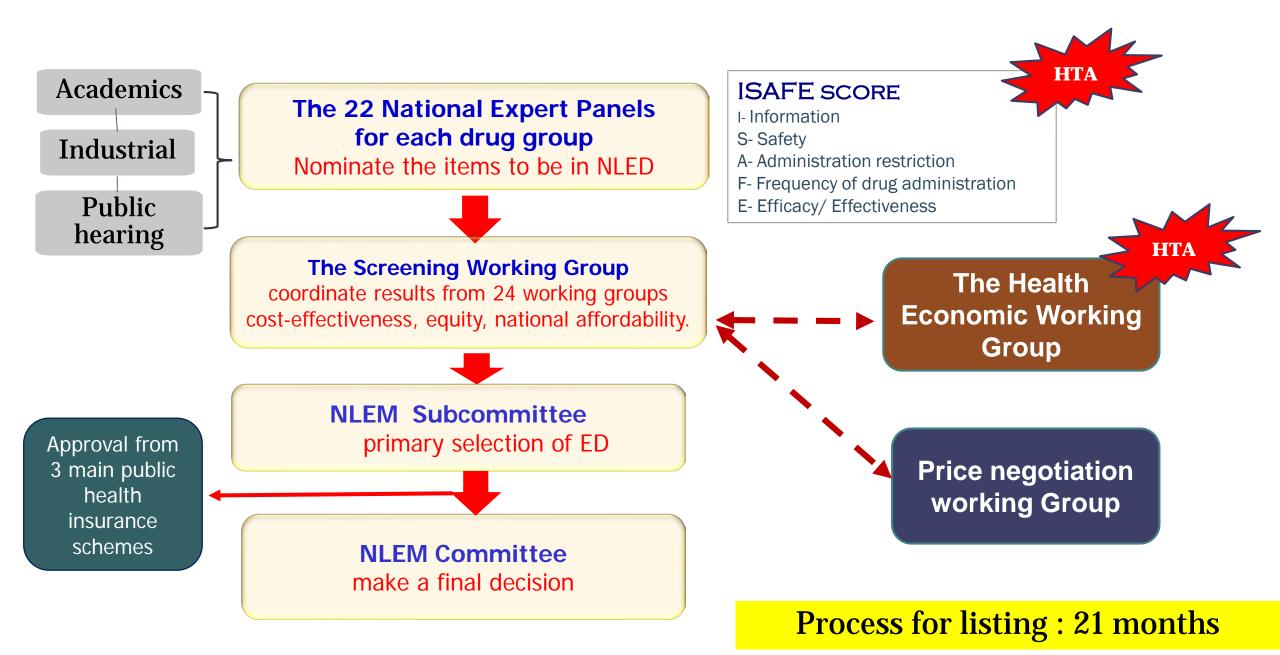


## Using HTA in benefit package decisions in Thailand

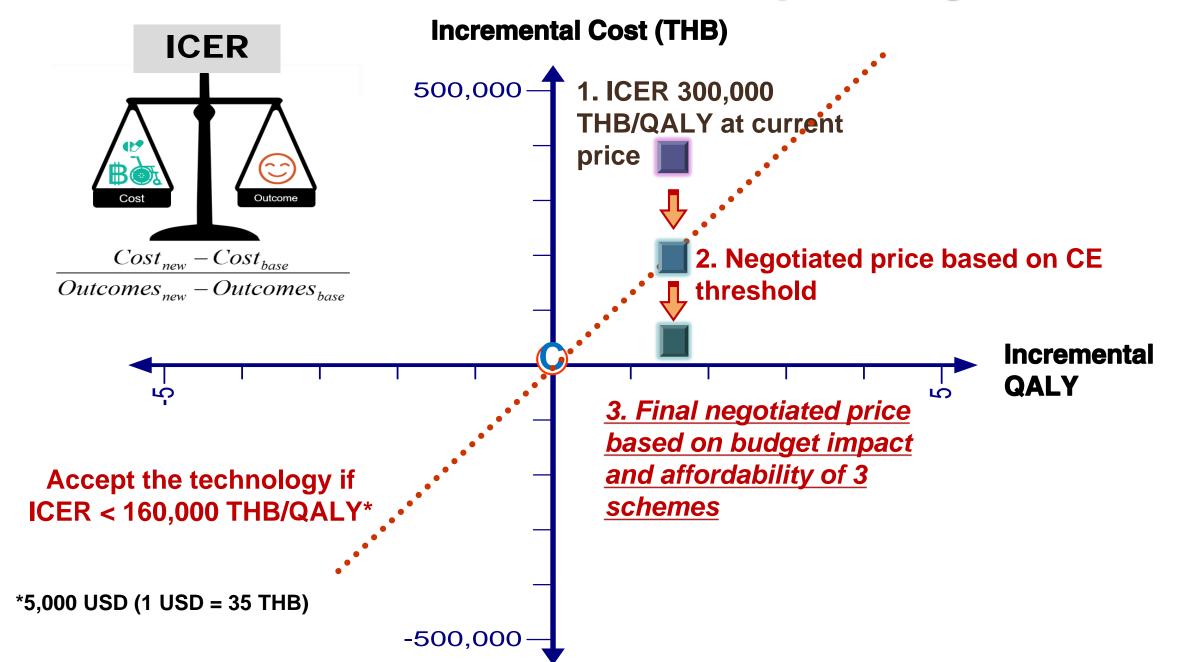


HTA = Health Technology Assessment NLEM = National list of essential medicines

## **Development of National List of Essential Medicines**



## **Cost-Effectiveness threshold and price negotiation**



## Pricing and Access tools

### Pricing tools

External reference price

Internal reference price

Pricing control : Class based pricing, price cuts

Value based pricing using HTA

Market driving pricing

### Access tools

#### Policy driven :

- Included in NLEM & reimbursement benefits (choose one drug/one price policy)
- Compulsory licensing/Voluntary licensing

Therapeutic or disease prioritisation

### Patient segment prioritisation

#### Patient access model :

Managed entry agreement such as risk sharing agreement, Prior authorization for defined indication, Codependent Tech. agreement etc.

# Price negotiation model for NLEM

Disease	Drug name	model	% discount
Нер С	Peginterferon	Value based pricing	72 %
Нер В	Tenofovir	Medicine patent pool Thai GPO manufactured	83%
Breast cancer (HER2+)	Trastuzumab (440mg)	Volume purchase under Managed entry agreement	42%-80%
Prostate Cancer	Leuprorelin/Triptorelin	Choose one price	13% -69%
CA colon	Oxaliplatin	Market competition	82%
Gaucher type1	Imiglucerase	Risk sharing under Managed entry agreement	46%
