



Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Pharmaceutical Procurement Service (PPS)



**Improving access to NCDs medicines
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Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Pharmaceutical Procurement Service (PPS) Regional pooled procurement of Pharmaceuticals

-  Anguilla
-  Antigua and Barbuda
-  British Virgin Islands
-  Dominica
-  Grenada
-  Martinique
-  Montserrat
-  St. Kitts and Nevis
-  St. Lucia
-  St. Vincent and the Grenadines

10 OECS COUNTRIES
1 million people



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Inspiring quote

“Even if you stumble, you’re still moving forward”

Author : unknown



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OECS/PPS MISSION STATEMENT

**“Our mission is to maximize
healthcare services of the OECS
countries by pooled procurement
and management of
pharmaceuticals and related
medical supplies.”**



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Background

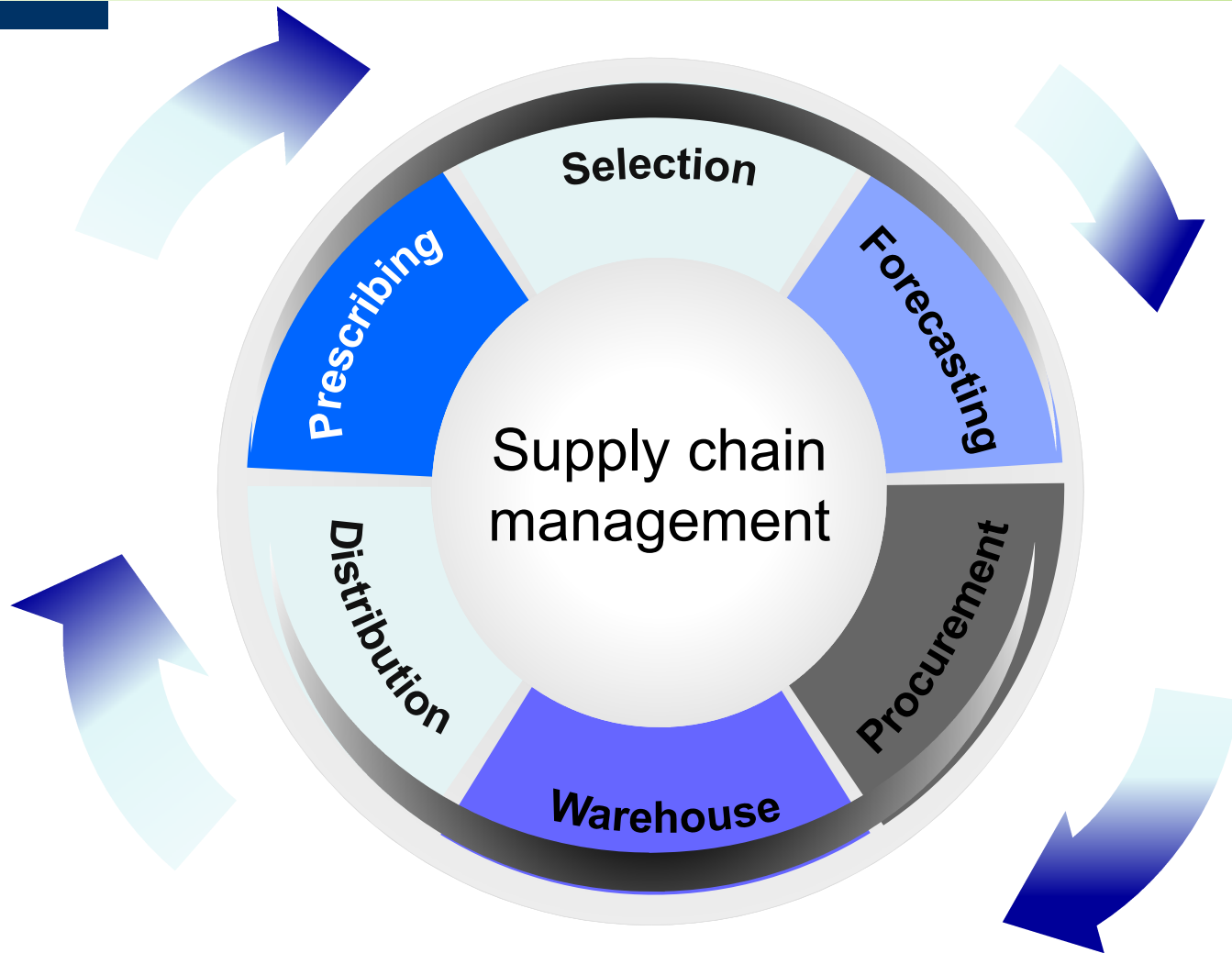
Access to essential medicines is a basic human right.

