SINGLE USE MEDICAL ITEMS WEBINAR CLIMAT ACTION ACCELERATOR

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AGENDA

- Wear With Care Campaign on reduction of glove consumption
- Reusable fabric masks
- Rethinking Single Use Medical Items



#WearWithCare CAMPAIGN





OBJECTIVES

➤ Objectives of Wear With Care campaign

- Rationalising glove consumption to improve compliance with standard precautions and minimise the environmental impact of glove use.
- Lower the risk of healthcare-associated infections

Objective of the pilot campaign

Developing a methodology to replicate the campaign in other contexts



PILOT METHODOLOGY (1)

> Target audience:

- Medical staff (e.g., nurses, physicians, midwives, etc.)
- Non-medical staff (e.g., receptionists, drivers, security guards, etc.)
- Facility staff (e.g., cleaners, hygienists, laundry staff, etc.)
- > Campaign Manager for 9 months
- > Communication campaign: official kick-off presentation and posters
- > Trainings and refresher courses





PILOT METHODOLOGY (2)

> Data collection methods:

- Surveys: to assess knowledge and attitude about best practices regarding hand hygiene and glove use.
- Onsite audits to observe participant's behaviour.
- Feedback when intervention was necessary due to violating standard precautions and quality of care.
- Network of champions to gather insights and suggestions on rationalising glove use through consultations.

Monitoring and evaluation

- Qualitative indicator: improvement in the results of the surveys and audits.
- Quantitative indicator: glove consumption per consultation in the participating wards.



KEY FINDINGS & RESULTS

- ✓ Staff members have good knowledge around good practices regarding glove use
- ✓ Compliance with SOPs increased throughout the campaign.
- ✓ Main barriers to change: habits, fear of infection and mistrust in SOPs.
- ✓ **Pivotal role of the campaign manager** in inducing behavior change caused by the fact of being observed as well as in tailoring the communication messages and identifying trainings needs.
- ✓ Overall reduction of 40% in gloves use per patient consultation.
- ✓ **Estimated savings** over a 12 months period: CHF 3'000, 360 kg less waste produced, 1.5 tons less of CO2 for gloves production.



REUSABLE FABRIC MASKS







PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

- Reusable type IIR cloth masks commercialized by Revolution Zero
- Washable up to 40 times at 60°C minimum
- 8 times less waste
- End of life management: used masks can be easily sown together and upcycled or repurposed.
- Price: the reusable mask is the cheapest option if we consider strictly the price per use.





PILOT

> Objectives:

- 1. Compare currently used single-use masks and reusable masks in terms of:
 - a. Environmental impact over the entire life cycle
 - b. Comfort and suitability for medical staff
- 2. Determine whether reusable masks can work logistically in different MSF settings, considering aspects such as collection and distribution, washing, drying, and effectively tracking the number of washes.
- ➤ Locations: Mozambique (MZ) & Kyrgyzstan (KG) = total of 70 staff members

Data collection method

- Comparative Life Cycle Assessments (LCA) based on assumptions for MSF.
- User Experience Surveys: baseline, mid and end pilot surveys
- Monitoring of logistical aspects: mainly through direct observations by a focal point



KEY FINDINGS

Comparative LCA Results. Reusable mask

- Outperforms single-use mask in terms of environmental impacts, except for "Freshwater Consumption".
- Generates only a third of the emissions compared with single-use masks (= "Climate Change" impact)

User Experience Feedback:

- Staff members expressed a slightly more positive experience with reusable masks.
- Main advantages: perceived increase in safety, reduced need for mask adjustment during wear.

Logistical aspects

- Personal use vs Multiple users
- Central washing vs Home washing
- Tracking system with bars
- Higher trust in the new product lies with an official presentation





CHALLENGES IN SCALING UP IMPLEMENTATION

- Tracking system: with bars not appropriate in many settings.
- > MSF mask use indications:
 - Outside outbreaks situations, there are very few indications for mask use (highly aseptic techniques, after risk assessment).
 - Reusable masks are not suitable for isolation setups.