Diffused large B-cell lymphoma	Rituximab	Managed entry agreement	20%-84%(100mg) 60%-82% (500mg)

# **Drug Policy intervention**

Disease	Drug name	model	% discount
Breast cancer	letrozole	Compulsory licensing	93%
Breast cancer	Doxetaxel	Compulsory licensing	96%
		Tax exemption for free good (originator)	89%
ART	Efavirenz (EFV) 200 mg	Compulsory licensing	93%
ART	Efavirenz (EFV) 600 mg	<ul><li>Compulsory licensing</li><li>GPO manufacturer</li></ul>	92%
ART	Lopinavir+Ritronavir (LTV/RTV)	Compulsory licensing	82%
Antiplatelet drugs	Clopidogrel	Compulsory licensing	95%
Нер С	Sofosbuvir, ledipasvir	Voluntary licensing	91%(sof)
			92%(sof+ledi)

### Appraisal results and decision making

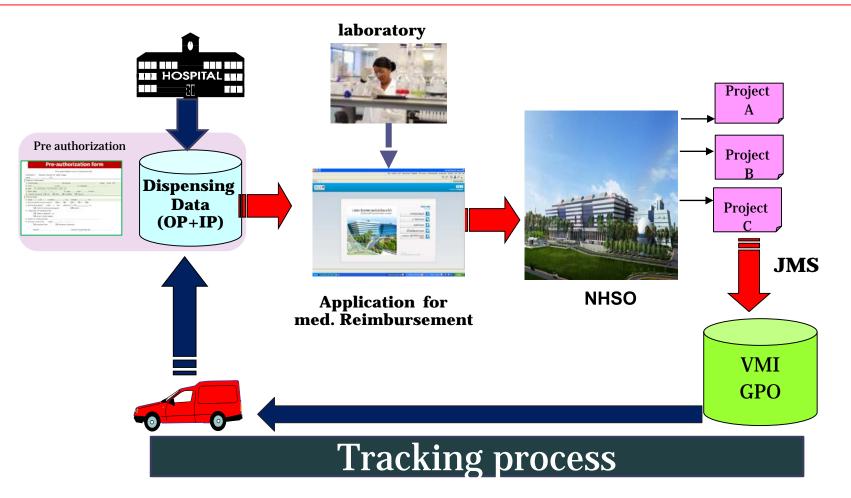
	Table 4 – The relationship between assessment and appraisal results.				
	Policy Assessment r	results*			
	Multi criteria decision making for policy makers	Not cost-effective (ICER >1 per-capita GDP/QALY)			
• S	Subsidy considered on the basis of Cost effectiveness, incremental cost	Low budget impact High budget impact			
e	effectiveness ratio (ICER)	Imiglucerase for     PD-first policy			
$\rightarrow$	Cost effectiveness is a key, but not sole criterion for listing	Gaucher type 1 for ESRD			
· c	Catastrophic prevention				
• M	ledium to long term budget impact assessment	2a — • Anti-immunoglobulin E			
• E	thical concerns	for severe asthma			
• 5	Supply side capacity to scale up new interventions				
• E	Equity consideration	oled			