Medicines are a major requirement for foreign exchange.

Financial constraints have rendered it difficult for OECS Governments to adequately finance medicines.



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Summary of OECS DURs

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Year	# of R	Topic
1995	4000	HBP/DM, 4 MSs
1996	1412	Asthma, 3 MSs
1998	354	Epilepsy, 2 MSs
1999	367	Schizophrenia, 2 MSs
2005	3830	HBP/DM, 2 MSs
2010	400	HIV/AIDS, 6 MSs
2012	59	Elderly in LTC in LUC



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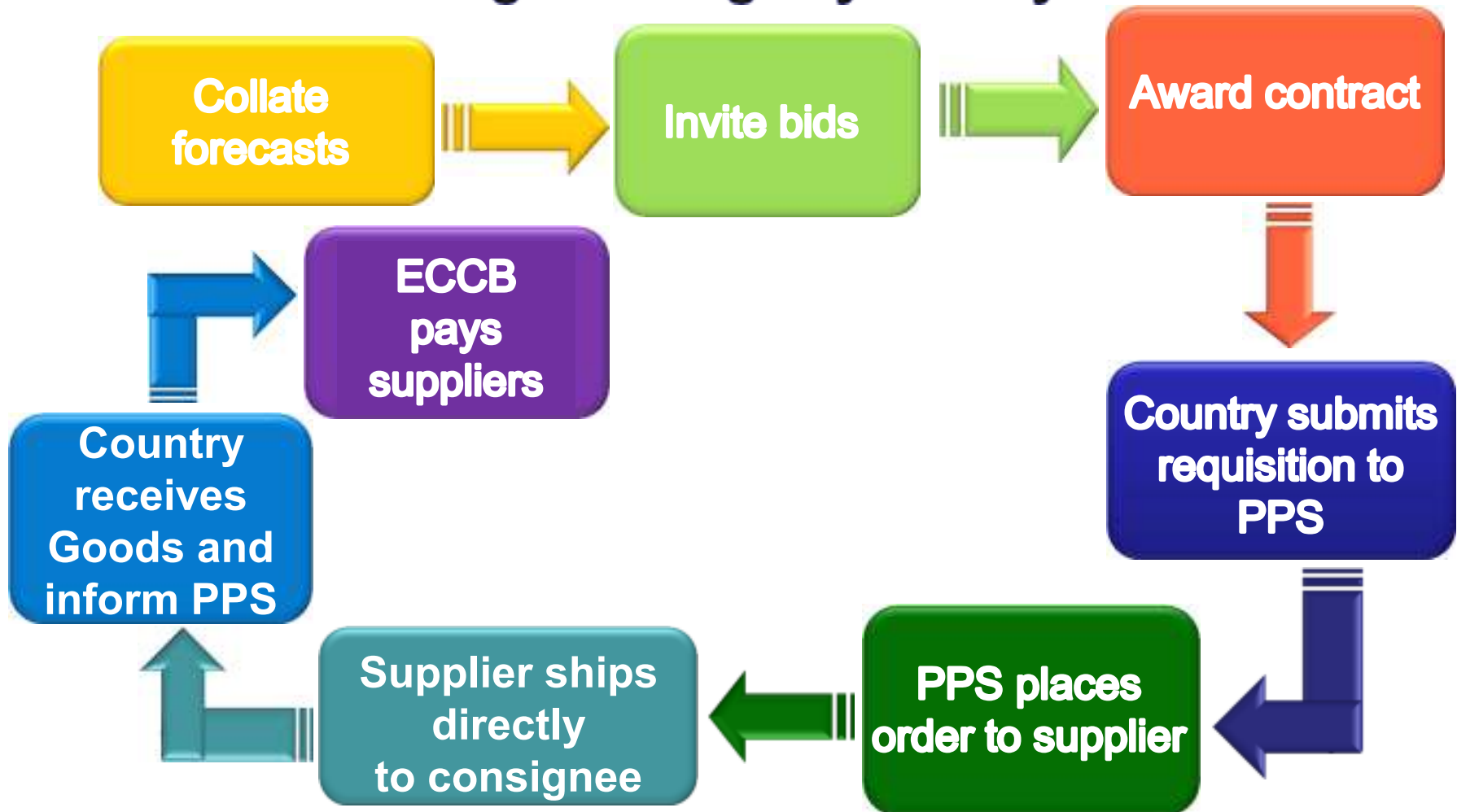
Features

