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FROM THE CHAPTER CHAIR TO THE COMMUNITY

Jacob Kuutuome (Ph.D.)

Chapter Chair at the IAPHL Governing Council

Happy New Year to you, my dear IAPHL global community!

I am already excited for 2024 for our global community because of the refined energies and strategies that are being highlighted across our country chapters as we hold our first chapter meetings for the year 2024. I am also excited because IAPHL has seen significant progress and growth in membership, advocacy and impact in various countries where we operate; Thanks to our benefactors who continue to sponsor our operations globally and in-country, we have been able to support men, women and children on daily basis in developing countries who need medical care to maintain healthy lives.

The International Association of Public Health Logisticians, IAPHL, was founded with the vision to have a world in which all people have access to lifesaving health products, delivered by sustainable supply chains that are managed by competent, empowered, and connected professionals. Its mission is to support the professionals, supply chain managers and others working in the field of public health logistics and commodity security by equipping individuals to strengthen the health systems in which they work, particularly in developing countries.

Our theme for this quarter's magazine, *The Future and Trends in Supply Chain: Public Health Implications*, highlights and suggests the important and critical role that public healthcare supply chain professionals like us play in ensuring holistic and responsive healthcare delivery to clients in our healthcare facilities in the midst of the complexities in our supply chains due to technological advancements, disruptions due to natural and man-made catastrophes and the ever changing needs of the clients we serve. It highlights the fact that our role as health supply chain professionals significantly impacts the implementation of public health outcomes that lead to universal health coverage (target 3.8 of SDG 3) and ultimately to all other goals of the SDG 3.



EDITORIAL MESSAGE

This provides a renewed call to action because the success or otherwise of the public healthcare supply chain will be largely through our collective efforts and resilience, as we are able to ensure the timely and accurate availability of health products regardless these disruptive tendencies and complexities in our healthcare supply chains. It also motivates us to develop a well-functioning supply chain within our various countries to ensure that health commodities are available when and where they are needed.

Furthermore, most of the clinics and hospitals in our community of practice must be equipped with the required supply chain skills and knowledge to build the necessary resilience to ensure the regular supply of medicines and other health commodities to support the delivery in their facilities regardless of the disruptive tendencies.

Since IAPHL promotes the professionalization of the field of public health logistics through education and information sharing, this magazine offers all that opportunity for members to network, exchange ideas, and improve our skills to be able to respond adequately to the emerging trends of healthcare supply chain technologies and innovations that come with some implications on practice and delivery of safe, responsive and quality healthcare to the clients we serve.

Furthermore, the IAPHL Magazine allows practitioners working in the health supply chain to share knowledge about the critical job of managing supplies in their respective clinics, hospitals, and even within their entire country.

Let us join hands and read these impactful stories of excellence as shared by our colleagues from other countries and adapt these best practices to help improve our operations in our respective health organizations.

We should also take advantage of the opportunity this magazine offers us and share impactful stories that are worth celebrating and can be presented to the rest of the IAPHL community for us to learn.

I wish you all the best as you read and learn from other communities of practice through this magazine. Do not hesitate to reach out to the team with any suggestions that will help improve the content and other deliverables of this magazine. Stay blessed and prosperous this year!

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Theme Article



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FUTURE TRENDS IN SUPPLY CHAINS – PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS



Public Health Supply Chains (PHSC) are a network of resources and organizations involved in the processes of Plan, Order, Source, Transform, Fulfill and Return as these processes are described by the Supply Chain Operations Reference Model (SCOR) SCOR Model ([ascm.org](http://www.ascm.org)).

In public health, these processes are the engines to give access to health-related goods and services within the public health system. Public Health Supply Chains are essential for ensuring the availability of necessary healthcare products and services to meet the needs of the population and respond effectively to public health challenges. Often in Low-and-Middle Income Countries (LMIC), public health supply chain performance and maturity can be a challenge as most resources – Physical and Human – can be a constraint as these are funded by external stakeholders.

As public health supply chains mature, we should not lose track of trends and new practices emerging from the traditional “for-profit” supply chains. The purpose of this article is to point out the 2024 Top 10 Supply Chain Trends from the Association for Supply Chain Management (www.ascm.org). While the trends are broad and not sector specific, it gives some food for thought on “what’s next” and set the stage for future thinking on elements for designing public health supply chain architecture.

