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Outsourced Logistics Gap Assessment

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VillageReach's Outsourced Transport Resource Center (OTRC) has developed an Outsourced Logistics Gap Assessment tool to analyze the impact of international donor funding cuts on the procurement, information systems, warehousing and distribution of health products in African countries.

This tool is designed for African government officials looking to leverage all local private sector resources. The tool can help reassess ongoing outsourcing operations, as well as assess a country's ability to start outsourcing operations. This tool will help African government maximize the use of local private sector resources and minimize reliance on international donors.

Country Outsourcing Stage	NOT STARTED	EARLY-STAGE	NATIONAL
Stage Description	There is interest in outsourcing, but it hasn't been implemented or is only done occasionally.	Outsourcing has begun but is still in early stages or only partially implemented.	Outsourcing has been fully implemented across the country.
Assessment Value Add	◉ Find areas of quality and/or cost efficiency of existing transport resources. ◉ Engage with key stakeholders to explore and promote a structured outsourcing plan that meets current budget capacity.	◉ Find areas of quality improvement. ◉ Develop plans for scaling up outsourcing efforts for sustainability.	◉ Increase the effectiveness and scalability of current outsourcing efforts. ◉ Find areas of quality improvement and/or cost efficiency.

The Outsourced Logistics Gap Assessment consists of three key evaluation areas

1. Procurement funding
2. Distribution strategy
3. Available domestic transport resources

Outcomes of Outsourced Logistics Gap Assessment

- Country-specific outsourcing recommendations and strategies that look at the **mobilization of new resources and funding for distribution.**
- A **Distribution Plan** that aligns with each country's immediate and long-term supply chain needs and resources.

The OTRC provides technical assistance (TA) services and information to governments, private sector and implementing partners to integrate outsourced transport into public health supply chains. Since 2021, the OTRC has provided TA to 15 African countries and has deep understanding of the outsourcing landscape in Africa.

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