

Appendix Table The pooled procurement policy/mechanism between China and other LMICs[1]

Countries	Income group	Pooled procurement mechanism	Challenges
Fiji	Upper-middle	Received differential price offered to middle-income countries (CIF Prices) through FPBS	The quality assessment of products is mainly proposed by suppliers. Regular drug shortage, especially during COVID-19.
Kiribati	Low-middle	Received bids from suppliers mainly based in Australia and New Zealand through an annual tender	Delivering the medicine is challenging due to the freight limitations. Global long-term agreements (LTAs) haven't been established. Pooled procurement has not yet been implemented.
Tonga	Upper-middle	The Central Procurement Unit (CPU) is responsible for procurement through an annual tender, mainly receiving supplier offers.	Stock-outs occur from time to time. Pooled procurement has not yet been implemented.
Tuvalu	Upper-middle	Received bids from suppliers mainly based in Australia, Fiji, or New Zealand through an annual tender	Pooled procurement has not yet been implemented. Tuvalu will be supplied by FPBS only if FPBS's stocks can cater. Regular drug shortage during COVID-19.
Federated States of Micronesia (Yap)	Low-middle	Based on quarterly purchase orders placed to suppliers (mainly in the US).	Insulin and associated supplies purchased from the US are higher priced than in other countries. Stock-outs sometimes occur.

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