



Quantification of
Health Commodities
Deliver™ Course



Course Goal

The availability of drugs and other essential supplies determines the success of any health program. Without a reliable supply of contraceptives, a family planning program cannot serve its customers; without appropriate drugs, a tuberculosis program cannot offer treatment. An effective AIDS treatment program requires an uninterrupted supply of antiretroviral drugs.

Forecasting, quantifying, and procuring any commodity requires effectively and efficiently allocating existing and future resources and managing the procurement process. The efficient management of health commodities is imperative in an environment of increasing demand and limited resources. Therefore, effective inventory management of health commodities determines the effective delivery of any health system to a greater extent. It impacts all functions of any health system, including finance. Health systems need to manage health commodities logically and consistently to be effective.

S Buys Academy, in partnership with the USAID | DELIVER PROJECT, will offer its introductory course in Quantification and Procurement Planning. The goal of this course is to increase participants' knowledge and skills in using a data-driven process to:

- Improve the accuracy of forecasts.
 - Estimate funding requirements and identify funding sources to meet mid to long-term needs.
 - Develop a procurement plan.
 - Understand the utility of software packages in quantification and procurement processes.
 - Evaluate and respond to environmental or policy constraints in forecasting and procurement planning.
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Areas of Learning

Participants will engage in a range of activities, including case studies, demonstrations, and exercises which will provide participants with the opportunity to increase their knowledge and skills in the following topics:

- Utilization of data from an LMIS for quantification
- Forecasting methodologies
- Estimating program requirements
- Procurement
- This course includes a practical application of quantification and procurement planning software tools.
- The exact content of the course will be adapted to address the needs of participants specific to the health programs with
- which they work.

Who should Attend

The course is particularly relevant to mid to senior-level individuals in the public or private sector who are responsible for planning and implementing activities to strengthen the supply chain of family planning, AIDS prevention and treatment or other health commodity logistics systems at the national level, particularly regarding forecasting, quantification, and procurement. These individuals can also play a role in influencing changes to the ways in which program commodities are managed. Participants should first complete the course in supply chain management before attempting this course.

Their specific responsibilities may include:

- Preparing quantification and procurement plans
 - Ensuring data quality
 - Monitoring product availability and taking action when supply imbalances exist
 - Assisting partners in identifying financial resources
 - Determining which products to obtain
 - This course is also highly relevant for in-country managers from donor agencies that provide health commodities. The course will be conducted in English.
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Interested?

How to Apply

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