PROJECT ON RETHINKING SINGLE USE MEDICAL ITEMS





PROJECT OBJECTIVES



Reduce the environmental impact of single-use medical items and their packaging

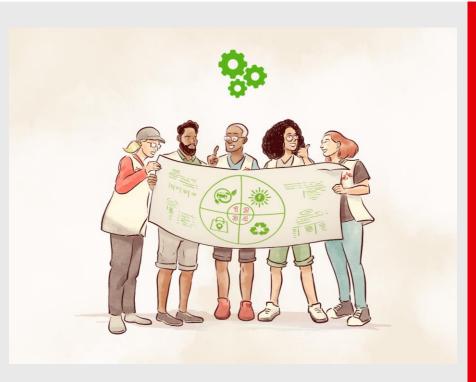


By orienting procurement towards more sustainable products and improving rational use



PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

- What items are most problematic in terms of environmental impact?
- Methodologies such as the Life Cycle Assessment not feasible because too expensive and time consuming



Where to start?



DELIVERABLES



A framework



Key priority items in terms of environmental impacts & mitigation efforts

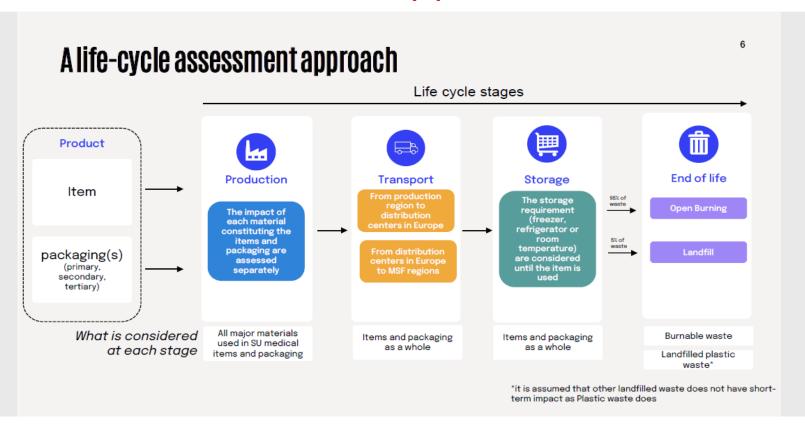
Focus on medical devices + intravenous devices



Concrete mitigation measures



ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK (1)





ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK (2)

Three indicators

The analytical framework is articulated around three indicators of sustainability:

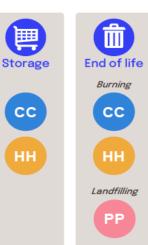
Climate Change
GHG emissions released during all life cycle stages.

Human Health

- Adverse effect on health occurring during all life cycle stages. For example, ashes, particles and burnt chloride can result in occupational hazard.
- PP Plastic Pollution
 Micro and macro Plastics leak in land and
 waterways when plastic waste is
 mismanaged (e.g. littered, unsanitary
 landfill).

Overview of indicators across the life-cycle stages



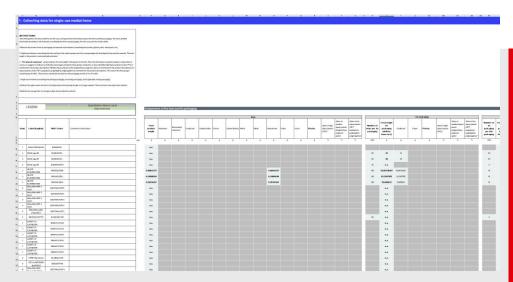


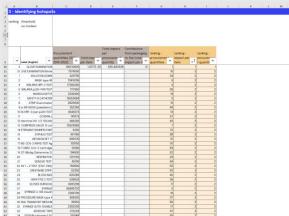


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PRIORITISATION TOOL

- 1. Reduced list of 75 items
- Data collection on materials and weight constituting the product and packaging
- 3. Hotspotting result:
- √ Top 20 items for MSF
- √ Next steps > mitigation measures







THANK YOU