- **Established in 1986**
- **Permanent Secretariat**
- **OECS Economic Union**
- **Country-based committees**
- **Payments through Central Bank**
- **Self-financing in 1989 with 9% surcharge**
- **Shared culture, language, ethnicity, currency**
- **Restricted International bid for 550 medicines with 30 suppliers**
- **Medicines subsidized or free of cost at the point of service**



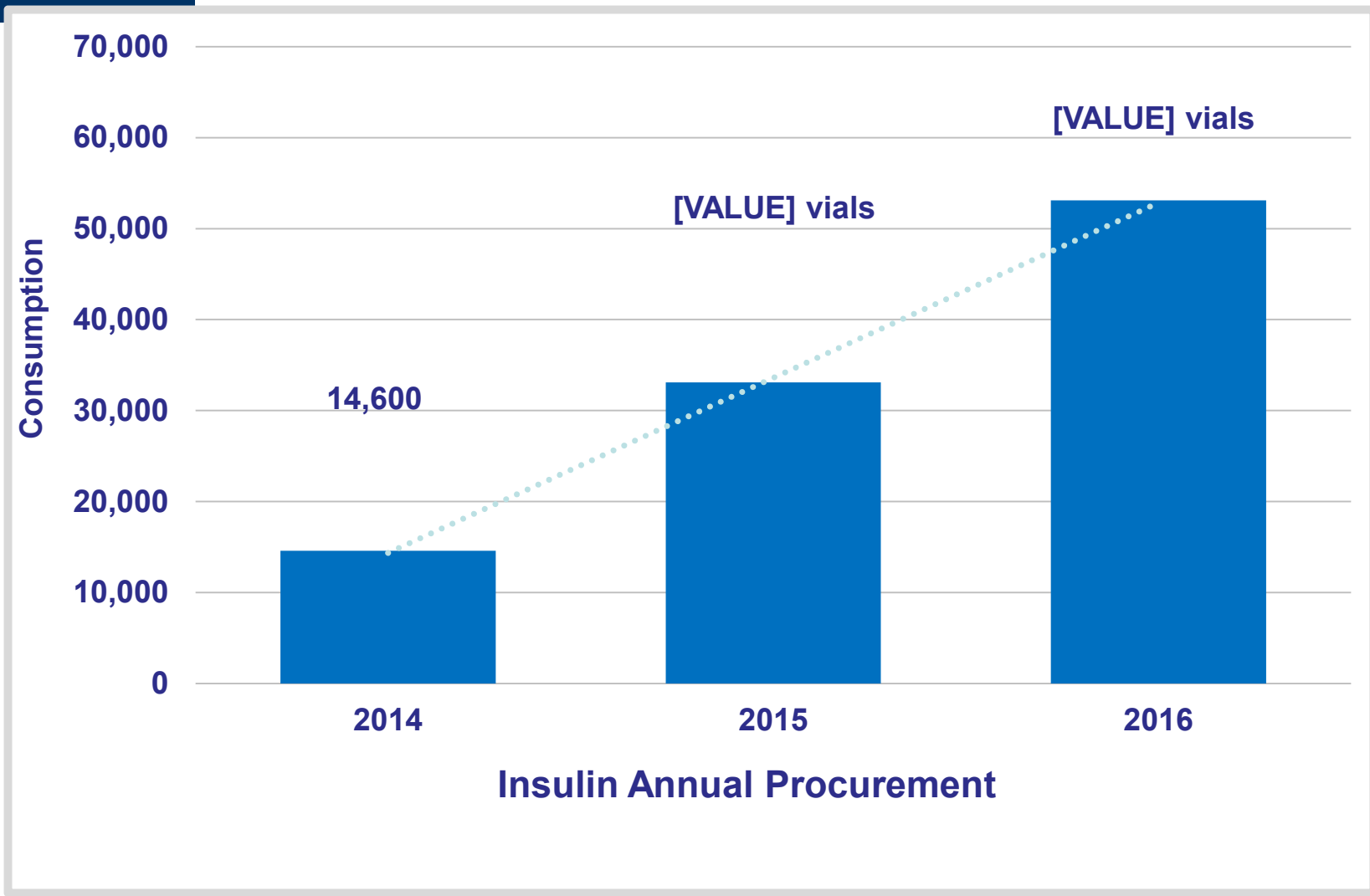
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Tendering/Ordering/Payment cycle





