

THE AFRICA MEDICAL SUPPLIES PLATFORM (AMSP)

Background

The Africa Medical Supplies Platform (AMSP) is a not-for-profit initiative launched by the African Union as an immediate, integrated and practical response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Africa Medical Supplies Platform (AMSP) unlocks immediate access to an African & global base of vetted manufacturers and procurement strategic partners and enables African Union Member States to purchase certified medical equipment such as diagnostic kits, PPE and clinical management devices with increased cost effectiveness & transparency. The platform serves as a unique interface enabling volume aggregation, quota management, payment facilitation as well as logistics & transportation to ensure equitable & efficient access to critical supplies for African governments.

The online platform was developed under the leadership of African Union Special Envoy, Strive Masiyiwa and powered by Janngo and Vaya on behalf of the African Union's Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) and in partnership with African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) and United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) with the support of leading African & international Institutions, Foundations & Corporations as well as Governments of China, Canada & France. Other technology & knowledge partners include Baobab Circle.¹

The Africa Medical Supplies Platform (AMSP) is an online marketplace that facilitates the supply of medical equipment for acute COVID-19 care in Africa at competitive prices to achieve greater impact and reach, while also simplifying procurement and distribution channels for fast-track delivery. The AMSP is developed under the leadership of the AU Special Envoy, Strive Masiyiwa and powered by Janngo on behalf of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC). It was developed in partnership with African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA).

¹ <https://amsp.africa/about-us/> . Accessed 21 January 2021

Africa Medical Supplies Platform opens #COVID19 #vaccines pre-orders for 55 #African Union Member States JOHANNESBURG, January 19, 2021 — Following the announcement by the African Union Chairperson, President Cyril Ramaphosa on the 14th of January 2021 that the African Union has secured a provisional 270 million #COVID-19 vaccine #doses for #Africa through its COVID-19 African #Vaccine Acquisition Task Team (AVATT), the Africa #Medical Supplies Platform #AMSP), on behalf of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), today commences the #COVID-19 vaccines pre-order programme for all African Union Member States. African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) will facilitate payments by providing advance #procurement commitment guarantees of up to US\$2 billion to the #manufacturers on behalf of the Member States. While AVATT has secured a provisional 270 million COVID-19 vaccines doses from Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca, AMSP – the single-source platform enabling faster, more transparent and cost-effective access to COVID-19 supplies – has opened today pre-orders, offering an #equitable #access of COVID-19 vaccines doses for 55 African Union Member States.²

Meeting with Chidinma Ifepe (AMSP) – Country Director for Business Operations
21 January 2021

- NHLS already registered on AMSP

Vaccines

- 270 million doses negotiated with Pfizer, J&J and AstraZeneca
- Contracts not finalized yet. Indemnity issue also a concern for contract finalization. The thinking is that indemnity issue should be attended to at country level.
- Prices and country allocations finalized
 - Confirmation required of breakdown of prices
 - Incoterms to be discussed
 - volumes allocated are fixed and are available until 01 February 2021.
 - Estimate of logistics cost will be provided.

² <https://www.linkedin.com/company/africa-medical-supplies-platform>

Flow of money

- There are three options for payment by countries. – not fully articulated in meeting.
 1. Cash placed by country into an account with Afreximbank – who then pays suppliers
 2. Finance facility through Afreximbank - who then pays suppliers
 3. Other sources of funding, e.g. World Bank, or donors, pay Afreximbank – who then pays suppliers.
- Document will be sent to explain.
- Upfront payment (to find out of what value) to Afreximbank, who makes upfront payment to suppliers if need be.

Process flow

1. Registration as entity to enable pre-order on portal
2. Pre-order to confirm quantities
 - Have until 01 February 2021
3. Upfront payment to suppliers (through Afreximbank)
 - Confirmation of volumes
4. Plan deliveries – staggered
 - No confirmation of delivery dates
 - Determined by cold chain constraints

Regulatory issues

1. SAHPRA – not thought through
 - Suggestion was made to make this manufacturer's/supplier's responsibility
2. GMO Permit – also not thought through
 - Suggestion was made to make this manufacturer's/supplier's responsibility

Way forward

- AMSP to create account for NDoH
- AMSP to share MOA
- Afreximbank process to be fast tracked
- Estimate of logistics cost will be provided – dependent on INCOTERMS.

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