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	
Other, specify:	
Developed by your own: Yes: **YES** , No:	

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
n/a

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

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

Language					x
Definitions					x
Terms					x
Hierarchy					x
Codes					x
Structure					x
Continuous updating					x
Economical resources					x
Other (specify)					

2. Does your organization see the need of using a standardized nomenclature? Please elaborate.
Yes this will help facilitate organisation of essential equipment lists, ordering and procuring

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

4. Please describe how codes / nomenclature are used by your final users (beneficiaries)?
Country offices and NGO orders place orders

5. How do you reconcile when your final users use different nomenclature than your UN Agency, is using?
This is complicated and requires multiple back on forth clarifying definition of items, specifications etc

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?
n/a

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)?
n/a

11. Have you had any experience working with Unique Device Identifiers? If so, please describe any nomenclature-related work in this area.
no

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

Many thanks