

Supplier: Cepheid HBDC (High Burden Developing Country programme)

Subject: Supply delays of GeneXpert MTB/RIF kit of 50 test cartridges and GeneXpert MTB/RIF Ultra kit of 50 test cartridges

Context: Since the beginning of 2022, Cepheid HBDC has been facing supply constraints reportedly related to COVID-19 related supply chain challenges and unexpectedly high demand of GeneXpert MTB/RIF and GeneXpert MTB/RIF Ultra test cartridges.

Extent of supply delays: Delays vary based on the quantities of GeneXpert MTB/RIF or GeneXpert MTB/RIF Ultra cartridges ordered, with larger orders (i.e., above 5,000 tests) experiencing the longest delays of approximately 6 months. Expected delays will be communicated separately for each order.

Expected duration of supply delays: Cepheid HBDC is expanding production capacity and expects to have sufficient production capacity in place by end 2022; however, the backlog of orders is expected to last through March 2023.

GDF Mitigation Actions:

GDF is working to mitigate the risk of stockouts and ensure sufficient stock to meet programme needs via:

- Splitting large orders into multiple, smaller shipments
- Conducting prioritization exercises with Cepheid HBDC to direct deliveries where they are most needed

Recommendations to clients: GDF strongly encourages clients to submit Procurement Request Forms as soon as possible and notify GDF immediately in case of insufficient stock to meet program needs so that GDF and Cepheid HBDC can optimize deliveries based on the prioritization plan.

Contact Information: For additional or more detailed information; or, if you need support with order planning, please contact the GDF Country Supply Officer for your programme or gdf@stoptb.org

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