

HOW TO FORMULATE A NATIONAL SUPPLY CHAIN STRENGTHENING STRATEGY

The main expected outcome of deploying the UNICEF Supply Chain Maturity Model and End-User Monitoring in a country is the issuing of a policy level document that outlines the way forward in which the government will drive supply chain strengthening efforts to guarantee equitable access to life-saving supplies and services to children and families in the country.

This policy level document describes the strategy that will be rolled out by the government with support from UNICEF, other United Nations agencies, and private sector. The main execution timeline and interventions comprised in the policy come from the strengthening roadmap developed from the supply chain assessments, which are carried out by the assessor. [Link here to MM](#), [link here to EuM methodologies](#)

Is important to remember that a **Policy**¹ contains specific principles adopted by globalization, teams, etc, often based as much on politics as information. Heavily influenced by objective information; and a **strategy** contains the key steps that need to be taken, and that are critical to achieving the changes needed over a specific period of time (usually five years).

The assessor has an important role in drafting and submitting the national supply chain strengthening strategy for the government's endorsement, based on the assessment results.

To help guide the process of drafting a policy level document, UNICEF has developed guidelines that can be consulted when undertaking this task. Below we provide links to documents that can be leveraged for this purpose:

1. [The Process Guide and Toolkit for Strengthening Public Health Supply Chains through Capacity Development](#) – UNICEF 2016
2. [Developing a Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures: A facilitator's guide](#) – Keeping Children Safe, 2014
3. [National policy reintegration of adolescent mothers into the formal school system](#) – Guyana Ministry of Education, 2018
4. [How to plan, write and communicate an effective policy brief: Three steps to success](#) – Research to Action, 2014
5. [How to develop and implement a national drug policy](#) – World Health Organization, 2001

1 Faculty of public health Health knowledge <https://www.healthknowledge.org.uk/content/differences-between-policy-and-strategy-and-impact-policies-health>