



Ministry of Health  
Pharmacy and Poisons Board

**RAPID ALERT NOTIFICATION FOR FALSIFIED HIV RAPID DIAGNOSTIC TEST KIT; Uni-Gold HIV, Lot number: HIV1720026, Expiry date: 6 DEC 2020**

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In February 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) team on substandard and falsified medical products was informed that several thousand tests of a confirmed falsified version of Uni-Gold™ HIV was circulating in Guyana. Product details are:

- Name : Uni-Gold HIV
- Lot number: HIV1720026
- Expiry date: 6 DEC 2020
- Legal manufacturer: Trinity Biotech Plc



The format for the expiry date is incorrect (D MMM YYYY) when it should be D MMM YY.

Please note that the legal manufacturer has confirmed this product is falsified: the expiry date does not match genuine manufacturing records.

Lot number HIV1720026 corresponds to a genuine lot number that was procured by USAID and shipped to Tanzania in early 2018. The true expiry date was 06 March 19.

In addition, WHO was also recently made aware that a customer based in Kenya had contacted the manufacturer (Trinity Biotech Plc) to provide a certificate of analysis for lot HIV1720026 – this must be for falsified product.

As such, WHO is concerned that a genuine shipment of HIV RDTs shipped to Tanzania may have been diverted, and subsequently tampered and falsified. Falsified products are already confirmed circulating in Guyana.

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board encourages increased vigilance across the supply chain, including hospitals, clinics, health centres, wholesalers, distributors, pharmacies and any other suppliers of medical products

All medical products must be obtained from authorized/licensed suppliers. The products' authenticity and physical condition should be carefully checked. Seek advice from a healthcare professional in case of doubt.

If you are in possession of the above falsified products, please do not use them.

If you have used these products, or you suffered an adverse reaction/event having used these products, you are advised to seek immediate medical advice from a qualified healthcare professional, and to report the incident to the Pharmacy and Poisons Board at; Email: [pv@pharmacyboardkenya.org](mailto:pv@pharmacyboardkenya.org), Online reporting platform: [pv.pharmacyboardkenya.org](http://pv.pharmacyboardkenya.org)