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STRONG SUPPLY CHAINS: A METHODOLOGY TO STRENGTHEN MALARIA COMMODITY ACCOUNTABILITY

Addressing Accountability in the Supply Chain

In some PMI-partner countries, data collected over the years has revealed discrepancies between the quantity of malaria commodities consumed and the number of malaria services provided, causing malaria programs and partners to have concerns around the accountability of commodities.

To support countries in addressing this issue, the U.S. President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), through the USAID Global Health Supply Chain Program-Procurement and Supply Management (GHSC-PSM) project, has developed the Malaria Commodity Accountability Initiative (MCAI) tool and accompanying guidebook. These materials are intended to help countries identify these discrepancies and provide a methodology for determining and addressing the root causes of those discrepancies.

Malaria Commodity Accountability Initiative (MCAI) and Tools

The MCAI package includes the MCAI tool, the action plan template, and the Guidebook. As outlined in the guidebook, the process starts with collecting and analyzing malaria commodity consumption and malaria service data through the MCAI tool. Using the analyzed data, users can identify the level of discrepancy and pinpoint potential issues. Users can then document the issues and develop action plans with stakeholders through the Action Plan Template. This is intended to be a continuous improvement process not only to address accountability issues but also to complement existing tools within the country to improve the management of malaria commodities and services, including data quality in the information systems.

KEY TOOLS

[Malaria Commodity Accountability Initiative \(MCAI\) Guidebook](#)

[MCAI Tool](#)

[MCAI Action Plan Template](#)

MALARIA COMMODITIES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN THE TOOL

Artemisinin-based combination therapies

Long-lasting insecticide-treated nets

Rapid diagnostic tests

Severe malaria commodities

Other malaria-related pharmaceuticals

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