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Benefits of pooled procurement

Economic

- Monopsony, ↑ bargaining power
- Economies of scale, ↓ prices, 20%
- Fixed, common price for tender period



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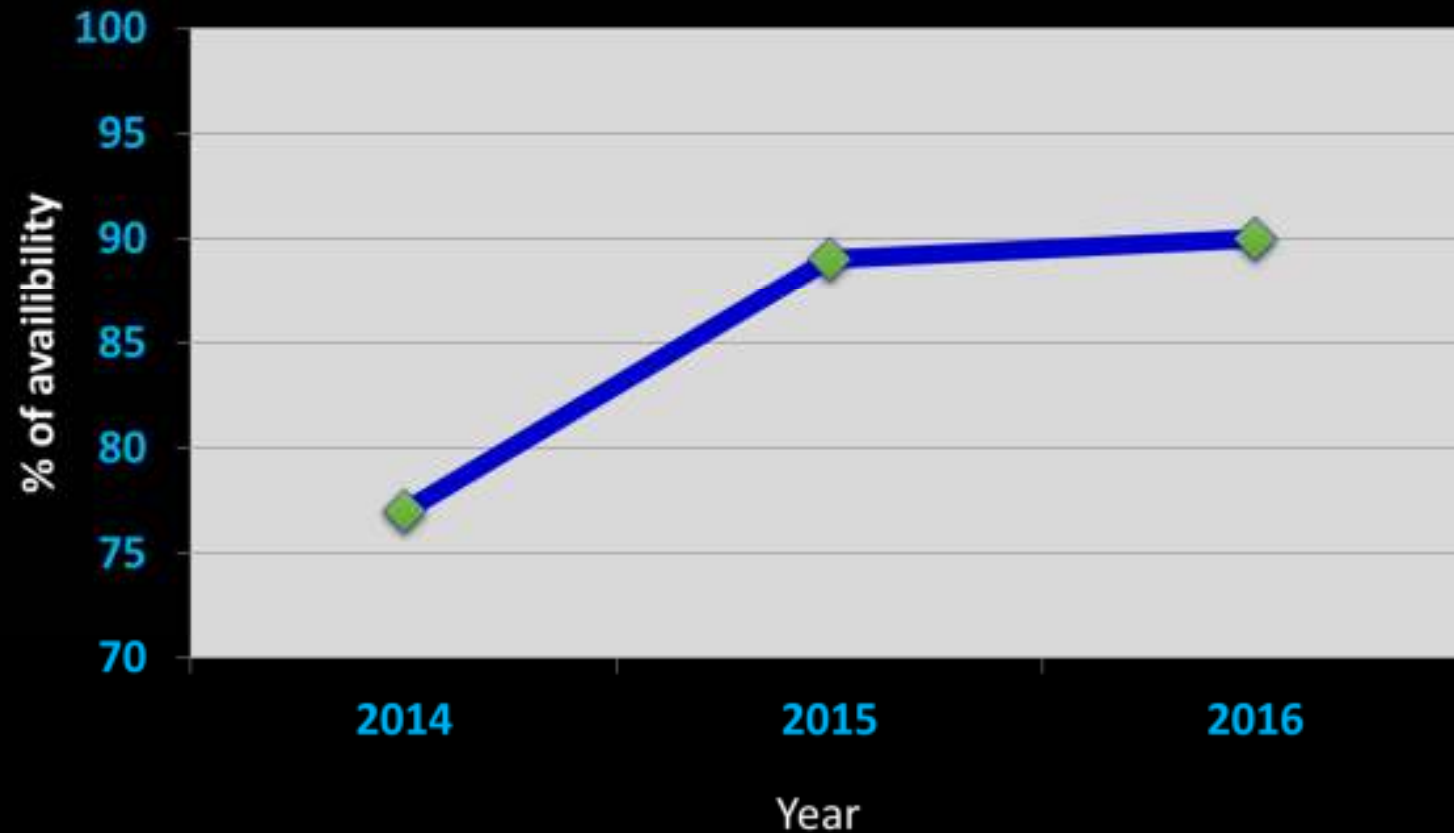
Benefits of Pooled Procurement

