

The National Medical Supplies Fund of Sudan successfully launches the “Abdelhamid Ibrahim Training Center - AITC” for health supply chain management

Khartoum, Sudan – April 20, 2017. Pamela Steele Associates (PSA) is honoured to announce the launch of a new training centre for health supply chain management and capacity development in Khartoum, Sudan by the National Medical Supplies Fund (NMSF), the Federal Ministry of Health in Sudan. The opening event on April 17th, 2017 was attended by the Honourable President of Sudan, Omar Al-Bashir and his senior officials who praised the work by NMSF by awarding one of the country’s top honours; the “Star of Achievement” and “Medal of Achievement” to the Director General of NMSF, Dr Gamal Khalafalla Mohamed Ali and the entire NMSF's staff.



The NMSF is tasked with ensuring that quality essential medicines are procured, stored and distributed to all States and health facilities across the country. The public health goal of NMSF is to achieve high availability of good quality, affordable essential medicines in all health facilities.

To reach the public goal, NMSF realizes that focusing on professional development for their staff is key for being successful and has therefore invested tremendously in capacity building within health supply chain management.

According to the Director General of NMSF, Dr Gamal Ali; *“We had noticed that the health policy makers in our country did not consider health supply chain as an important factor in public health systems. Although, our staff are highly trained professionals, they lacked understanding of health supply chain management, so training and continuous professional development became a priority for NMSF”.*



Dr Gamal Ali adds, “this is how the idea of a training centre was created, where the vision was to be the core training centre for supporting professionals and pharmaceutical supply chain systems in Sudan. This week we are immensely proud to have achieved the goal of a national training centre”.

PSA is pleased to have been part of the opening ceremony on the 17th April, 2017 where Pamela Steele, CEO of PSA, spoke about how PSA has partnered with NMSF for capacity development activities since 2015. Until now PSA has trained 48 senior leaders from NMSF on leadership and supply chain management. Also, for the past years NMSF has sponsored team members from all levels of the organisation to be trained with international supply chain professionals during PSA’s Health Supply Chain Management training events.



Pamela Steele emphasizes that; *“NMSF has taken an important step towards a sustainable solution for human resource development and capacity building for health supply chains in Sudan. The AITC will see pharmacist and other health professionals being trained to better serve the needs of millions of people in Sudan and thereby create a stronger health system in the country”.*



Coinciding with the launch of the training centre, PSA has proudly been the first to deliver health supply chain management training to 25 NMSF staff in the new state of the art training facility.

In the future, PSA hopes that along with other partners from the public health supply chain sector, the AITC can become a hub for health supply chain management training, so that other nations may learn from NMSF Sudan's vision for human resource development and sustainable capacity building.



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