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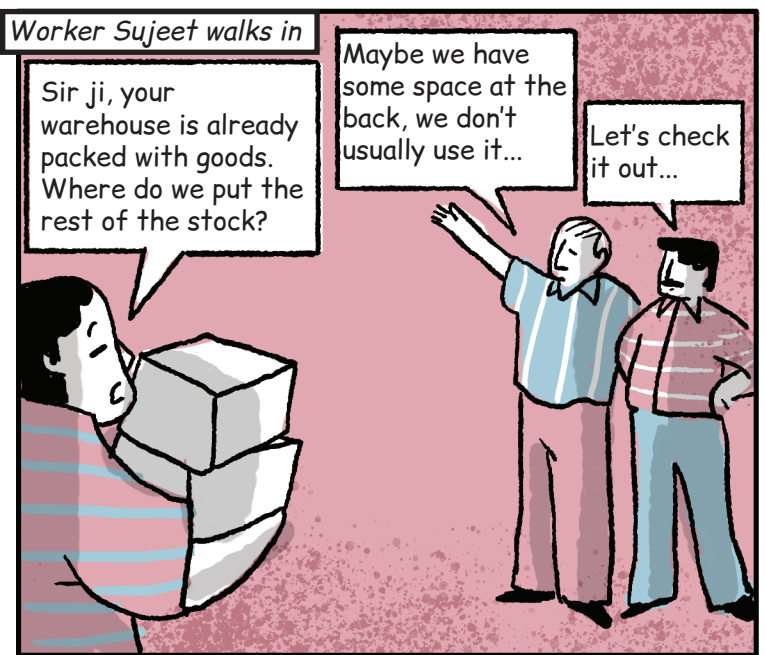
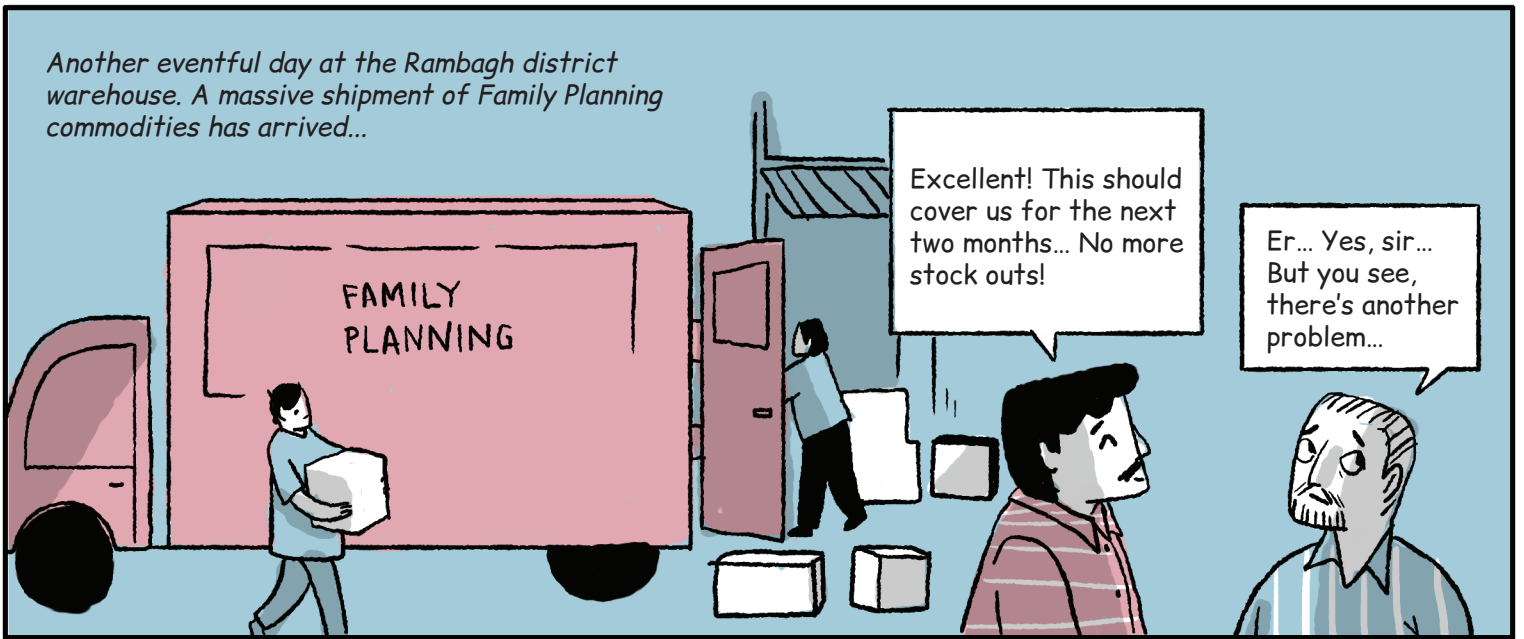
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THE POWER OF TEAMWORK

