

Lewin denies US about to pull plug on health procurement system. Devex,
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Supply chain reaction

Rumors of a major global health supply chain shutdown? Not so fast. Lewin also [pushed back hard on reports the U.S. is about to pull the plug on its flagship procurement system](#). “That’s all not true. Nothing has been canceled. Nothing has been stopped. We haven’t made any sort of decision about that,” he said.

What is happening: a rethink. The decades-spanning Global Health Supply Chain - Procurement Supply Management project — which buys and delivers HIV, TB, and malaria supplies worldwide — is **under review, but Lewin insists any shift will be gradual**. “This is something that’s going to take a few months [or] a year to get done, and we’re going to do it disease by disease, country by country,” he said at the CSIS event.

The direction is clear, even if the timeline isn’t, writes Devex Senior Reporter Michael Igoe. “We’re going to be working more with a different sort of supply chain architecture,” Lewin said, pointing to a model where countries take on more responsibility instead of relying on a single contractor to “do everything.”

For now, the message is continuity, not cliff edge. “We’re continuing to place orders on the existing supply chain contract ... and obviously we’re committed to ensuring that there are no pipeline breaks or anything else like that,” Lewin said.

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