Non- economic, value-added

- Enhanced quality assurance
- Coordinated training, research, M&E
- Regional cooperation and integration
- Harmonized formulary manual, STGs
- Sharing of information and experience
- Transparent and rational procurement , ICB
- Confidence-building with clients and suppliers

Update on hypertension treatment

Service Level of medicines



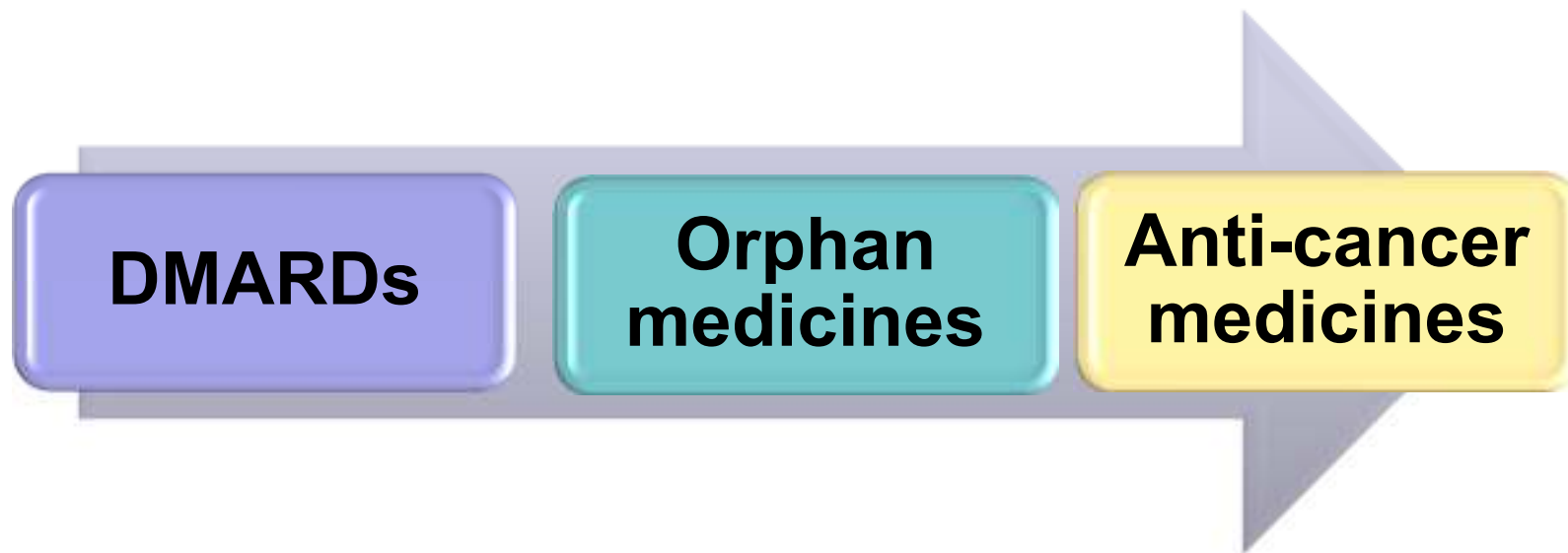
OECS average percentage of medicines for 2014 - 2016