THE RESILIENT
WAREHOUSE



Another eventful day at the Rambagh district warehouse. A massive shipment of Family Planning commodities has arrived...



An hour later, they struggle to find a better alternative to store the items...

Perhaps we can leave it here...

Absolutely not! These items will be ruined in a matter of days!

If only we had received two weeks' stock instead of months... we could have stored it properly.

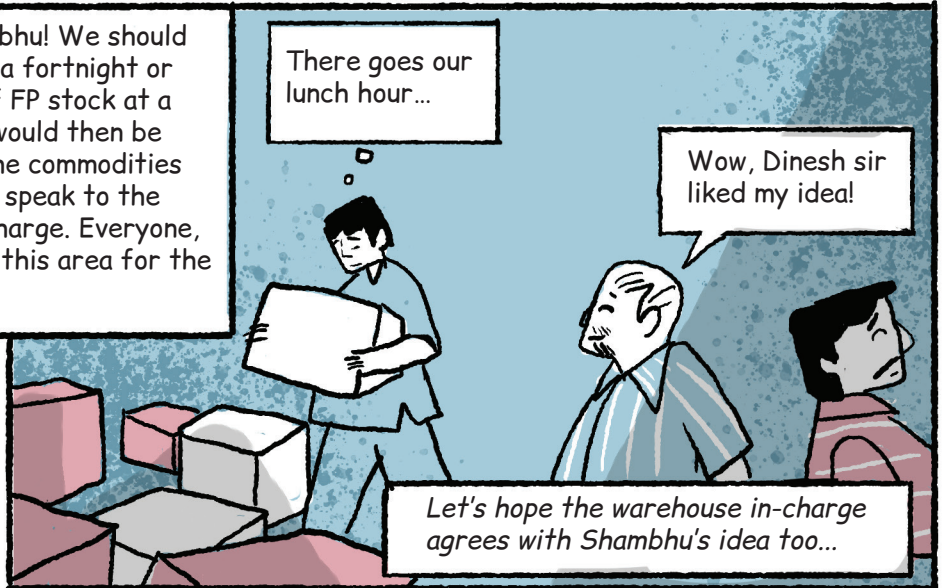


That's it, Shambhu! We should indent for only a fortnight or month worth of FP stock at a time. Then we would then be able to store the commodities properly! I'll go speak to the warehouse in-charge. Everyone, please clean up this area for the time being.

There goes our lunch hour...

Wow, Dinesh sir liked my idea!

