



Republic of Kenya
Ministry of Health



PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD

TECHNICAL SUPPORT AUDIT OF LOCAL TEXTILE MANUFACTURERS OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board (“the Board”) in view of its functions stipulated under section 3B(2) of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act (Cap 244) as amended by the Health Laws (Amendment) Act, 2019, has taken deliberate steps towards facilitating expedited access and availability of essential Health Products and Technologies used for management of COVID-19.

Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic has led to disruption of the global supply chain for essential health commodities including personal protective equipment (PPE) resulting in acute shortages. Consequently, in view of this shortage, it is imperative to support our local manufacturers to produce PPE that complies with international and local standards to meet the current demand.

Therefore, the Board in partnership with the WHO-AFRO Regional Office under the Universal Health Coverage Life Course (UHC/ULC), is working with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) to assess capacity and offer technical support to local producers of PPE as well as alcohol-based sanitizers based on the WHO technical description/specifications.

To facilitate the initiative, the Board is conducting mapping of local textile manufacturers of PPE in order to prepare a schedule for the technical support audit. This includes manufacturers of hospital use aprons, face shields, gloves, goggles, gowns, medical masks, and respirators.

Local Textile manufacturers are urged to write to the Pharmacy and Poisons Board indicating:

1. Address
2. Type of PPEs produced and
3. Capacity of your plant.

Through the email: medicaldevices@pharmacyboardkenya.org

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