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WHO thanks you very much for your participation in the meeting to discuss the standardization of medical devices nomenclature, as mandated by WHA74.

Please find below the survey for the UN Organizations, as mentioned during our meeting. Please provide all the evidence required for every statement provided (for example, website screenshots, links to your website or attach the documents required).

1. Is your organization currently using one or more Medical Device Nomenclature? If yes, please indicate:	
a. which one(s) do you use?	
EMDN	Not yet, is a European database only.
GMDN	Is used during the quality assurance process related to the sourcing and evaluation of items offered by our suppliers
UMDNS	
UNSPSC	Is used for budgeting and reporting purposes
Other, specify: No	
Developed by your own: Yes: N/A , No: N/A	

b. In which language(s) is your nomenclature available?	
English	(X)
Spanish	
French	
Russian	
Chinese	
Arabic	

c. Please provide a copy of your license agreement including any subscription or other costs associated with the use of your nomenclature
UNDP owns intellectual property for UNSPSC

d. Is the subscription free? For each level and in what conditions?
For GMDN basic level, we have open access to definitions AND short technical descriptions for all codes but with no downloads. GMDN is used for consultation within the QA of products during the assessment process

e. What are the limitation(s) of the nomenclature(s) used?					
Limitations / Nomenclature	GMDN	EMDN	UNSPSC	UMDNS	Other
Language					
Definitions	Definitions and descriptions included		No definitions	Definitions not included (only descriptions)	
Terms					
Hierarchy	No hierarchy and classification in the database.				
Codes					
Structure					
Continuous updating					
Economical resources	Access to database is not free				
Other (specify)	Most widely used by manufacturers and notified bodies.	Not yet			

2. Does your organization see the need of using a standardized nomenclature? Please elaborate.
Yes. In practice we work already with GMDN and UNSPSC but without link between the 2 systems. In the long term the standardization of nomenclature system (for all organisations) is expected to provide benefit at almost each step of the supply chain, e.g. procurement, supply, budgeting, reporting, traceability

3. Please describe the reasons your Agency uses the Nomenclature	
a. Planning and evaluation	
b. Budget and financing	X (UNSPSC)
c. Procurement	
d. Maintenance (CMMS)	
e. Medical Technologies quality assurance and surveillance	X (GMDN)
f. Medical Technologies Assessment	X (GMDN) To identify specifically the intended use of medical device and equipment offered
g. Complete follow up to supply chain for medical devices	
h. Other (specify): N/A	

4. Please describe how codes / nomenclature are used by your final users (beneficiaries)?
It is not used by the final users.
5. How do you reconcile when your final users use different nomenclature than your UN Agency, is using?
Our beneficiaries do not use a nomenclature and therefore a reconciliation is informally done by email to clearly identify the items requested
6. Do you map nomenclatures? If yes, how do you map them?
No.
7. For UNDP (only): How do you structure the “United Nations Standard Product and Services Codes (UNSPSC)” for medical devices? Can you describe the methodology to assign codes, terms, definitions, and hierarchy? Please provide examples.
<p>Structure is based on 4 level system leading to “main” categories including several related products (e.g. different types of gloves might fall in the same 8 digits category)</p> <hr/> <p>Search: <input type="text"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E - Medical, Laboratory & Test Equipment & Supplies & Pharmaceuticals ▾ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 41000000 - Laboratory and Measuring and Observing and Testing Equipment > 42000000 - Medical Equipment and Accessories and Supplies ▾ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 42120000 - Veterinary equipment and supplies > 42130000 - Medical apparel and textiles ▾ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 42131500 - Patient clothing > 42131600 - Medical staff clothing and related articles > 42131700 - Surgical textiles > 42132100 - Hospital housekeeping textiles > 42132200 - Medical gloves and accessories ▾ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 42132201 - Bathophenanthroline, Colorimetry, Iron (Non-Heme) 42132202 - Finger cots 42132203 - Medical exam or non surgical procedure gloves 42132204 - Medical glove liners 42132205 - Surgical gloves 42140000 - Patient care and treatment products and supplies > 42150000 - Dental equipment and supplies ▾
8. For UNDP (only): Please describe your relationship with GS1 in developing and maintaining the UNSPSC
GS1 is responsible for development, code’ creation and follow-up of the nomenclature
9. According to your experience with Health Technology Providers, do they use their own nomenclature? If yes, do you map UNSPSC to the nomenclature used by the Health Technology Provider? How do you map them?

Health technology Providers have their own nomenclature. The matching between the two nomenclatures is made during the procurement process, by the Procurement Unit.

10. According to your experience with final users (beneficiaries), if the receipt country has not developed their own nomenclature or adopted an international relevant nomenclature (EMDN, GMDN, UMDNS, for example), what is the methodology to implement UNSPSC with final users (beneficiaries)?

In terms of functioning (excluding the issue of the access to the nomenclature), the work on nomenclature has to be strictly related to the "essential list" of medical devices used and registered in the country. It is important to define the scope of implementation of this tool, its expected benefit and the steps where it will be used: for each one of those steps its introduction cannot be done without a change control assuring that the nomenclature is integrated in the process and the information management system used.

11. Have you had any experience working with Unique Device Identifiers? If so, please describe any nomenclature-related work in this area.

No, UDI is used only in connection with the evaluation of ID plates or other documents (pictures of labelling) to check references numbers, expiry dates, model etc.

Please kindly fill the survey and send to medicaldevices@who.int before 26th August,

Many thanks