ICER, incremental cost-effectiveness ratio; GDP, gross domestic product; QALY, quality-adjusted life-year; THB, Thai baht.

\* Two cost analysis studies, that is, screening for risk factors for leukemia in people living in the industrial areas, and system for screening, treatment, and rehabilitation of alcoholism, are not included in this table.

<sup>+</sup> High budget impact >THB 200 million per annum; low budget impact ≤THB 200 million per year.

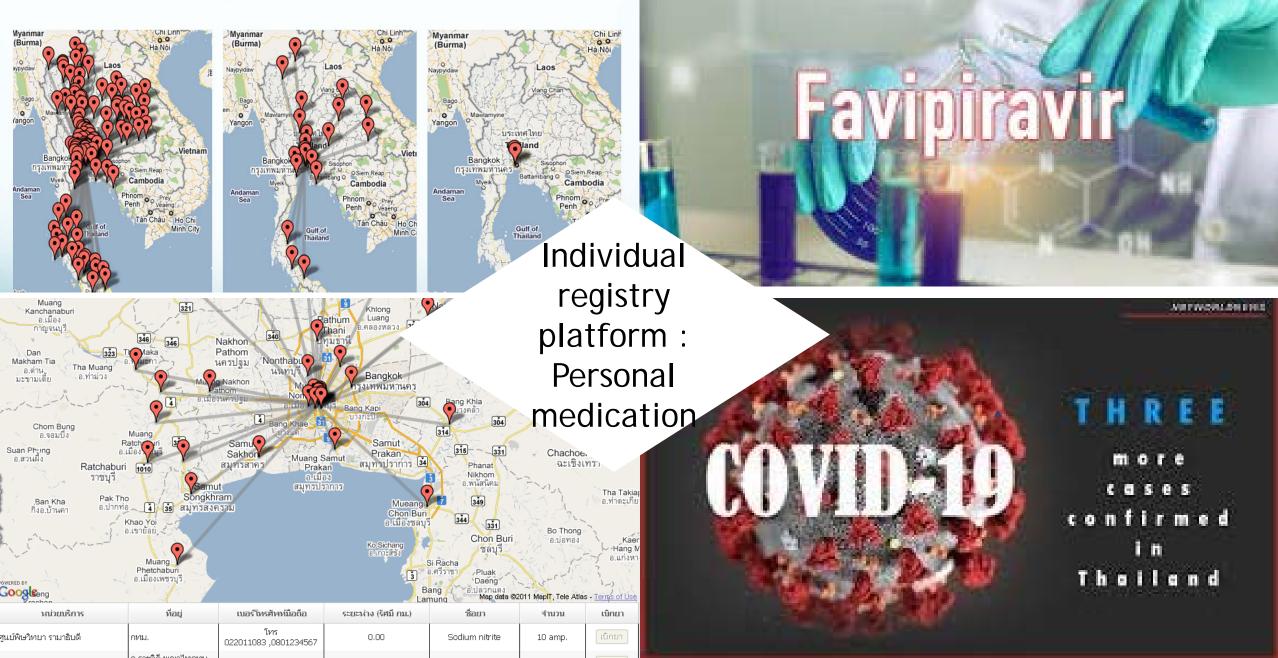
### Smart vendor managed inventory (VMI)

