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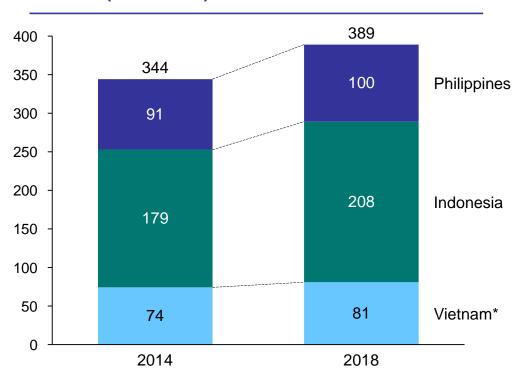
Diagnosing the quality of medicines and health of supply chains in pursuit of UHC:

Multi-country study approach

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# While UHC initiatives have expanded care, national health insurances are under pressure to provide high quality care at affordable costs

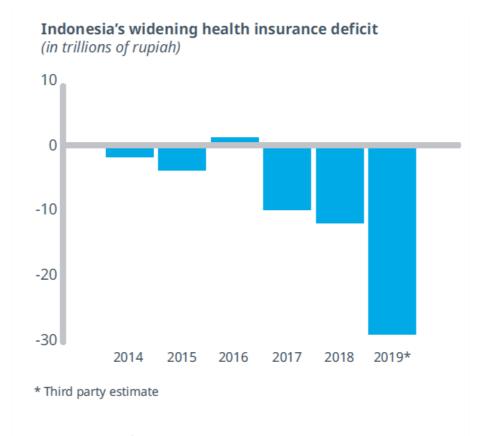
### Population coverage of National Health Insurance scheme (in millions)



<sup>\*</sup> Note: Vietnam's latest available data is as of 2017

- Between 2014 and 2018, Indonesia, Vietnam, and the Philippines have enrolled over 40 million people in their respective national health insurance schemes, and increased population health coverage to a total of about 389 million people
- While national health insurance efforts are broadening access to healthcare, we recognize the political pressure on government budgets to provide high quality care at affordable costs.
- This effort can be actively undermined if these medicines do not work as they are intended to, mostly because they are either substandard or falsified

## At the same time, we witness that stress on national health insurance is impacting health systems and production of quality medicines



Source: BPJS Kesehatan

- Governments may not be able to afford the package of care they promised under UHC
  - In Indonesia, BPJS Kesehatan suffered deficits in 5 of the 6 years since the system was introduced in 2014<sup>1</sup>
  - In Thailand, there is reported long waiting times and overuse of health systems, with 18 state hospitals suffering deficits<sup>2</sup>
- Increased downward pressure on prices of medicines under UHC cause tough choices to be made by manufacturers about the quality of medicines being produced
- At the same time, evidence suggest that **substandard**<sup>a</sup> **and falsified medical products**<sup>b</sup> **exist** in the market today and undermine public health in many ways

<sup>b</sup>Falsified medical products are those that deliberately/fraudulently misrepresent their identity, composition or source

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Tani, SHOTARO, and Ismi DAMAYANTI. "Indonesia Struggles to Pay for Huge Universal Health Care Program." Nikkei Asian Review, August 14, 2019. https://asia.nikkei.com/Economy/Indonesia-struggles-to-pay-for-huge-universal-health-care-program

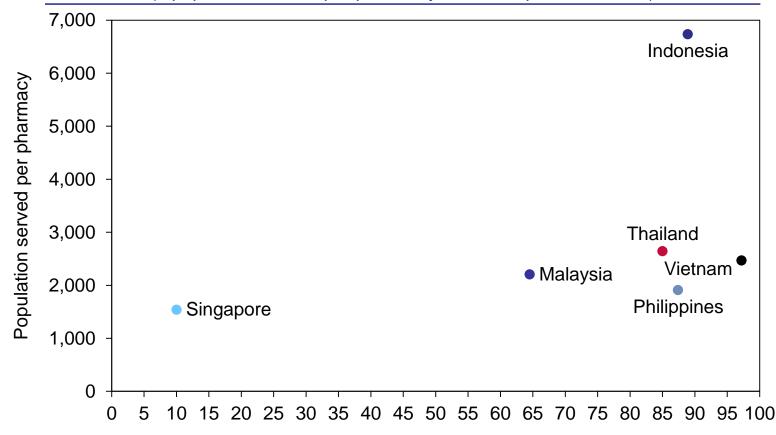
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://www.todayonline.com/world/asia/thailands-national-healthcare-scheme-hits-financial-trouble

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Substandard medicines are authorized medical products that fail to meet either their quality standards and/or specifications

