

THE SUSTAINABLE DRUG SELLER INITIATIVES (SDSI)

Stakeholder's Meeting on Sustainable Drug Seller Initiative

Mambo Point Hotel, Monrovia, Liberia, August 3rd, 2012

Meeting Agenda

Time	Activity	Discussant/Session Chairperson
08:00-08:30	Registration	All
08:30-09:00	Introductions and welcome remarks	Pharmacist. Ms. Clavenda-Bright Parker Chairperson LMHRA Board
09:00-09:10	Meeting objectives and SDSI overview	Pharmacist. David Sumo, Country Project Director, MSH/SDSI Dr. Edmund Rutta, Senior Technical Advisor, MSH/SDSI
09:10-09:30	Overview of SDSI/Liberia and activities progress to date	Pharmacist. Ms. Clavenda-Bright Parker, Chairperson LMHRA Board Pharmacist. David Sumo, Country Project Director, MSH/SDSI
09:30-10:00	Tanzania ADDO and Uganda videos followed by Brief Report on Liberia Delegation Study Visit to ADDO program in Tanzania	Rev. Tijli Tyee, Chief Pharmacist MOHSW
10:00-10:30	Official opening of the meeting	Dr Bernice T Dahn, Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services/Chief Medical Officer
10:30-11:00	TEA BREAK	All Participants
11:00-11:20	Findings from Mapping of Medicine Stores in Montserrado County	Pharmacist. Arthur Loryoun, MSH/SDSI
11:20-11:40	SDSI/Liberia baseline evaluation results	Dr Lloyd Matowe, Project Director, PSA
11:40-12:10	Q&A Discussions (all presentations above)	All participants
12:10-2:30	Plenary Discussion of Key AMS program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Resource mobilization and regulatory system strengthening</u> • <u>Training of AMS Dispensers and Owners.</u> • <u>Expanded scope and linkage of AMS with public health programs</u> • <u>Ensuring quality and access of products, services, and care</u> <p>Wrap up of all group discussions and Closure</p>	Dr Edmund Rutta, MSH/SDSI Pharmacist. David Sumo, MSH/SDSI Pharmacist. Arthur Loryoun, MSHS/SDSI
2:30-3:30	LUNCH BREAK	All participants

Meeting Objectives:

1. Provide an overview of SDSI objectives in three countries and SDSI/Liberia in particular.
2. Review progress on implementation of SDSI/Liberia to date and some of the implementation challenges encountered so far.
3. Discuss findings from medicine store mapping and baseline assessment in Montserrado; identify challenges and options for strengthening the AMS model in Liberia.
4. Provide recommendations to enhance the AMS model sustainability and scalability.

Plenary Discussion Objective: Discuss in great details issues and challenges in the AMS and come up with feasible options/solutions to consider during ongoing implementation of AMS program to ensure it is scalable and sustainable.

Resource mobilization and regulatory system strengthening:

- What are the potential sources for more funding to support AMS in Liberia?
- How to ensure resources are available for regulatory strengthening?
- What is the best model for ensuring AMS on-going and regular inspection by regulatory authorities?
- Would existing micro-financing institutions take the risk of financing ordinary drug shops that want to convert to being accredited drug shops?
- What should be the roles of County Health Teams?

Training of AMS Dispensers and Owners:

- Who should oversee and ensure that training standards and quality are maintained?
- What would be the roles of the Pharmaceutical Association of Liberia in conducting AMS dispenser's training?
- How will refresher training be conducted? How can it be linked to the AMS annual licensure?
- Who should fund training courses? Owners? Dispensers? Government?

Expanded scope and linkage of AMS with public health programs:

- How should the AMS program accommodate public health interventions using the AMS platform [MNCH, RH/FP, TB, HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and IEC] to improve access to products and services?
- Should there be a define "minimum package" of services and products available from AMS rather than address each on an ad hoc basis in order to avoid overloading/overstretching the AMS systems?
- How do we ensure that AMS are reimbursed for the services they provide?
- Beyond Montserrado, what should be the strategy for AMS scaling in rural and in underserved extremely remote areas?
- What should be the roles of County Health Teams?

Ensuring quality and access of products, services, and care:

- What should be the mechanism to sustain/maintain consumer awareness and education through social marketing for AMS services? What opportunities exist in the current health programs in Liberia?
- What would be the roles of the proprietor's association?
- How to facilitate proprietor's association formation? What tools, guidelines resources are out there/or will be needed to enable AMS form proprietor's associations?
- How do we ensure all AMS participate in the accreditation process? Should all existing drug shops be forced to convert to accredited shops or closed if they don't meet the standards?
- What record-keeping should be required? How would records help assure service quality?