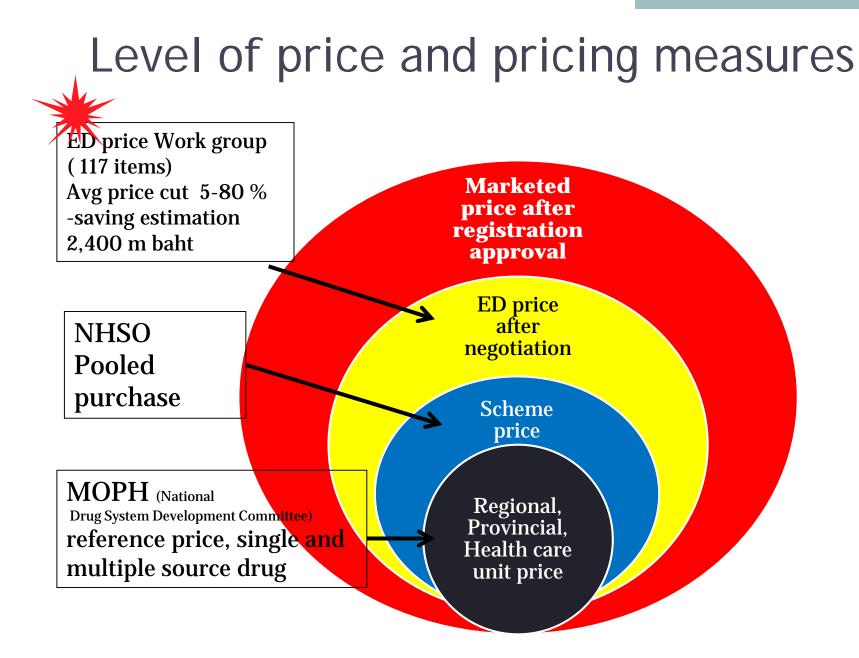


The beneficiary enrollment and provider registration is needed.

#### Antidotes distribution management

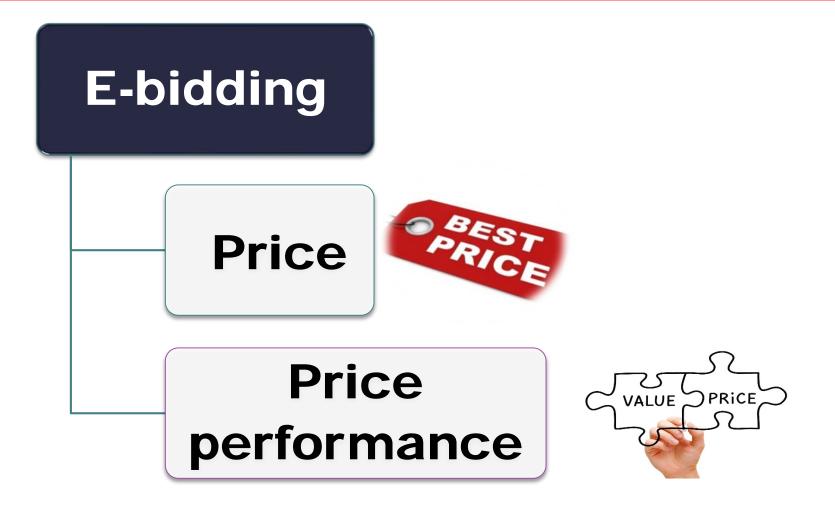
(by urgency and price criteria)





### Amendment the procurement act for medicines and medical devices

in Thailand, since 2017





# E-bidding – using price approach

**Evaluation criteria** 

- 1. Vendor : qualification meet to the bidding criteria.
- 2. Product : quality and specification meet to the bidding criteria
- 3. Price : the lowest price will be the winner



# E-bidding – using price performance approach

No.	<b>Evaluation criteria</b>	Compulsory variable	Optional variable
V1	price		
V2	Supplier verification		
V3	Quality assurance & useful features for the government		
V4	Government innovation list		

# V3 : Quality assurance or useful features for the government included 4 sub-variables (100 scores)

	No.	Sub-variable	score
$\star$	SV1	Manufacturer standard	30
$\star$	SV2	Product qualification	20
	SV3	Lab certification	35
	SV4	Dominant for medical application	15
		Total	100

### SV1 : Manufacturer standard (100 scores)

Standard criteria (choose only one option)	score
A. GMP PIC/S by PIC/S Participating authorities	100
B. GMP/PICs by THAI FDA	80

### **SV2 : Product qualification (100 scores)**

3	score
A. WHO list of prequalified medicinal products	100
B. Qualification approved in GREEN BOOKS	100
C. Approved medicinal list in University network database	100
D. At least 3 approvals of Certificate of analysis via external certified lab	100

