

## **OPERATIONAL SUPPORT AND LOGISTICS**

Logistical arrangement to support preparedness and response operations are critical to ensure that this plan is effectively implemented. Priority activities in this regard include

- i. Map available resources and supply systems in health and other sectors.
- ii. Conduct in-country inventory of supplies based on WHO's Disease commodity package (DCP) and COVID-19 patient kit
- iii. Procure PPEs, IPC commodities, diagnostic equipment and reagents, essential medicines and other sundries for COVID-19 preparedness and response
- iv. Develop a central stock reserve for COVID-19 case management
- v. Review supply chain control and management system (stockpiling, storage, security, transportation and distribution arrangements) for medical and other essential supplies including COVID-19 DCP and patient kit reserve in country
- vi. Review procurement processes (including importation and customs) for medical and other essential supplies
- vii. Encourage local sourcing of some essential supplies that are locally produced to ensure sustainability
- viii. Assess the capacity of the local market to meet increased demand for medical and other essential supplies
- ix. Prepare staff surge capacity and deployment mechanisms
- x. Identify and support critical functions that must continue during a widespread outbreak of COVID-19