Objectives

- Develop and disseminate standard programs to strengthen systems for delivery of all health commodities while ensuring targets for priority programs (Malaria, HIV, RH/FP and TB) are met
- Strengthen capacity of Civil Society Organizations and GOK to create a web portal to strengthen access to quality data for decision making
- Develop and support a network of health-sector leadership and management for exchange of views, ideas and best practices that are responsive to current health needs
- Work with the MOH and relevant Partners to strengthen systems and improve the capacity of health institutions to offer high quality Laboratory services

Approach

- Develop and disseminate standard operating procedures and job aids on proper storage practices for health commodities
- Support the Pharmacy and Poisons Board in the development and launch of the Pharmacovigilance Electronic Reporting System (PVERS) (http://www.pv.pharmacyboardkenya.org)

Key Achievements

- The digital system has made reporting easier, more cost effective, and prompt. It will serve to build its own database for future reference

- Provided technical assistance to MOH in development of National Policy Guidelines for Medical Laboratory Physical infrastructure.
  - 5 new laboratories in Malindi, Wajir, Kitale, Busia and Machakos Hospitals constructed using guidelines
- Supported development of the National Policy Guidelines for Laboratory Specimen Referral Networks to enhance specimen referral increasing access to Laboratory services.

- Supported the development and roll-out of the electronic ART dispensing tool for dispensing ART commodities and managing patients on HAART

  “Before the antiretroviral dispensing tool, we used a Daily Activity Register - a thick book in which workers would log dispensing information. With the register there was no way to keep track of patients who had missed their appointments or were at-risk of running out of medicine. Monthly reports would take hours, instead of minutes - as they do using the dispensing tool,” explains Dr. Rafida of Coast Provincial General Hospital

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- Developed a Web portal to strengthen access to quality data for decision making.
  - The Web portal is currently being used and managed by the NGO Coordination Board to maintain a database of CSOs Private Sector service providers and GOK. The portal provides a platform for the players to access quality data for decision making. www.csokenya.or.ke

Developed a website to provide a platform for leaders and managers in the health sector in Kenya to establish a virtual community of practice where they can network, exchange views and ideas, share information, access training opportunities and resources on health systems strengthening. www.hsm-kenya.org