# Is post marketing surveillance still needed if we've applied WHO list of PQ medicinal Products ?

#### WHO List of Prequalified Medicinal Products

- This list contains medicinal products used for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and other diseases, and for reproductive health, which have been assessed as part of the WHO Prequalification <u>Programme</u> and found to be acceptable, in principle, for procurement by UN agencies.
- The WHO Prequalification Programme focuses on a selection of products that have been identified by the respective WHO
  disease departments as essential for treatment of the above-mentioned diseases or for reproductive health (see "Invitations
  for Expression of Interest"). Prequalification of medicinal products normally involves evaluation of data relating to their
  quality, safety and efficacy as well as inspection of the relevant manufacturing and clinical site, as described elsewhere in
  this web site.
- Listed are the pharmaceutical products (manufactured at the specified manufacturing sites according
  to accepted specifications) for which at the time of assessment the product data and information submitted were found to
  meet the norms and standards recommended by WHO and for which at the time of inspection the relevant manufacturing
  and clinical sites were found to be in compliance with Good Manufacturing Practices, Laboratory Practices and Clinical
  Practices, as applicable. Some of the products have been listed relying on the assessment carried out by certain regulatory
  authorities, which are willing to share information with WHO (see Alternative listing procedure).

#### For further information click:

- General notes
- Listing of pregualified products
- Alternative listing procedures
  - <u>USFDA approved/tentatively\_approved</u> products
  - EMA approved products
  - Suggestions relating to procurement
- Disclaimer regarding the WHO List of Pregualified Medicinal Products
- Acknowledgement
- For updates to list of prequalified medicines click below:

#### For the List of Prequalified Medicines click below:

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List of Prequalified Medicines



List updates



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#### **Interchangeable of biosimilar products**

Generic	Biosimilar	New biologic
Quality	Quality	Quality
Purity	Purity	Purity
Stability	Potency	Potency
	Immunogenicity	Immunogenicity
	Stability	Stability
	Biosimilarity	Comparability
	Comparability	Preclinical
	Interchangeability	Full clinical
	Preclinical	i un onnour
	Abbreviated clinical	

#### **Indication-based pricing in BIA**

#### Welcome to the Jumble

Several cancer types are getting increasingly crowded with immuno-oncology drug approvals

Drug	Approval status: Lung cancer	Skin cancer	Bladder cancer	Head and neck cancer
Opdivo	2nd line	1st line for melanoma	2nd line	2nd line
Keytruda	1st line	1st line for melanoma	1st (some) and 2nd line	2nd line
Tecentriq	2nd line	In late stage trial	1st (some) and 2nd line	In early stage trials
Imfinzi	In late stage trials	In early stage trials	2nd line	In late stage trials
Bavencio	In late stage trial	1st line for Merkel cell carcinoma	2nd line	In late stage trials

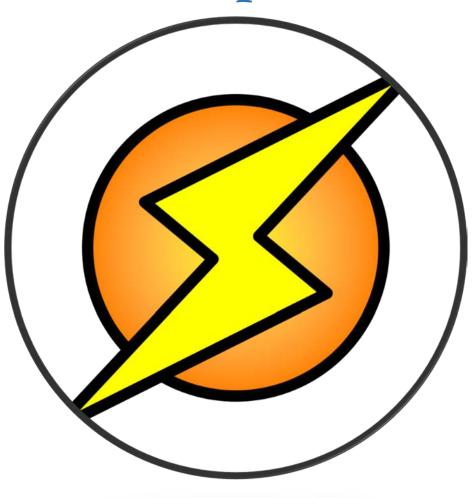
# Upcoming for HTA guideline version 3

- 1. The feasibility study of the use of health technology
- 2. The use of real-world evidence in the evaluation of health technology
- 3. The evaluation of health economics value for health technology in biosimilar products, codependent technologies, health promotion measures, complex health intervention measures and the measures for rare diseases



