

METS WATCH

MakSPH-METS hosts CDC Kenya on a RASS Benchmarking Visit to Uganda



CDC Kenya, CDC Uganda and the MakSPH-METS team after the debrief meeting at METS office.

PHPH-supported countries procure the required METS commodities, and upon arrival in the country the commodities are inventoried, repackaged, stored, and distributed to intended beneficiaries. However, commodity management challenges are often faced by majority of the countries.

Key features of the PHPH-supported countries that has experienced

recurring challenges in commodity management resulting in service disruptions. The challenges include limited visibility of commodities throughout the distribution cycle and the absence of timely commodity status information. This often leads to overstocking, stockouts, and expiry. Despite Uganda facing similar challenges, the Real Time All-in Stock Status (RASS) System, developed by MakSPH-METS with

funding from CDC Uganda, serves as a potential solution to these issues. The system, in real time, can provide an update of stock status triggering decisions for redistribution, reordering and reusing expiry of the commodities in facilities.

The CDC Kenya team undertook a learning visit to Uganda to benchmark RASS on 4th to 8th September 2023 to gain insights