

USAID Global Health Supply Chain Program

Procurement and Supply Management

Dear Trading Partner,

Thank you for your support for this critical program as we work together as a global ecosystem to improve global health and saves lives. As we continue to enable process improvements and instill leading commercial practices, the USAID Global Health Supply Chain Program- Procurement and Supply Management (GHSC-PSM) is implementing global standards across its supply chain, as announced at the 2017 USAID Global Health Supply Chain Program Supplier Summit and implemented through a new commodity contract requirement, disseminated to all trading partners in January 2018. More information on this initiative can be found on our website at <http://ghsupplychain.org/globalstandards>.

As part of this effort, GHSC-PSM, in addition to other global procurement agencies like UNFPA, will leverage the GS1 Global Data Synchronization Network™ (GDSN®) for the exchange of product master data, which will form the basis of our product catalog and flow through all relevant transactional documentation. GDSN provides a secure, automated environment for sharing consistent, standards-based, up-to-date product information among trading partners. For more information on the GDSN, please see <https://www.gs1.org/gdsn>.

Using the GDSN will ensure GHSC-PSM has a “single source of truth” for product identification information and associated master data, which will improve accuracy in our procurement process and enable automation and efficiencies in our warehousing and logistics operations. The master data received from synchronization will allow USAID-supported countries to make the best purchasing decisions when ordering life-saving commodities, through providing national stakeholders with the information they need to optimize decision making for order planning, procurement, shipping, and receiving via GHSC-PSM.

GHSC-PSM expects trading partners to also gain real operational benefits through the GDSN; standardization across partners within and across organization reduces duplicate systems and processes in which stakeholders across a company need to be consulted to fulfill a single data request. The GDSN manages the aggregation of all product-related data, removing inefficiencies and exceptions, and ultimately reducing costs.

Trading partners can utilize the GDSN by subscribing to a GDSN-certified data pool. GHSC-PSM has partnered with 1WorldSync to support our GDSN implementation, but our trading partners may choose to partner with any GDSN-certified data pool. A list of those companies can be found at <https://www.gs1.org/gdsn/certified-data-pools>.

Please consult GHSC-PSM’s GDSN landing page at <http://www.1worldsync.com/customer-page/ghsc-psm/> to complete Trading Partner Form and review the GHSC-PSM Attribute Guide for a detailed list of our product attribute requirements. We strongly recommend that you partner with a GDSN-certified data pool and begin preparing your product master data as soon as possible prepare for the GHSC-PSM go live in April – June 2018.



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We will communicate all other necessary information, data requirements, and next steps for the GHSC-PSM GDSN initiative by March 2018. We will be hosting informational webinars to provide you more details about this initiative and answer any of your questions. **REGISTER** for any of the below listed events today here: <http://bit.ly/2Er58tr>

- **Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 7:00 AM Eastern Time**
- **Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 9:00 AM Eastern Time**

If you have any questions regarding this initiative, please contact the GHSC-PSM Data Sync Team at datasync@ghsc-psm.org or our partners at 1WorldSync at businessdevelopment@1worldsync.com or +1-866-280-4013.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation. We look forward to collaborating with you on this important initiative.

Sincerely,



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