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USAID Saves Lives through Better Health Supply Chain Management

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, September 29, 2016 – The U.S. Government, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), today announced the closeout of its ten-year, \$283 million Supply Chain Management System project. Through the project, USAID strengthened health supply chain management to build the capacity of the Ministry of Health to better provide life-saving HIV commodities such as laboratory supplies, pharmaceuticals, food-by-prescription products (therapeutic food for malnourished people living with HIV), infection prevention materials, and other supplies.

Since November 2006, USAID's supply chain project, funded through the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), supported 3,200 antiretroviral therapy, therapeutic food, and prevention of mother-to-child transmission health facilities, and trained more than 16,000 health professionals on various topics of supply chain management. USAID also procured commodities worth \$224 million and contributed to expanding antiretroviral therapy services for more than 400,000 people affected by and living with HIV and AIDS.

Additionally, USAID supported the design and implementation of an integrated logistics system to facilitate accurate and timely submission of data from health facilities. USAID helped expand and strengthen the Pharmaceuticals Fund and Supply Agency distribution and transport operations by adding 30,000 pallet spaces to the supply agency warehouses, and by providing 74 trucks, five field vehicles, five motorcycles, 22 forklifts, material handling equipment, and 15 generators.

"I want to commend our implementing partners, Partnership for Supply Chain Management and Management Sciences for Health for their tireless work to improve the capacity of the supply chain in Ethiopia," said USAID Mission Director Leslie Reed. "Through our new award, named Global Health Supply Chain - Procurement and Supply Management, we will continue our support and build on the successes of our supply chain project."

USAID worked closely with the Ministry of Health, the Pharmaceuticals Fund and Supply Agency, the Ethiopian Public Health Institute, the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Office, the Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa health bureaus, and all nine regional health bureaus to implement the supply chain project.
