

UNHCR ESSENTIAL DRUGS POLICY

- GUIDELINES FOR USE OF DRUGS IN REFUGEE SETTINGS
- UNHCR ESSENTIAL DRUGS LIST

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Purpose

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide essential information for those involved in the management and supervision of drug supply to refugees.

While the contents address many of the general principles underlying the management and use of drugs in refugee settings, this document specifically focuses on the key components of UNHCR's Essential Drugs Policy, which has as its primary objective the introduction of a standardised list of drugs through UNHCR-assisted programmes, worldwide.

Guidelines for Use

These guidelines comprise 2 parts:

- PART A -

<p>Rationale for a UNHCR Essential Drugs List and UNHCR Essential Drugs Policy: Key Elements</p>
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This section outlines the rationale for an essential drugs list and addresses the key elements of UNHCR's Essential Drugs Policy. Specifically, these include:

- Refugee health needs
- Selection of essential drugs
- Drug supply and management
- Safe and proper use
- Quality assurance
- Coordination
- Monitoring and evaluation

- PART B -

<p>UNHCR Essential Drugs List</p>

This section lists - according to provider category - the essential drugs for use in UNHCR-assisted programmes

Appendices to Parts A and B

Include:

- WHO Model List of Essential Drugs
- UNHCR Standard Order Forms
- Glossary of Useful Terms
- List of Useful Publications
- Explanatory Notes for Drugs Listed in Part B

- PART A -

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