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# **Discussion**

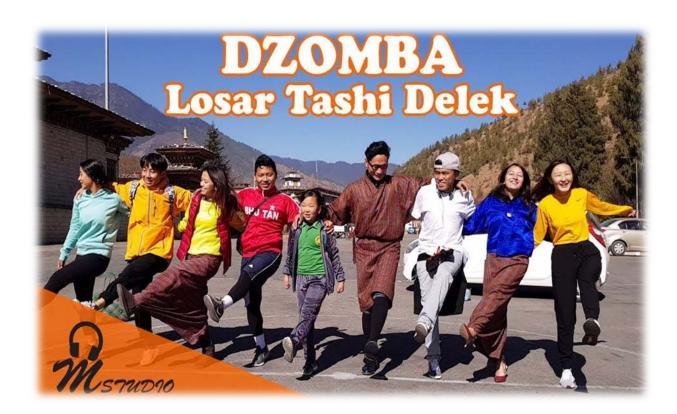


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### **Luejong:** Dancing for a healthy life





Mrs. Deepika Adhikari Senior Program Officer, Essential Medicines and Technology Division, Department of Medical Science, Ministry of Bhutan

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# **Procuring During Pandemics: A mixed Panel**









### Needs Assessment: COVID-19 models



Dr. Hugo Turner Lecturer, Department of infectious Disease Epidemiology, Imperial College London

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### Ground Reality & Response: Thailand & Ghana











# A Regional Response to COVID-19: Africa CDC



Dr. Merawi Aragaw

Head, Division of Emergency Preparedness & Response, Africa CDC Co-Chair, Supply Chain and Stockpiling Medical Commodities

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### Africa CDC Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

### Supply Chain Management in Emergency: the Africa CDC experience

#### 30 September 2020

Merawi Aragaw, MD, MPH Ag.Head of Emergency Preparedness and Response Division COVID-19 Pandemic Response, SCM Section Africa CDC, African Union Commission, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia





- 1. Brief overview of Africa CDC
- 2. Some of the supply related challenges faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic in Africa
- 2. Brief overview of Africa CDC response to the challenges
- 3. Major supply chain lessons to draw for future public health emergencies

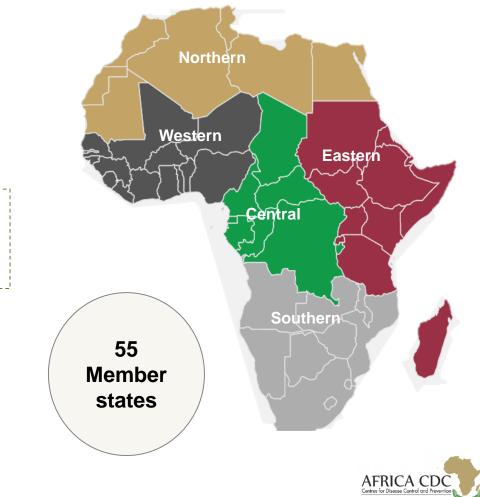




### About The Africa CDC support areas and regional approach

### Support areas provided by The Africa CDC to African states

The ACDC works through five regional collaborative centres



**Policy, advocacy and coordination** to the highest political organs in African Union and member states on continental strategies and initiatives (Like PACT)

**Developing and disseminating guidance documents** and tools on public health measures (like IPC guidance, quantification tools)

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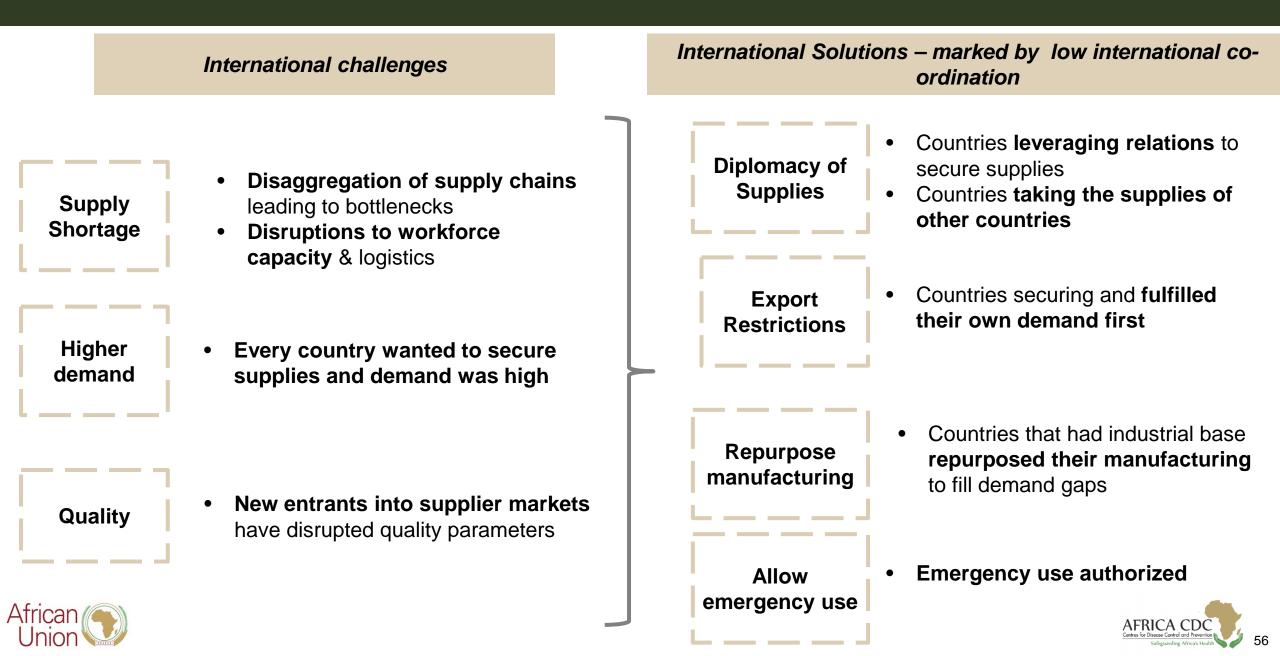
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**Providing technical support** through training, research, and deployment of technical experts to MS

