

Update on the Global surveillance and monitoring of substandard and falsified veterinary products

Zimbabwe's Experience

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Sub-standard and counterfeit drugs in Africa

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MORE than 122 000 children from Africa die every year as a result of sub-standard malarial drugs alone, says the World Health Organisation (WHO). Counterfeit or sub-standard drugs are medicines that may be contaminated or contain the wrong or no active ingredient. And these fakes can find their way into pharmacies, clinics and street vendors' stalls as well

Smuggling of counterfeit veterinary drugs on the increase: MCAZ

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Smuggling of counterfeit veterinary drugs on the increase: MCAZ
November 3, 2016 in News

THE smuggling and selling of counterfeit veterinary drugs is on the increase in Zimbabwe, putting livestock at risk, an official with the Medicines Control Authority of Zimbabwe (MCAZ) has said.

BY **NQOBANI NDLOVU**

MCAZ senior regulatory officer, Zivanai Makoni said the smuggling and selling of fake veterinary drugs had resulted, in some instances, in cattle dying after the drugs have been administered to them.

Makoni said the smuggling of the fake drugs is rampant in Gokwe, Harare, Karoi and Masvingo, where they are being sold openly in public to unsuspecting farmers. "From our own investigations so far, it seems these counterfeit drugs are smuggled mainly through Chirundu, Kasungula and Nyamapanda border posts," he said.

"Dealers connive with truck drivers to smuggle from countries such as Zambia and Malawi, where there are porous medicines control laws."

Makoni said the smuggled substandard medicines were brought in handbags and

'one thumb cannot crush all lice'



**'Tips off' from
Public and
Industry,
Farmers**



**Multi-
stakeholder
Response Team**

- ❑ Alerts on existence of substandard-Falsified (SF) Vet Product
- ❑ Multi-stakeholder Response Team comprising of the Medicines Regulator MCAZ; Law Enforcement ZRP and Animal Health Industry
- ❑ Confiscation of SFs & arrests of perpetrators
- ❑ public education and inspections by port officials at ports of entry

Medicines Control Authority of Zimbabwe



Medicines Counterfeiting in Africa: A View from Zimbabwe

[Shingai D. Gwatidzo](#), [Petronella K. Murambinda](#), [Zivanai Makoni](#)



Sprouting of unregulated outlets on the streets of Zimbabwe. Common questions that get asked

- (i) What is the Medicines Control Authority of Zimbabwe (MCAZ) doing about these street vendors?
- (ii) Is the law against unregulated markets and proliferation of substandard and falsified (SF) medicines being actively enforced?

Results

Veterinary Products

- poultry water-soluble anti-infectives
- cattle de-wormers
- dipping chemicals

Human Medicines

- anti-infectives and
- anti-malarial drugs

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.5301/maapoc.0000017>

SF Associated Risks

- ❑ Interference with treatment for people taking HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria medicaments
- ❑ Ineffective therapy for emerging health threats and an increased double burden of diseases, i.e., communicable and non-communicable diseases.
- ❑ Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) due sub-therapeutic SFs/illegal products
- ❑ Huge economic losses due to loss of livestock

Sustainable Interventions

The Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) MULTI-PARTNER TRUST FUND
Combating the rising global threat of AMR through a One Health Approach

Country Proposal Submission TEMPLATE

Full proposal overview

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Timeframe	24 months – (estimated start date)
Lead Tripartite Focal Point	

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Tripartite Fund to Zimbabwe: FAO/WHO/OIE

Value: USD999 951 to combat AMR

Timeframe: 24months

Systems for optimized use strengthened in critical sectors

Provide support to MCAZ (human and veterinary medicines)

✓ Conduct supply chain mapping of distribution of human and veterinary medicines including cross border trade and trade in illegal, falsified and substandard medicines (human and veterinary) to understand underlying issues and develop interventions. Collaboration with national customs and experts in WHO and OIE on falsified, substandard and illegal medicines.

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✓ Conduct spot checks on Falsified, Substandard (FS) and illegal drugs at ports of entry especially the Northern Border Post

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OIE Baseline Reporting Form for Information on Substandard and Falsified Veterinary Products

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General instructions for completing this form

Please provide as much detail as you can. If you do not have all the information requested on the form, please fill it in with the information that you do have. Follow up information can be sent through by email to m.hibbard@oie.int.

Questions in bold are mandatory. Please provide this information as requested. Questions in italics are optional.

Please note that an incident is defined as the discovery of (a) substandard or falsified veterinary product(s) at one time and place. An incident can refer to one dose of one veterinary product, or to a container filled with millions of doses.

A. Reporting Agent

1 Title	<free text field>
2 Name (First name, SURNAME)	<free text field>
3 Role with respect to the OIE	<free text field> <input type="checkbox"/> OIE Delegate <input type="checkbox"/> OIE Focal Point for Veterinary Products <input type="checkbox"/> Other
4 Organisation	<free text field>
5 Organisation's Address	If you responded "Other", please specify <free text field>
6 Country	<free text field>
7 Phone Number	<free text field>
8 Email Address	<free text field>

B. Information on incidents of substandard and falsified veterinary products

SF - Baseline information

❑ Initiatives such as the WHO rapid alert system for reporting and monitoring suspected SFs for human medicines

❑ OIE pilot of global information and alert system for substandard and falsified veterinary products

Information gathering from AHICZ, MCAZ database

Identify at least 10 SF/illegal substance

Notify OIE

Share the information within SADC VMP Harmonisation regional block

Way Forward

- Expand the OIE pilot of global information and alert system for substandard and falsified veterinary products within SADC MS:
 - Rapid alerts to MS on existence of SFs in the region
 - Partner World Customs Organisation to establish sustainable partnership on fighting SFs

- Strengthen requirements for harmonization of VMP regulation through use of international VICH GLs