Supply Network East Africa

Project Summary

Problem

Addresses challenges in supply chain effectiveness and efficiency where activity duplication exists in existing structures in Eastern Africa: Support Unit Kampala (SU), Kenya Supply Unit (KSU) and other European Supply Centres (ESC)/OCs.

Proposed Solution

Create a unified Supply Network in East Africa to optimize the use of MSF resources and reduce activity duplication. Redesign the distribution network for a specific list of 80 large volume items such as ringers and gloves, for delivery to missions in East Africa with a better total cost of ownership (goods and transport). Address legal, process & product quality, financial and order flow elements for the future.

Potential Impact

- Potential to achieve financial savings linked to transportation (750,000 € /year) and to the mutualization of 2 structures (200,000 €/year)
- Reduces lead time and supply interruptions risk
- Reduces MSF’s carbon footprint from air transport

Viability

- Engages strong collaboration with MSF East Africa supply teams, ESCs and supply chain platform
- Focuses on deliverables and metrics for accountability

Risk Mitigation

- Brings a very transparent approach with clear expected outcome
- Plans to involve external auditors for good distribution practice and compliance

Scalability

- Uses an integrated and collaborative approach between ESCs and Regional Supply Centres, aligned with MSF’s regional supply chain strategy

Area/Type: Efficiency; Incubator
Sponsor/Support: OC Brussels
Length/Project Status: 12 months; ONGOING