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Dear ECONMED Participants:

On this occasion we are glad to share with you the launching last April of the second edition of the guide "[Sources and Prices of Selected Medicines for Children](#)" by the World Health Organization ([WHO](#)). A joint effort by WHO and the United Nations Children's Fund ([UNICEF](#)) with the objective of improving access to age-appropriate essential medicines for children.

This second edition focuses on new pediatric formulations, their availability, and cost-effectiveness. The list of examined Active moieties has been expanded, reaching the 240, selected from the [WHO Essential Medicines List for Children](#) (updated on March 2009). Such growth implied establishing dialogue and exchange with a broad set of actors and stakeholders. The information is divided according to targeted condition/diseases, including for the first time neglected tropical diseases; the guide references the price/manufacturer and availability for the following diseases:

- **Diarrhea, replacement of fluids and electrolytes**
- **HIV/AIDS**
- **Malaria**
- **Maternal and newborn care**
- **Forgotten/unknown diseases**
- **Nutrition, supplements which are vitamin, and mineral**
- **Opportunistic Infections**
- **Pain and palliative care**
- **Pneumonia**
- **Tuberculosis**
- **Other causes**

The document also identifies both the set of actors (stakeholders) who participated in the process of consultation and that pharmaceutical manufacturers/source with capacity to respond to eventual demands. It is important to highlight that even though 75% of formulations could be linked to a given provider globally, there is still 25% gap for which identifying a source remains a challenge.

This guide materializes the contribution of WHO and other international agencies to the global effort to achieve the [Millennium Development Goals](#) (MDG) especially number 1 ([malnutrition](#)), 4 ([reduction infant mortality](#)) and 5 ([reduction maternal mortality](#)).

The report, for the time being only in English, is accessible at the following address http://www.who.int/medicines/publications/essentialmedicines/Sources_Prices2010.pdf

