

Supplier: Cepheid HBDC (High Burden Developing Country Programme)

Subject: Update on 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.

Delays varied 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.

Cepheid HBDC expanded their production capacity for MTB tests and expected to have sufficient production capacity in place by the end of 2022.

Update as of 25 January 2023: Cepheid HBDC informed GDF that they have completed the expansion of their capacity to produce GeneXpert MTB/RIF and MTB/RIF Ultra tests.

Updated Information for clients:

- GDF and Cepheid have cleared the backlog of all past outstanding orders.
- For new orders, Cepheid is accepting orders in full and giving lead times in alignment with GDF requirements.
- GDF will continue to closely monitor the supply situation from Cepheid to ensure continued availability and will post any updates if required.
- GDF encourages clients to submit Procurement Request Forms for GeneXpert MTB/RIF Ultra cartridges as soon as possible and notify GDF immediately in case of insufficient stock to meet programme needs so that GDF can liaise with Cepheid HBDC to optimize deliveries.

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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