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Guidelines for Medicine Donations

In case of emergency aid, long- term aid, or assistance to national health systems or to individual health facilities, medicines donations can be an essential element in alleviating suffering. Donations may come from pharmaceutical companies (directly or through private voluntary organizations), other governments, or aimed directly at single health-care facilities. The intended beneficiaries of donations of medicines range from individual facilities to the entire health system.

This circular is to adopt the WHO Guidelines for Medicine Donations as the basis for acceptance of donations. The guidelines are based on the following four core principles that form the basis of good medicine donation practice, namely:

1. Donations of medicines should benefit the recipient to the maximum extent possible. All donations should be based on an expressed need. Unsolicited medicine donations are to be discouraged.
2. Donations should be given with due respect for the wishes and authority of the recipient, and in conformity with the government policies and administrative arrangements of the recipient country.
3. There should be effective coordination and collaboration between the donor and the recipient, with all donations made according to a plan formulated by both parties.
4. There should be no double standard in quality. If the quality of an item is unacceptable in the donor country, it is also unacceptable as a donation.

Medicines donations from governments, agencies, companies and individuals must comply with the principles set forth in the guidelines. Adherence to the guidelines will be assessed prior to accepting any donations of medical products.

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