ASCM 2024 TOP 10 SUPPLY CHAIN TRENDS

1 Digital Supply Chains	2 Big Data	3 Artificial Intelligence	4 Supply Chain Investment (systems and people)	5 Visibility, Traceability, Location Intelligence
6 Disruption and Risk Management	7 Agility and Resilience	8 Cyber Security	9 Green and Circular Supply Chains	10 Geopolitics and Deglobalization of Supply Chains



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Anecdotes of a Versatile Medical Logistician

Farhan Furreh, a self-designated Pan African Pharmacist from Somaliland, with a BPharm from Sudan and an MSc in Drug Development from Nigeria, signified a remarkable commitment to advancing healthcare in challenging environments and dynamic career trajectory in medical logistics.

His contributions include pharmaceutical supply chain strengthening in hard-to-reach and demanding settings in his home country working for Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) as well as Save the Children International (SCI), and subsequently in South Sudan with Doctors with Africa CUAMM.

Afghanistan has a complex geopolitical situation, and serves as the backdrop for Farhan's current attachment in INTERSOS, indicating his continued navigation of challenging environments. His experiences include delivering medical supplies in extreme climates, from drought-stricken populations in Somaliland to flood-affected areas in South Sudan and snow-cut-off communities in Afghanistan, showcasing his resilience and adaptability.

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Figure 1. Attending 15th Health and Humanitarian Logistics Conference in Nairobi, Kenya

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Farhan's career reflects a steadfast voyage in some of the world's most challenging regions with frail post-conflict healthcare systems.

Farhan's proactive approach on global platforms reflects his dedication to making a significant impact in his field. His recent participation in the Health and Humanitarian Logistics Conference in Nairobi not only allowed him to share his valuable insights but also enabled him to network with like-minded professionals.

One of the key take-aways was the importance of improving the localization of medical procurements. This prompted him to recognize the need to tailor procurement processes to the specific needs and contexts, rather than adopting a one-size-fits-all approach.

Additionally, Farhan identified the application of Good Distribution Practices (GDP) in the last mile as another salient acumen.



Figure 4. Chairing the monthly meeting of Drug Management Committee under a mango tree in Mundri, South Sudan

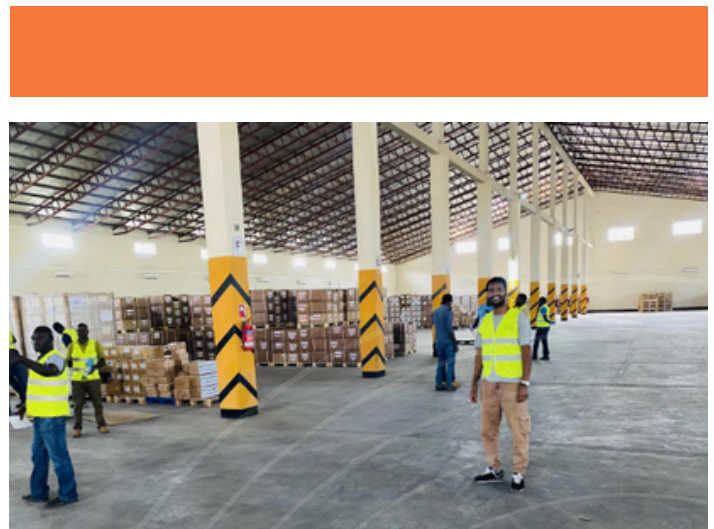


Figure 3. Site visit at the Health Pooled Fund (HPF) Warehouse in Juba, South Sudan

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Gestion logistique des produits de santé dans en milieu hospitalier



Ivan Kelly ZINGA

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La première édition du Forum de Pointe-Noire sur la Logistique (FPNL) tenue le 22 novembre 2023, et placée sous le thème « Une vision logistique du département au service de la population » a été un plateau d'expression de plusieurs filières logistiques multisectorielles en général.

La Gestion logistique optimale des Médicaments et des Produits de Santé a été la thématique centrale retenue en ce qui concerne le renforcement de capacités des acteurs de la chaîne d'approvisionnement de santé.

Un panel animé par Dr. Colombe OKOMBI, Médecin généraliste en service d'hospitalisation et consultation à l'hôpital Général de Patra à Pointe-Noire, qui a élucidé les différentes formes logistiques en milieu hospitalier.

La Santé est un secteur vital qui présente encore énormément des défis dans les pays à revenu faible et intermédiaire, et le Congo Brazzaville n'est pas épargné. La logistique en milieu hospitalier est essentielle et cruciale pour garantir le bon fonctionnement de l'établissement de santé et surtout l'accès sans entrave des médicaments essentiels et produits de santé aux patients.

En effet, ces flux entrants et sortants nécessitent une bonne planification en amont en fonction des besoins identifiés et des variations en fonction des périodes qui dépendent très souvent des situations épidémiologiques et pandémiques très fréquentes dans les zones tropicales.

