Quality Medicines Seminar: the example of two NGOs

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Presentation Damien Foundation

- An international NGO specialized in **TB and Leprosy control**
- Working in 16 countries
- Mostly support to national TB and leprosy programs – national or at least provincial coverage
- Big projects in DR Congo, Bangladesh and India
- Sending medicines *(>80% TB medicines)* to 6 countries:
  - DR Congo (most!), Niger, Bangladesh, Comoros, Guinea, Burundi, Rwanda
  - For this, we have since long an export license for medicines from Belgium
  - Grouping requests, meds and medical mats and other, per country, under customs in Belgium and sending
- Buying locally (the exception!): Bangladesh, India, DR Congo
- About 800.000 euro of medicines and medical material bought per year

- DGD confinanced in: DR Congo, Bangladesh, India, Burundi, Guinea
- 320M pop, 230.000 TB, 17.000 leprosy, 5000 Leishmania, 22.000 handicap former leprosy, 2500 MDR-TB patients in supported regions
Initial Situation 2008

Charter Quality Meds signed, YES, GREAT, FINALLY!!

But how to implement? Where is the know-how to put into practice the audit-threat? To select where to buy knowingly? Exception: WHO-PQ ($$ for some)
Than Came Quamed: 20..

*Distributors audited
*Database with GMP level of a list of Manufacturers
*Expert HR to put into practice the audit-threat
*Country audits for local purchases
Happy till... 2016-2017

FAGG Inspection

Charter Quality Meds

Stronger Donor Rules: DGD agreement signed others

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Inspection by FAGG (AFMPS)

- Apparently....
- Having an export license...
- You are considered a medicine wholesaler....
- Even if you don’t sell a thing....
- And FAGG can inspect you for respect of GDP, even if your meds never enter Belgium...
Belgian law & EU rules governing procurement & distribution of medicines


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Building a Quality System: obligation!

Consultants
MSF-Supply GDP pharmacist
Quamed & Raffaella Consultants
Volunteer pharmacist

Progressive Donor Rules:
DGD, others

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Help!

- We need heat stable medicines ... tested and stable in tropical conditions!

- And ... We need a Quamed for medical devices & equipment
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