USAID’s Global Health Supply Chain Procurement and Supply Management (GHSC-PSM) project works to ensure an uninterrupted supply of health commodities to and within Zambia. Effective procurement and distribution of essential medicines and medical supplies are critical components for maintaining the health of Zambia’s citizens. This project partners with the Government of the Republic of Zambia (GRZ) to strengthen logistics, information systems, and data-driven decision-making and provide reliable procurement services.
In support of Zambia’s Health Sector Supply-Chain Strategy and Implementation Plan (2019-2021), USAID GHSC-PSM provides direct support to Medical Stores Limited (MSL), an autonomous agency of the GRZ, to strengthen the health commodity and laboratory supply chain to better meet the testing and treatment in Zambia. MSL is responsible for the nationwide storage and distribution of essential drugs and supplies, including HIV and malaria test kits, long-lasting insecticide-treated nets, anti-retroviral drugs, and family-planning commodities. GHSC-PSM’s support includes:

USAID GHSC-PSM provides training and tools to the Ministry of Health to enable the efficient and effective management of the medical supply chain beyond the life of the project. The Project supports annual commodity forecasting and quantification to avoid stock-outs of essential medicines. USAID GHSC-PSM procures and installs essential infrastructure, including cold rooms, walk-in freezers, prefabricated storage units, storage equipment and racking, and regional warehouses. The project also supports third-party logistics for transportation of commodity orders from the central warehouse in Lusaka to regional warehouses and provincial hospitals. This ensures essential medicines are closer to those in need and provides millions of Zambians with access to high-quality, low-cost medicines and health commodities which, in turn, allow millions to live longer, healthier, and more productive lives.

**Expected Results**

In collaboration with MSL and other key stakeholders, USAID GHSC-PSM will strengthen national capacity in health commodity procurement, logistics, quality assurance, and data visibility. These interventions are expected to strengthen and improve health commodity procurement, logistics, quality assurance, and data visibility. As a result of this multi-faceted approach, millions of Zambians will have increased access to essential medicines. USAID GHSC-PSM will continually work to enhance local capacity and improve system performance in support of Zambia’s journey to self-reliance. This includes providing support for forecasting and supply planning to improve commodity security, improving warehouse and inventory management at the central and provincial levels, streamlining procurement processes, and building sustainability into the supply chain operations implemented by MSL.