

CHAD

National Pharmaceutical Sector form

Date: **7th May 2004**

Population: **8.038.270**

Daily wage of lowest paid government worker: **849,4 FCFA**

Rate of exchange (commercial “buy” rate) to US dollars on the first day of data collection: **542,94**

Sources of information: **Commercial Bank Tchad**

General information on the pharmaceutical sector

Is there a formal National Medicines Policy document covering both the public and private sectors? Yes No

Is an Essential Medicines List (EML) available? Yes No

If yes, state total number of medicines on national EML: **287**

If yes, year of last revision: **1999**

If yes, is it (tick all that apply):

- National
- Regional
- Public sector only
- Both public and private sectors
- Other (please specify): **for mission health facilities**

If yes, is the EML being used (tick all that apply):

- For registration of medicines nationally
- Public sector procurement only
- Insurance and/or reimbursement schemes
- Private sector
- Public sector

Is there a policy for generic prescribing or substitution? Yes No

Are there incentives for generic prescribing or substitution? Yes No

Public procurement¹

Is procurement in the public sector limited to a selection of essential medicines? Yes No

If no, please specify if any other limitation is in force:

Type of public sector procurement (tick all that apply):

- International, competitive tender
 - Open
 - Closed (restricted)
- National, competitive tender
 - Open
 - Closed (restricted)
 - Negotiation/direct purchasing

Are the products purchased all registered? Yes No

¹ If there is a public procurement system, there is usually a limited list of items that can be procured. Products procured on international tenders are sometimes registered in the recipient country only by generic names. Import permits to named suppliers are issued based on the approved list of tender awards. An open tender is one that is publicly announced; a closed one is sent to a selection of approved suppliers.

Is there a local preference?² Yes No

Are there public health programmes fully implemented by donor assistance which also provide medicines? Yes No
(e.g. TB, family planning, etc.)

If yes, please specify: **TB, Leprosy, Onchocerciasis**

Distribution³

Is there a public sector distribution centre/warehouse? Yes No

If yes, specify levels: **3 levels**

Are there private not-for-profit distribution centres: e.g. missions/nongovernmental organizations? Yes No

If yes, please specify:

Number of licensed wholesalers: **4**

Retail

	Urban	Rural	Overall
Number of inhabitants per pharmacy (approx.)	20.000	10.000	
Number of inhabitants per qualified pharmacist (approx.)	20.000	10.000	
Number of pharmacies with qualified pharmacists	23		
Number of medicine outlets with pharmacy technician	10		
Number of other licensed medicine outlets	110		

Private sector⁴

Are there independent pharmacies? Yes No Number: **23**

Are there chain pharmacies? Yes No Number:

Do doctors dispense medicines?⁵ Yes No

If yes, approximate coverage or % of doctors who dispense:

Are there pharmacies or medicine outlets in health facilities? Yes No

² A local preference means that local companies will be preferred even if their prices are not the cheapest. Local preference is normally in the range of 10–20%.

³ The public sector often has a central storage and distribution centre which may have at least one sublevel. The private not-for-profit sector may be dominated by one type of NGO (e.g. church missions), but may also comprise others such as Bamako Initiative type projects, Red Cross or Red Crescent Society, Médecins Sans Frontières.

⁴ Retail outlets may be called pharmacies, medicine outlets, drug stores, chemists, etc. They may be run/owned by a qualified pharmacist (with diploma) or another category: e.g. pharmacy technician, or a lay person with short training.

⁵ Many countries allow doctors to dispense and sell medicines.

Financing

(Give approximate figures, converted to US dollars at current exchange rate: commercial “buy” rate on the first day of data collection)

Type of expenditure	Approximate annual budget (US dollars)
National public expenditure on medicines including government insurance, military, local purchases in past year	2.431.207,87
Estimated total private medicine expenditure in past year (out of pocket, private insurance, NGO/mission)	9.876.456,46
Total value of international medicine aid or donations in past year	1.289.276,90
What percentage of medicines by value are imported?	79%

Government price policy

Is there a medicines regulatory authority?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is pricing regulated?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is setting prices part of market authorization/registration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Do registration fees differ between:		
■ Innovator brand and generic equivalents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
■ Imported and locally produced medicines	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Public sector

Are there margins (mark-ups) in the distribution chain?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
■ Central medical stores	16%	
■ Regional store	25%	
■ Other store (specify)	%	
■ Public medicine outlet	30%	
Are there any other fees or levies?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please describe: Customs(5%), Statistics tax (2%), BIVAC (International Purchasing Verification Tax) (0,9%)		

Private retail sector

Are there maximum profit margins?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes (if they vary, give maximum and minimum):		
■ Wholesale	20%	
■ Retail	30%	

Is there a maximum retail price (sales price)? Yes No
(If it varies, give maximum and minimum)

- Maximum: 31%
- Minimum: 30%

Do patients pay professional fees (e.g. dispensing fee)? Yes No
If yes, please describe:

“Other” sector

Are there maximum profit margins? Yes No
If yes (if they vary, give maximum and minimum):

- Wholesale %
- Retail **30%**

Is there a maximum sales price? Yes No

Insurance, risk-sharing or prepayment schemes

Are there any health insurance, risk-sharing or prepayment schemes or revolving medicine funds? Yes No

If yes, please describe: **revolving medicine funds**

Are all medicines covered? Yes No

If no, state which medicines are covered (e.g. EML, public health programmes): **TB, Leprosy, Onchocerciasis**

Are some patients / groups of patients exempted, regardless of insurance coverage? (e.g. children < X yrs, war veterans) Yes No

If yes, please specify: **some private companies**

Estimated percentage of population covered **NA%**

Is it official policy to supply all medicines free at primary health care level? Yes No

If no, are some free? Yes No

If yes, tick all that apply:

- Tuberculosis**
- Malaria
- Oral rehydration salts
- Family planning
- Others, please specify: leprosy, onchocerciasis**

Are there official user charges/patient co-payments/fees? Yes No

Are all medicines supplied free at hospitals? Yes No

If no, are some free? Yes No

If yes, please specify: **TB, Leprosy, Onchocerciasis**