**Support distribution of IPC supplies**, Critical care supplies and diagnostics- lab reagents



### International perspective for COVID- supplies



### Major supply challenges faced by Africa CDC as a result of COVID -19

#### SUPPORT REQUESTED BY MEMBER STATES

Sourcing of supplies ?

Negotiated prices ?

Payment arrangements ?

Logistics?

African Union



#### QUANTIFICATION

- It's a new disease and various ill-defined quantification models,
- Some estimation put infections at 100 %
- Low Testing resulted in low data to know actual spread of the outbreak
- Low supply Demand visibility of supplies at national level



#### PROCUREMENT

- Africa is net importer of PPE's and many other health care related supplies
- Financial constraints
- Africa CDC had low market intelligence and analysis system to deal with the unprecedented supply disruptions
- Extremely competitive market fuelled price increase and quality compromises and minimum order quantities and advance payments



- Even if supplies were secure logistics was an issue as borders were closed
- Limited humanitarian corridors
- Low level of preparedness – no stockpiling



### Major initiatives by Africa CDC to mitigate the challenges

1

Established Africa Task Force for Coronavirus (AFTCOR)

Transport and Logistics Coordinating Committee -Open up transportation and logistics channels for key supplies and

**Supply chain TWG –** to coordinate and resolve supply related issues



2

Launching the PACT ( partnership for accelerated COVID testing )

The initiative has three main components, i.e. **Testing, Tracking** and Treating 3

Activation of the Emergency Procurement

First time activation of the policy document by the African Union Chairperson Inter-department coordination within AUC ( Africa Union Commission )

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Deployment using military flights through Peace support operations division

Warehousing of supplies- **Continental Logistics Base** 

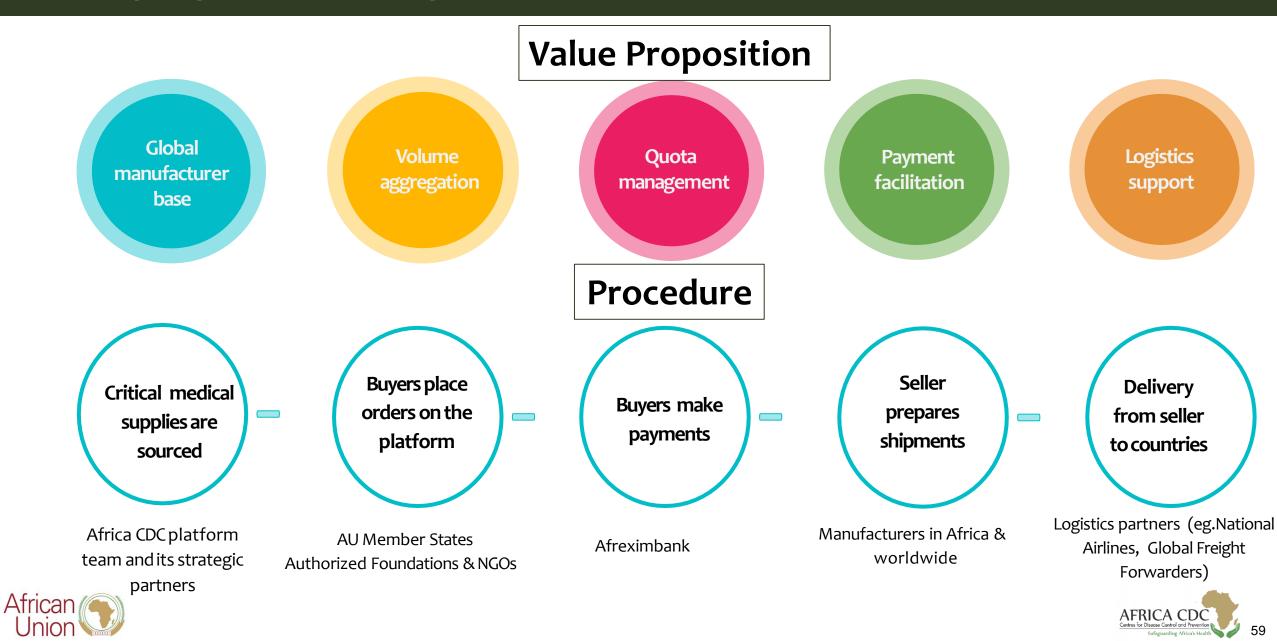
Launching the Africa Medical Supplies Platform