La défaillance de l'organisation des stocks des intrants ainsi que leur distribution sont bien souvent causés par le manque d'un personnel qualifié. Les urgences, bien encore, exigent une préparation logistique de pointe agile pour sauver des vies.



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Autant de facteurs cruciaux qui ont interpellé l'audience constituée des professionnels et étudiants du secteur de la logistique, des autorités du département de Pointe-Noire, des responsables d'instituts de formation en logistique, des acteurs de la société civile etc.

La ville portuaire et maritime de Pointe-Noire étant la porte d'entrée des médicaments et produits de santé sur le territoire congolais et dans la sous-région d'Afrique centrale, il sied qu'elle se dote d'une plate-forme robuste répondant aux normes internationales.

A titre de rappel, le Chapitre IAPHL Congo a été officiellement lancé le 20 novembre 2021 dans le cadre du lancement officiel de la Conférence Internationale de Brazzaville sur la Logistique de Santé (CIBLS). Cette représentation de IAPHL au Congo siégeant au sein de l'Association Congolaise pour la Logistique et la Supply Chain (ACOLOG) se veut de fédérer les acteurs nationaux de la chaîne d'approvisionnement de santé afin d'augmenter leur performance dans les opérations.

Interrogé au micro d'une chaîne locale, Ivan Kelly ZINGA, fondateur de l'ACOLOG et leader du chapitre IAPHL Congo a lancé un appel d'adhésion massif au réseau mondial IAPHL via le Chapitre national IAPHL Congo, et a indiqué que dans le cadre du projet de construction du centre de formation ACOLOG Center, des formations spécifiques en logistique de santé seront dispensés pour répondre à la demande de renforcement de capacités des acteurs.



Marius MAVOUNGOU - Leader du chapitre IAPHL Congo (Brazzaville.)

Member spotlight

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PAMELA STEELE

EMPOWERING YOUNG WOMEN IN SUPPLY CHAINS

FOUNDER AND CEO OF PAMELA STEELE ASSOCIATES (PSA)



Pamela Steele, the founder and CEO of Pamela Steele Associates (PSA), is a distinguished leader in the field of health supply chain management, with a focus on improving access to essential medicines in Africa. Born and raised in Kenya, her early experiences fueled a lifelong commitment to humanitarian and development work. With over 30 years of experience in logistics and supply chain management, Pam has held pivotal roles in various international organizations, including UNICEF, UNFPA, Oxfam Great Britain, ICRC, and World Vision.

A passionate advocate for gender mainstreaming, Pam co-founded the Women's Initiative for Supply Chain Excellence (WISE) and also supports educational opportunities for vulnerable children in Kenya through TaC (Teach a Child Africa) which she founded 15 years ago. Her journey, including a triumphant battle with breast cancer, further underscores her dedication to ensuring access to essential healthcare services.

Through this interview, Pamela presents the “**Girls on the Move**” project, which aims to empower young women in supply chains by introducing female graduates to career opportunities in the supply chain sector in Kenya.

Member spotlight

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MOTOMOKE EOMBA

Technical Assistant in Supply
Chain and Performance
Improvement at PNAM



HISTORIQUE, CRÉATION ET DÉVELOPPEMENT DE L'IAPHL.

Maman Moto, membre fondateur de l'IAPHL revient sur la création de l'IAPHL, et partage ses recommandations pour son développement.

Maman Moto est un professionnel accompli du développement international avec plus de vingt-cinq ans d'expérience dans la gestion, la création et la mise en œuvre d'interventions de renforcement des capacités dans un contexte mondial.

Elle a d'excellentes compétences en matière de formation, de programmes d'études, de développement professionnel et organisationnel ; maîtrise technique de la gestion de la chaîne d'approvisionnement de la santé publique, de la jeunesse, des questions de femmes et de genre et de la méthodologie d'apprentissage des adultes.

Leader reconnu et penseur créatif qui conçoit et met en œuvre des activités avec une vision stratégique à long terme, Maman Moto a des compétences naturelles en communication et capacités de résolution de problèmes ; très expérimenté en planification stratégique, en stratégies interculturelles, en constitution et en direction d'équipes.

Elle parle couramment six langues.

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Altaf Birjarani



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Barbara Bonny



Kidus Tesfaye



Haruna Sabo



Ukamaka Okafor



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Meet our Ambassadors: Dr. Ukamaka Okafor - IAPHL Nigeria Ambassador

Dr. Ukamaka Okafor is an experienced, highly strategic Regulatory Scientist with a keen interest in health system strengthening and transformation, at all primary, secondary, and tertiary levels, through effective and efficient management of public health projects.

