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Cholera diagnostics procurement & logistics

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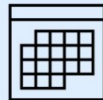
Programmatic considerations

Based on interim findings from on-going cholera RDT pilot projects in three countries, and recommendations from experts and the Global Task Force on Cholera Control (GTFCC), several points for consideration...



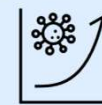
Product selection

- **Context:** Two options are available for procurement, both are combined 01/0139 tests: Arkray Crystal VC (dipstick format) and Abbott Bioline (cassette format).
- **Recommendations:**
 - Due to differences in formats, it is advisable to **select only one and train healthcare workers accordingly** on use and interpretation
 - **It may be programmatically easier to select previously used product(s)** dependent on scale of previous usage, since healthworkers may already be more familiar
- **Resources:** Job aids for RDT usage are available on the GTFCC website [here](#)¹.



Phasing of shipments

- **Context:** Given the large increase in allocated RDT volumes versus previous year utilization, the Independent Review Committee **advised phasing shipments throughout the year** to minimise risk of expiry and allow for scale-up.
- **Recommendation:** We would **recommend planning for at least 2 deliveries** across the year, with **<40% of volumes delivered in the first shipment** to allow for initial rollout
- **Resources:** Please reach out to diagnostics@unicef.org if there is a wish to discuss shipment phasing options or scenarios



Learning period

- It is well understood that we are in a **learning period for scale-up and on-going surveillance use of RDTs** (at both a country and global level).
- We therefore are **keen to hear about challenges and successes during rollout**, to compile as best practice and share across countries
- Please reach out to diagnostics@gavi.org with any feedback, recommendations, or questions

² 1 Further resources are in development and will be shared once available.