It is a digital platform intended to serve African Countries through **pooled procurement** 

address issues such as shortages, delays in distributing supplies, accessibility and affordability



### Value proposition and procedure for the AMSP



### Current status of the AMSP

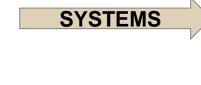
As of today over <u>47 Africa countries</u> are on boarded and some start placing orders in the system, including the Africa CDC.

Africa CDC has used the platform to get **laboratory** reagents and critical care medical equipment worth over USD 20 million.





### Supply chain Lessons for the future – Strategic directions



Putting in place policy, plans and procedures for public health emergency SCM, like Framework Agreements and SLA's



Prepare the necessary infrastructure and agreements **to stockpile critical supplies** not available in Africa

SUPPORTING LOCAL MANUFACTURING

ENHANCING SUPPLY CHAIN PREPADNESS

Support and boost Local manufacturing in Africa in line with FTA (free trade agreement) and, developing Quality framework for African manufacturers

ADAPTING POOLED PROCURMENT

Utilizing **Pooled procurement method** for future public health emergencies and

RESOURCE MOBILISATOIN

Enhanced financing mechanisms for public health emergencies preparedness and responses



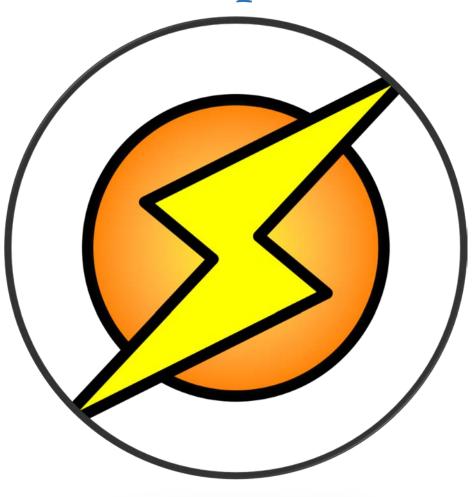


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# Discussion









### That's a wrap: Summary and ways forward



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# Hold on, we're not done yet!

#### Sowing the seeds and watching them grow

PART 3 Implementation and Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) of evidence-informed health service delivery



THE ACCESS AND

• Introduce real-world implementation of HTA projects and evidence-informed decision-making through case studies from different parts of the world, and in different stages of implementation

• Identify health system inefficiencies and highlight means to address them in preparation for improved use of resources in a post-pandemic world







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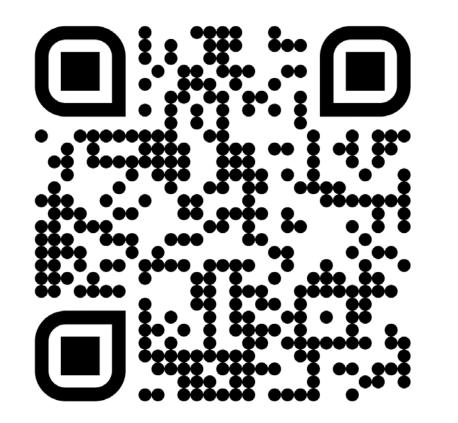
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