Project Summary

**Problem**
Compromised quality of care due frequent unavailability of pharmaceutical supplies in projects, and high disposals of expired drugs. Both caused by inflexibility in the current supply set-up where field projects are required to forecast 12-18 months’ consumption - often leading to over and underordering, causing stock shortages/surpluses.

**Proposed Solution**
Faster drug supply order cycles through development of a lean 'just in time' supply chain utilizing a centralized dispatch location, an online procurement portal and global courier networks.

**Potential Impact**
- Improved quality of care through improved pharmacy availability and lead times.
- Reduced disposal of expired drugs
- Eliminate/Reduce long term forecasting

**Viability**
- Support from OCA Medical Director to test in field sites
- Aligns with strategic goal to increase supply chain agility and process optimization

**Risk Mitigation**
- Explore feasibility prior to implementation
- Acts in parallel with existing supply system
- Limits the method to drugs and small items

**Scalability**
- Tests methodology in 5 sites prior to scale
- Integrates with existing MSF networks

**Area/Type:** Efficiency Gains; Incubator
**Sponsor/Support:** MSF UK
**Length/Project Status:** 9-12 months; ONGOING