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Gaps in procuring meds for NCDs

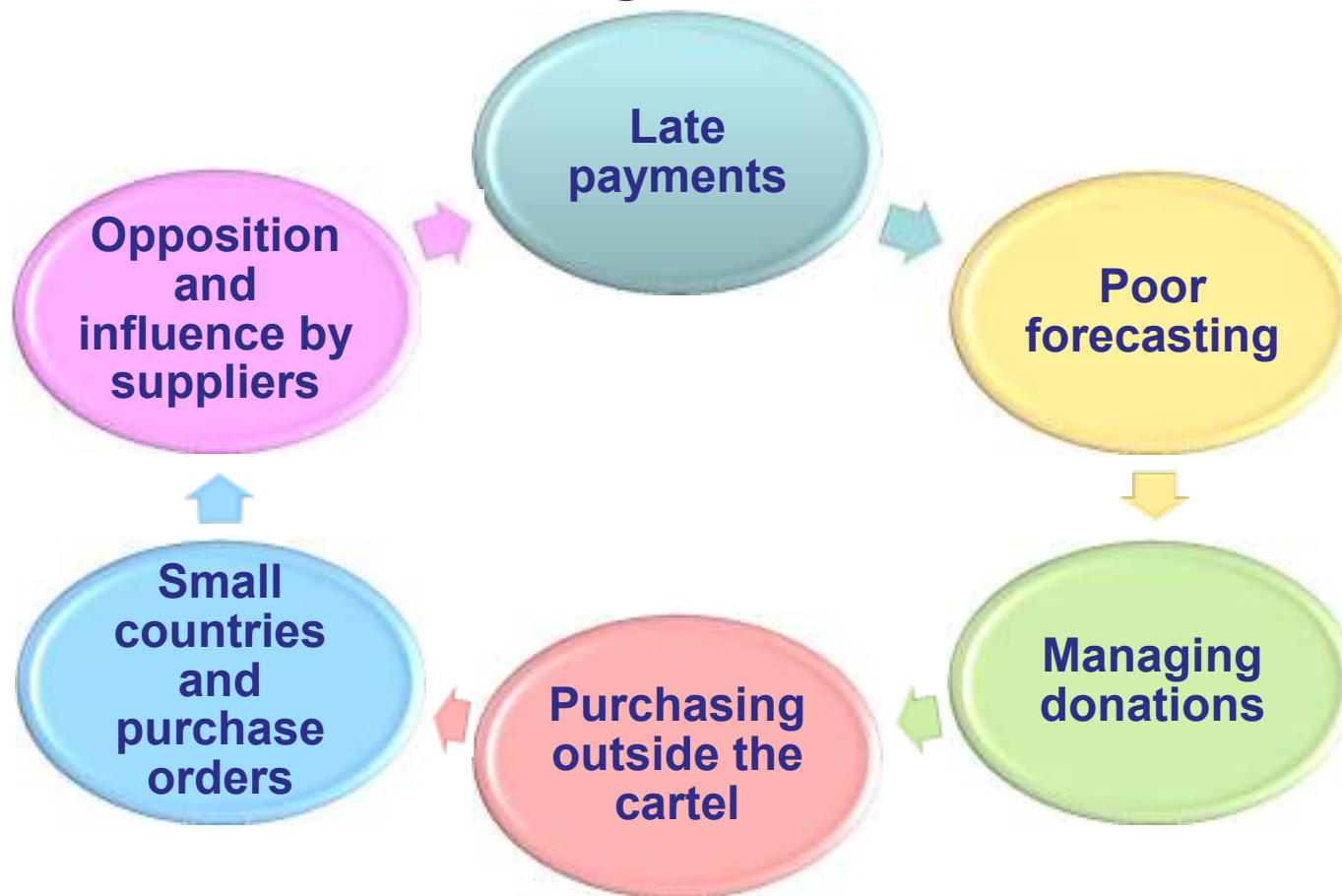
Potential for using the PAHO Strategic Fund?





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OECS/PPS challenges





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Conclusion

OECS/PPS pooled procurement has produced significant benefits for the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Member States.



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