cStock Malawi

INSTITUTIONIZALING CSTOCK
Malawi cStock Approach

Simple mHealth tool for reporting and resupply

User friendly dashboards for monitoring supply chain performance

Product Availability Teams (PATs) working together to reduce stock outs
cStock Malawi Results

Better data
>80%
Reporting rates with cStock

Improved efficiency
50%
Reduction in lead times with cStock

Sustainable and cost effective
<1% of the total CHW program cost

“cStock has eased our jobs....it doesn’t take much time you can just use your phone from your home to report. It is a smart and easy system.” - CHW Supervisor, Malawi

“We don’t have stockouts because the meetings help us. If we have a problem, there is a protocol we follow. We resolve the issues.” - Health Facility, Malawi
Project Approach

Pilot phase

2011
- cStock developed, tested and deployed
- 3 pilot districts trained in cStock + DPAT, 3 pilot districts trained in cStock (EPT)
- Dashboard significantly revised

2012
- TOT conducted
- 3 districts trained in cStock only (WHO)

Scale up phase

2013
- TOT conducted
- cStock + DPATs endorsed for scale up
- Orientation of DHMTs added to scale up package
- 6 districts trained in cStock only (WHO)
- 5 districts trained in cStock + DPAT (Save)
- 13 districts trained in DPAT only (9 WHO, 4 SC4)
- NPAT launched

2014
- 7 districts trained in cStock + DPATs (6 SSDI/1 IWG)

Cumulative
No. districts trained

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Designed for Scale

Project was focused on addressing supply chain challenges and was not a technology project, therefore the whole system was considered

Used existing infrastructure, i.e. HSAs and supervisors used their personal basic phones and districts had access to computers and Internet

Minimized routine data collected to two data items: stock on hand and receipts data
Integrated

Streamlined and integrated the technology into existing reporting and resupply processes.

Linked reporting to resupply of health products motivating HSAs to report.

Employed an iterative process for the dashboard design to ensure it was acceptable and user friendly.

Intervention design include strengthening data use whereby product availability teams were introduced to meet regularly to monitor data and take actions.
Broad Ownership

Engaged MOH and partners from the outset to design the innovation

Continued to share monitoring and evaluation data throughout the pilot and scale up

Gained MOH endorsement early in the process

MOH took the lead to mobilize partners to support scale up to districts outside the pilot

Developed a transition plan with stakeholders two years before the project ended
cStock plus PATs were scaled up to all 30 districts by October 2014.

cStock continues to be funded by Global Fund

MOH manages cStock, following up with users

MOH with support from Save the Children expanded cStock to include vaccines at health facility level in 2015