## The overall low reach of mostly independent pharmacies could result in a greater information gaps on falsified or substandard medicines to patients

#### Pharmacy penetration and share of independent pharmacies

(# population served per pharmacy; % of independent stores)

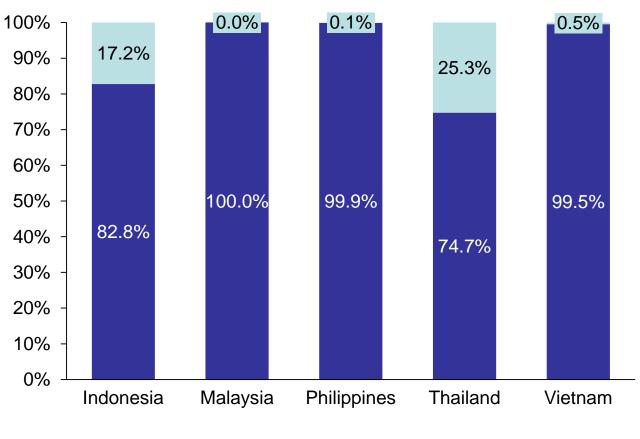


- Significant presence of independent or non-chain pharmacies in SEA
  - Difficult for authorities to monitor and regulate the distribution of quality drugs
- Low market reach of pharmacies in SEA
  - People turn to convenient channels to purchase medicines which they believe to be the most reliable, affordable and best-known quality

% of independent pharmacies

# The abilities of manufacturers to export to OECD countries is one potential indicator of the ability to meet international quality standards

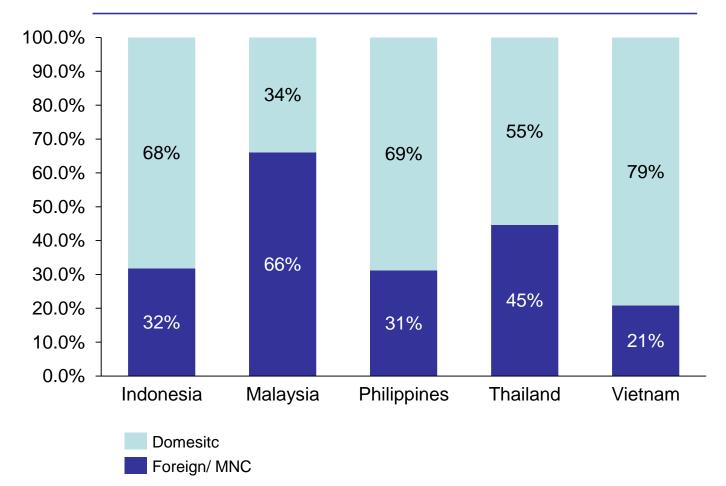
#### % of Exports to OECD vs non-OECD countries in 5 ASEAN markets



- We used exports to OECD markets as a proxy for manufacturers' capabilities to meet quality standards
  - Thailand and Indonesia have made strong progress, while other markets may benefit from interventions
- Among the local manufacturers that are exporting to OECD countries, it is pertinent to ensure their products meet the highest global drug standards

# High share of domestic manufacturers, who produce locally and are not subject to global regulations, results in fewer ways to validate quality

#### % of domestic vs MNC manufacturers



- High share of domestic manufacturers in each SEA market (except Malaysia) may result in lower visibility to quality risks
- For some markets, domestic consumption and production of medicines may be outpacing their domestic regulatory systems

# IQVIA is currently working with researchers in Indonesia on a list of available data, to try to examine measurable indicators to flag potential risks to medicine quality

#### Measure for risk flagging indicators

- List price of product by dose form and manufacturer
- Cost of imported API
- Volume of imported API
- JKN price compared to reference countries (e.g. New Zealand list price)
- Difference between e-catalogue and desired price
- Difference between e-catalogue and raw transaction price
- Raw transaction price of product by dose form
- Costs of distribution by product and region
- Corporate governance structure
- Entry of new manufacturers

- GDP certification & inspection
- GMP certification & inspection
- Production integrity
- Degree of international export
- Failed e-catalogue auction
- E-catalogue RKO volume demanded per manufacturer
- Estimate of manufacturer capacity in units
- Number of manufacturers per dose form
- Estimate of national sales volume
- Difference between highest vs lowest cost per CU by dose form
- Outstanding accounts receivable (debt) for manufacturer
- These indicators will help us to lay the ground in quantitatively determining levels of risk for production of sub-standards, degradation, repackaging, or production of fake medicinal products
- IQVIA and Ternyata are currently working on a research collaboration with Indonesia's BPOM, as well as getting the support of the relevant government, industry and NGO stakeholders

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