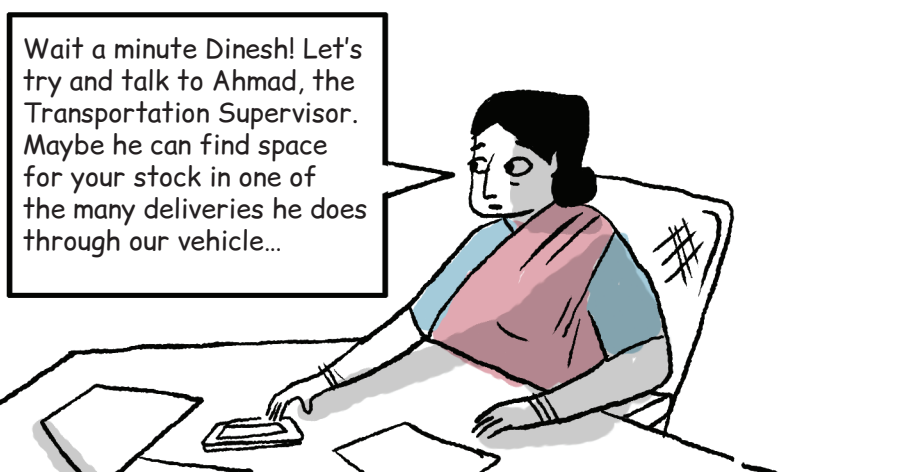
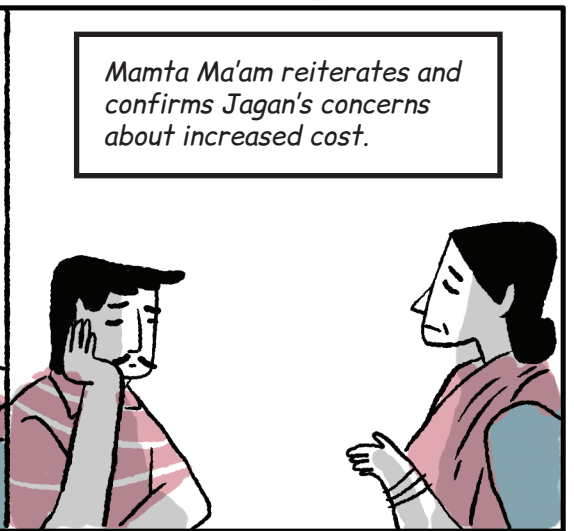
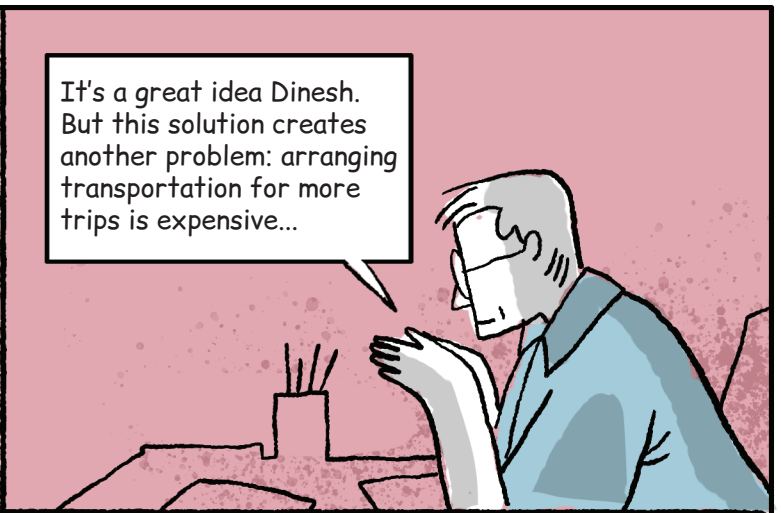
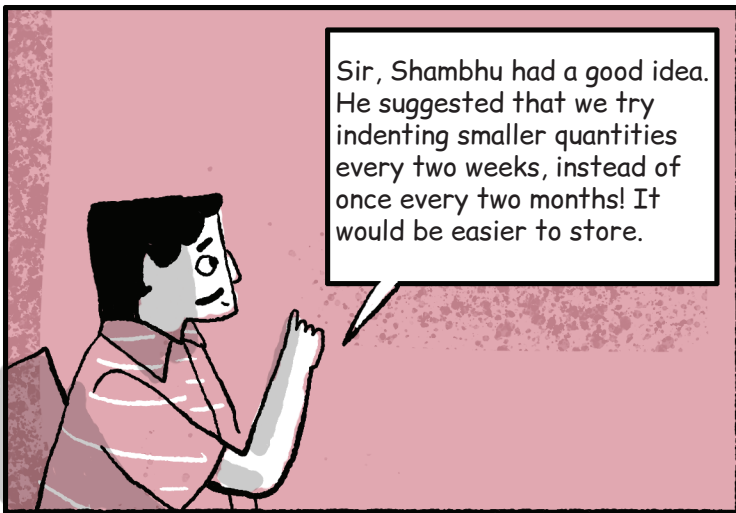
Let's hope the warehouse in-charge agrees with Shambhu's idea too...