Expert in public-private partnerships; she believes that the Government can not do it all; there is a need to harness private sector talents to develop capacity and improve performance in the public sector.

Watch her interview where she shares her experience at the Global Indaba 2022 in Zambia.

New Collaboration

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Reproductive Health
SUPPLIES COALITION

IAPHL recently joined the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition Network, which brings together public, private, and non-governmental organizations to increase access to a full range of affordable, quality reproductive health supplies in low- and middle-income countries.

We look forward to figuring out how IAPHL can contribute and exploring partnership and collaboration opportunities.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SUPPLIES COALITION
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*as an organizational member of the Coalition and a new partner in efforts
to ensure that people in low and middle-income countries can obtain, choose
and use high-quality reproductive health supplies.*

Martyn Smith
Director,
Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition

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The PtD Global Indaba is a fantastic opportunity for public sector and humanitarian supply chain professionals. We encourage you to join us. [Register here](#) »

To learn more, visit bit.ly/IAPHL-2024-Indaba or contact Christine Prefontaine (christine_prefontaine@jsi.com).

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- Webinar: Future and Trends in Supply Chain - Public Health Implications. - (Feb 8th, 2024)
- PtD GLOBAL INDABA - (March 6th-8th 2024)



SAPICS 2024

We look forward to welcoming all those involved in Supply Chain management at SAPICS 2024 taking place on 9 - 12 June 2024 at Century City in Cape Town.

The backbone of Public Health Supply Chains lies in resilient systems and skilled professionals. Journey with us at SAPICS 2024 as we unveil the latest developments and innovations in this critical space since our inaugural public health supply chain track in 2023. It's where supply chain best practices meet a knowledgeable workforce—because making a difference starts with informed actions. Your perspective and engagement is important!

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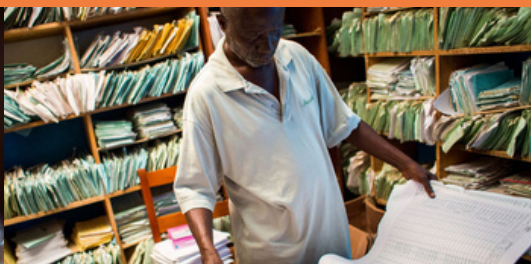
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WHO IS IAPHL

Public health logisticians have a critical but often undervalued role in providing life-saving health services. Especially in developing countries, supply chain management is often not recognized as a profession that requires specialized training. The International Association of Public Health Logisticians was established in 2007 to promote the professionalization of the field of public health logistics through education and information sharing. The association supports logisticians worldwide by providing a forum for members to network, exchange ideas, and improve skills. Members come from over 150 countries, a variety of professional backgrounds, and represent all levels of the supply chain.

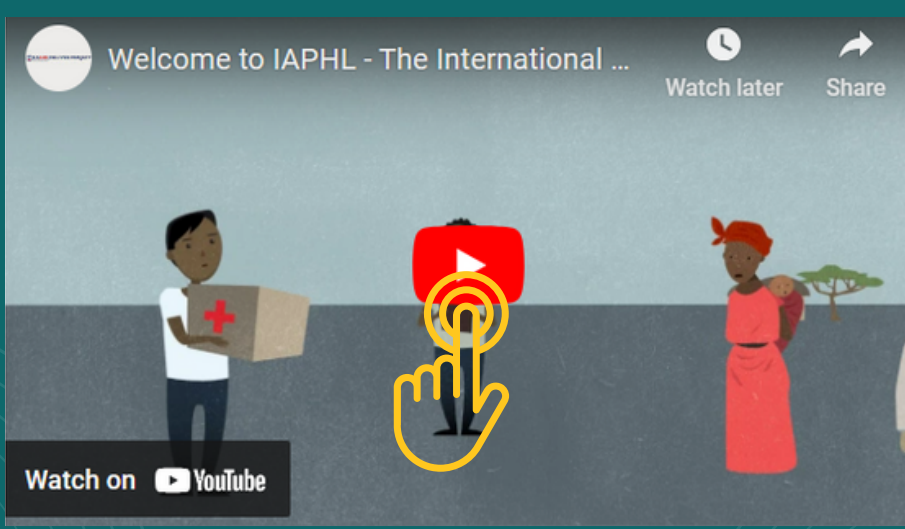
VISION

A world where strong and well-run supply chains reach all people with life-saving health products.

MISSION

To enable people working in public health supply chains, especially in the global south, to connect, learn, and succeed.

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