

HEALTH AND HUMANITARIAN LOGISTICS CONFERENCE (HHL)

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PURPOSE – The 11th annual Health and Humanitarian Logistics conference provided an open forum to explore the challenges and proffer solutions in disasters preparedness and response, long-term development and humanitarian support, and global health delivery. The conference also ensured learning and collaboration within and across institutions; promoted system-wide upgrade in organizations, and the sector as a whole, it also pinpointed significant research issues; and forwarded priorities for non-governmental organizations (NGOs), corporations, and the government in terms of strategies, policies and investments.

BACKGROUND – The HHL conference is an annual platform where participants and speakers from Governmental, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), industry, academia and other related organizations assemble to brainstorm (share innovative solutions and best practices and establish priorities), and map out opportunities in global health, humanitarian operations, and long term economic development, particularly in areas of logistics.

The conference brings in proximity an abundance of professionals and authorities active in the global health and humanitarian sectors across the globe. Notably, the event is annually chaired by the Georgia Tech Center for Health and Humanitarian Systems (CHHS) and others. This year's conference attracted Co-organizers were: The International Association of Public Health Logisticians (IAPHL), People that Deliver and the University of Rwanda.

IAPHL is a professional network for Public Health Logisticians that is committed to improving public health supply chain management by fostering the professional growth of actors in health supplies, including, pharmacists, nurses, and others involved in logistics activities. The association promotes logisticians globally by creating a medium where members can network, share ideas and brush-up their professional skills.



**2019 IAPHL HHL
Conference Team**



Opening address by the Minister of Health, Rwanda

The Deputy Minister of Health, Liberia

CONTACTS/NETWORK:

S/N	NAME	ORGANIZATION	POSITION
1	Jordan Greenberg	Logenix Int.	Business development
2	Ryan Purcell	LLamasoft	Director Global Impact
3	Silvia Rossi Tafuri	WFP	Supply chain Officer
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6	Geoffrey Nyaga	ASTRAL AERIAL	Chief Operations Officer

LESSONS LEARNED – The conference was short but there were many take home messages of significance which include;

- The use of e-LMIS (Medexis) for data collection for better quantification and hence reduce stock out rate
- Public and private partnership strengthening
- Sharing of best supply chain management best practices (e.g. coco cola and Johnson & Johnson)
- The importance of women in SCM (e.g. Liz of IAPHL)
- Resilience and rebuilding structures post disaster (a case study: The Cyclone Idai in Mozambique)
- The use of advance technology in the distribution of commodities in hard to reach areas (Zipline in Rwanda)
- Human resource development in SCM in developing countries especially Africa (e.g. Masters in SCM in the University of Rwanda)

NEXT STEPS: With the enormous information gathered, the following are my next moves;

- Writing and sharing of the HHL-2019 report to IAPHL and with the Ministry of Health of Sierra Leone (The agency responsible for medical supplies)
- Make a power point presentation on the conference in our next AGM of the Pharmaceutical Society of Sierra Leone

- Help structure our IAPHL country chapter
- Human development (Masters in PSM)
- Keep my networks connected