Distribution Support to Develop Dubai Platform

Project Summary

Problem

MSF Supply is primarily Europe-based which increases shipping costs and time required for essential medical supplies to reach field sites. Supply centres are currently experiencing a huge increase in inventory volume and are in need of additional storage space.

Proposed Solution

Address process issues and disparate technical systems limiting Dubai distribution centre’s ability to optimize outbound travel costs, storage volumes, and faster delivery of lifesaving medical supplies to projects.

Potential Impact

- Reduces freight costs and environmental impact of delivery through regional supply
- Provides transparent and efficient supply alternatives with increased storage capacity

Viability

- Builds on lessons learned from previous supply model for Afghanistan
- Leverages recommendations from external consultancies

Risk Mitigation

- Engages key internal stakeholders

Scalability

- Develops standard and flexible tools
- Leverages advantages of Dubai, an ideal location to link MSF to Asia, Middle East and Africa

Area/Type: Efficiency Gains; Incubator
Sponsor/Support: MSF OC Paris
Length/Project Status: 1.5 years; ONGOING