

**Supplier:** Abbott Rapid Dx International Ltd (Abbott)

**Subject:** Update on supply delays for the Determine TB LAM Ag

**Cause of supply delays:** In January 2024, Abbott informed GDF that they are experiencing a technical problem with the production and supply of a critical raw (biological) material for the Determine TB LAM Ag tests (GDF item 106749; Abbott item 7D2741). This technical problem is causing a reduction in the ability of Abbott to maximize the yields from each lot that is produced. This is leading to delays in the allocation of inventory to all GDF orders.

**Extent of supply delays:** Delays vary based on the quantity ordered. Expected delays will be communicated with each order.

**Expected duration of supply delays:** Abbott has developed a recovery plan which is currently being implemented to return to full production capacity. Abbott will provide updates to Stop TB/GDF by April 2024 on the progress of the recovery plan and status of production capacity.

**Update as of 15 April 2024:** Abbott informed GDF that they are on track to increase the production capacity and the estimation is that the production capacity will be stabilized by the end of summer.

**GDF mitigation actions:**

- GDF requests client countries to plan and place orders as early as possible and notify GDF immediately of any concerns around insufficient stock to meet program needs. GDF will prioritize available product to avoid stockouts in country programmes whenever possible.
- GDF is working with clients to split orders into multiple, smaller shipments to address immediate clients' needs.

**Contact Information:** For additional or more detailed information about any impacted product; or, if you need support with order planning, please contact the GDF Country Supply Officer for your programme or [gdf@stoptb.org](mailto:gdf@stoptb.org)

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