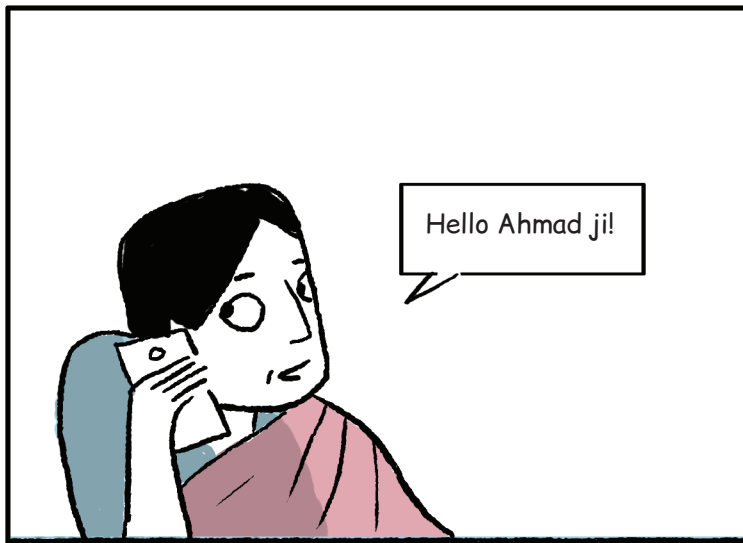
Jagan sir, we need to store more and more family planning commodities these days. But as you know, our warehouse is small and it is a great challenge for us.

Yes, I understand Dinesh. High volumes of stock but limited warehouse storage—it's the same situation in Alipur. But what to do? I'm already drowning in paperwork and problems...





Ahmad oversees the shipments' delivery for essential druglist, immunisation and family planning commodities.



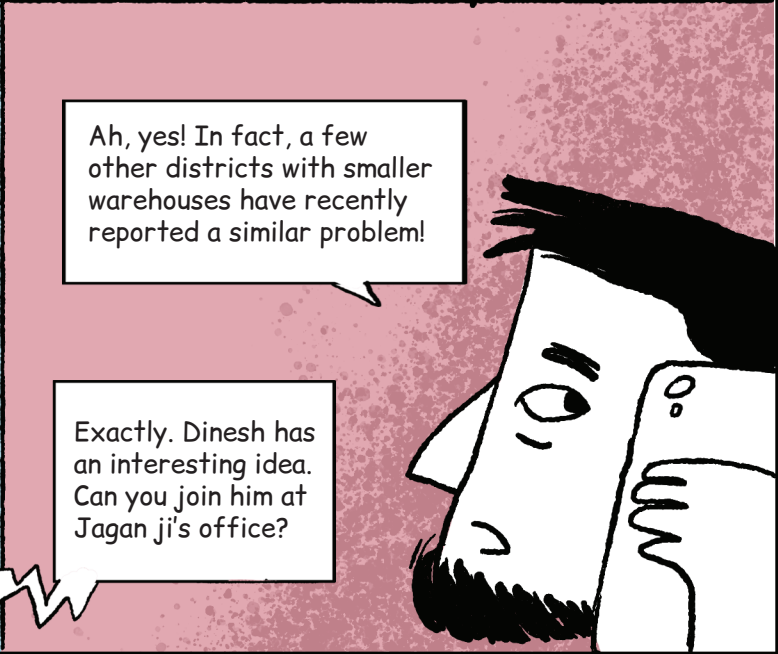
Hello Ahmad ji!



