World Health Organization

Survey – Questions for UN Organizations

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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	
GMDN	
UMDNS	
UNSPSC	Yes
Other, specify:	
Developed by your own: Yes: , No:	

b. In which language(s) is your nomenclature available?	
English	**Yes**
Spanish	**Yes**
French	**yes**
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

d. Is the subscription free? For each level and in what conditions?

e. What are the limitation(s) of the nomenclature(s) used?					
Limitations / Nomenclature	**GMDN**	**EMDN**	**UNSPSC**	**UMDNS**	**Other**

Language					
Definitions					
Terms					
Hierarchy					
Codes					
Structure					
Continuous updating					
Economical resources					
Other (specify)			Critical details missing		

2. Does your organization see the need of using a standardized nomenclature? Please elaborate.
A standardized nomenclature (preferably, open source) is useful to communicate in the same language across clinicians, regulatory bodies, customs, purchasers, distributor, and procurement agencies. It will help countries to piggyback on the medical devices procured by another country regarding the safety, efficacy and regulatory data. It often gets lost since a harmonized nomenclature is not available resulting in duplication of work. Also, harmonized nomenclature will be useful for many stakeholders when the MDs are searched online.

3. Please describe the reasons your Agency uses the Nomenclature	
a. Planning and evaluation	Yes
b. Budget and financing	Yes
c. Procurement	Yes
d. Maintenance (CMMS)	Yes
e. Medical Technologies quality assurance and surveillance	Yes
f. Medical Technologies Assessment	Yes
g. Complete follow up to supply chain for medical devices	yes
h. Other (specify):	

4. Please describe how codes / nomenclature are used by your final users (beneficiaries)?
Beneficiaries mainly uses for procurement

5. How do you reconcile when your final users use different nomenclature than your UN Agency, is using?
It is mainly done by “intended purpose of use” or as “per regulatory certifications” of the device in such situations.

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.

8. **For UNDP (only)**: Please describe your relationship with GS1 in developing and maintaining the UNSPSC

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?
NA

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 such cases, there is no force to implement UNSPSC nomenclature. In most of the cases, the country will accept the nomenclature as the regulatory certifications, whichever is applicable.

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

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

Many thanks