

UNFPA Condom Quality Assurance

Tracking Temperatures: for Quality Assurance

UNFPA is committed to ensuring access to quality assured reproductive health supplies. This is why the UNFPA Quality Assurance team is working on an initiative to further ensure the quality of all condoms procured by UNFPA



The Problem

A number of life-saving products procured by UNFPA are temperature-sensitive and must be transported and stored in specific conditions set by the manufacturer.

Fluctuating temperatures and improper storage of condoms can pose a major health risk to end users and could potentially result in a financial loss for health facilities and NGOs from receipt of damaged goods.

THE SOLUTION

UNFPA recognizes that the inclusion of temperature data loggers would allow for the monitoring of temperature conditions of all condom shipments from the supplier's warehouse to the final destination.



WHAT IS UNFPA DOING?

To help avert risk to end users and improve access to quality assured condoms, UNFPA is working to ensure the quality of condoms by including temperature tracking devices that will electronically monitor the temperature conditions of all condom shipments from the supplier's warehouse to the final destination.

Monitoring temperature conditions will allow UNFPA to discover and respond to any damage caused during the shipment and storage of the condoms.

TEMPERATURE TRACKING



- A temperature logging device is activated and placed in each shipping container.
- Once activated the device will start to record the temperatures and log any temperature deviations that occur throughout the shipment process.

- Once the condoms arrive in the country, the data is collected and sent back to the UNFPA Quality Assurance team allowing UNFPA to respond to any potential impacts on the quality of condoms shipped.

 This initiative is further evidence of UNFPA's ongoing commitment to ensuring access to quality assured reproductive health supplies.