Global Health Financing for Procurement – An Operations Management Prospective (abstract)⁷⁴

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Abstract: Despite substantial financial aid from international donors for procurement of health products, stockouts of life-saving drugs are still widespread in Africa. Addressing the lack of research on why these stockouts occur, this paper reviews and motivates the use of standard operations management research methods to global health procurement challenges. Specifically, we discuss the critical levers in the relationship between an international financing organization and a grant recipient developing country and the opportunities for design enhancement leading to lower stockout levels.

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