

Joint GMP inspection exercise, Douala, Cameroon, 21 - 26 February 2011
Summary report

WHO Medicines Regulatory Support Programme has recently supported a joint inspection of a local pharmaceutical manufacturer in Douala, Cameroon, from 21 to 26 February 2011. This activity was organized in collaboration with the General Inspectorate for Pharmacy of the Ministry of Health of Cameroun, and with technical assistance of the WHO Country Office.

Pharmaceutical inspectors from National Medicines Regulatory Authorities (NMRAs) of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon and Cameroon jointly participated in this exercise, with the support of a senior expert, competent and experienced in the field of Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP).

The objectives of this activity were to review the compliance of a newly installed pharmaceutical manufacturer to the GMP requirements. In the meantime, there was an opportunity for the participants:

- To increase the technical capacity and understanding of the GMP requirements, in particular regarding specific processes (sterilization);
- To exchange their best practices in the field of regulatory inspection;
- Further facilitate the harmonization of medicines regulation through better understanding of the GMP requirements;
- To build confidence and trust into each others activities.

The participants acknowledged that the objectives of this kind of exercise were fully achieved and considered very fruitful for all participants, and recommended WHO to conduct similar initiatives in the future.