



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF TFDA ON ADDO PROGRAM

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Specific Objectives

It is expected that at the end of the presentation participants would be able to explain the following—

- The establishment of Tanzania Food and Drug Authority (TFDA)
- TFDA's vision, mission, goal, philosophy, and structure
- Responsibilities of TFDA for the ADDO Program

Introduction

TFDA is a government agency under the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare established for the purpose of regulating and controlling quality of medicines, cosmetics, food safety, and medical devices.

Establishment of TFDA

TFDA establishment was mandated by two Acts—

- Government Agency Act no.30 of 1997
- Food, Drugs and Cosmetics Act of 2003, section 4(1)

It was established from two adjoined bodies—

- Pharmacy Body
- Tanzania Food Control Commission

TFDA launched its activities on July 1, 2003

TFDA'S Vision, Mission, and Philosophy

Vision—To protect health of community from consequences of using medicines, cosmetics, food, and medical devices

Mission—To become the best regulatory body in Africa by 2015

Philosophy—To provide best quality of control services to protect health of the community and the environment by engaging highly qualified and competent staff

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doesn't this need something like the unanticipated consequences of using inappropriate or poor quality medicines?

Edmund: we cant change their vision, can we?

Administrator, 09/21/2009

Responsibilities of TFDA (1)

- To set and enforce quality standards of food, medicines, cosmetics, and medical devices
- To regulate manufacturing, distribution, importation, and exportation of food, medicines, cosmetics, and medical devices in the country
- To issue permits for conducting businesses of controlled goods
- To regulate all advertisements on food, medicines, cosmetics, and medical devices

Responsibilities of TFDA (2)

- To perform inspections on all premises in the business of foods, medicines, cosmetics, and medical devices
- To perform laboratory analysis of controlled goods to ensure safety of the products in the market.
- Promote community rational medicines use
- TFDA is working closely with the Prime Minister's
- Office Regional Administration and Local
- Government to implement these responsibilities.

Responsibilities of TFDA (3)

- To appoint inspectors and to oversee the establishment of Regional/Councils Food and Drugs Committees
- To participate in providing community health education and mobilization on the use of Duka la Dawa Muhimu (ADDOs)
- To receive advice and opinions from stakeholders on the proper management and improvement of the ADDO Program

TFDA Responsibilities in ADDO Program (1)

TFDA principal implementer of the ADDO program in the country. Its role regarding ADDOs is—

- To provide program implementation guidelines
- To plan and coordinate program implementation in collaboration with development partners and local government authorities at regional, district, and ward levels
- Ensure that the program is participatory
- Ensure that ADDO program is implemented within the existing government systems at all levels

TFDA Responsibilities in ADDO Program (2)

- To certify trained dispensers
- To accredit and certify that premise fulfills ADDO requirements in collaboration with CFDC
- To issue final mandate on operation of ADDOs
- To work on appeals received that are related to ADDOs' operations or establishment

Conclusion

TFDA has the obligation of working with the private sector and other stakeholders to ensure that ADDOs improve service provision to support government effort to protect community safety and health particularly to those living in remote and underserved areas where availability of medicines until now has been a problem.



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