Hello Mamta madam! How can I help you today?



I would like to introduce you to Dinesh, the pharmacist at the Rambagh district warehouse. He is trying to resolve a storage space problem...



Ah, yes! In fact, a few other districts with smaller warehouses have recently reported a similar problem!

Exactly. Dinesh has an interesting idea. Can you join him at Jagan ji's office?

Ahmad, Jagan and Dinesh meet at Jagan's crowded office. They both stand by the desk while Jagan busily tries to tidy up the unruly room.



Sorry about the mess... Er, it's a tough day for me... Rambagh and Alipur both have storage issues...

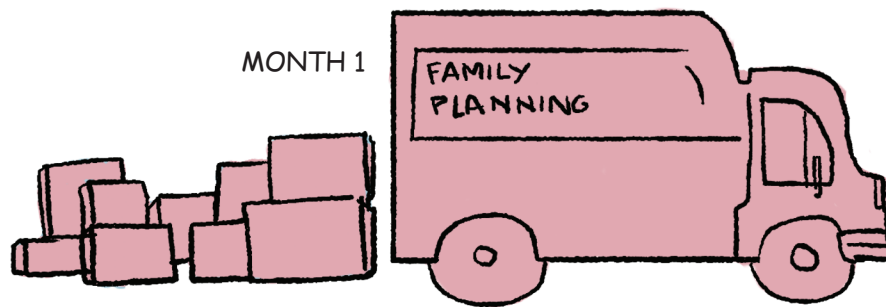
Don't worry about it, sir...

Let's get a cup of tea? I think we all need it after the day we've had!

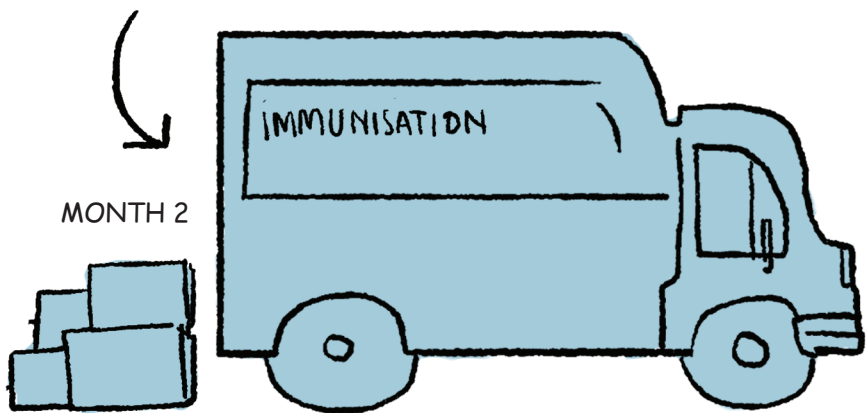
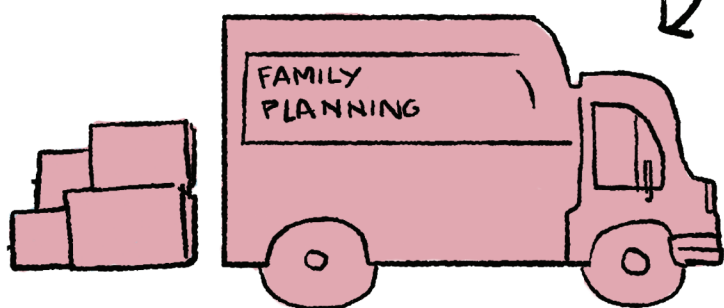


Hmm... Mamta madam might be right. Just the other day, I was thinking that one of our vehicles has space for more commodities that's not being used.

Dinesh tells Ahmad about the storage issue, the idea of indenting frequently, transportation costs... And Mamta's suggestion to find space in other vehicles delivering commodities for other programmes.



The usual FP shipment you get can remain on the same schedule, with a month's worth of quantity instead of two.

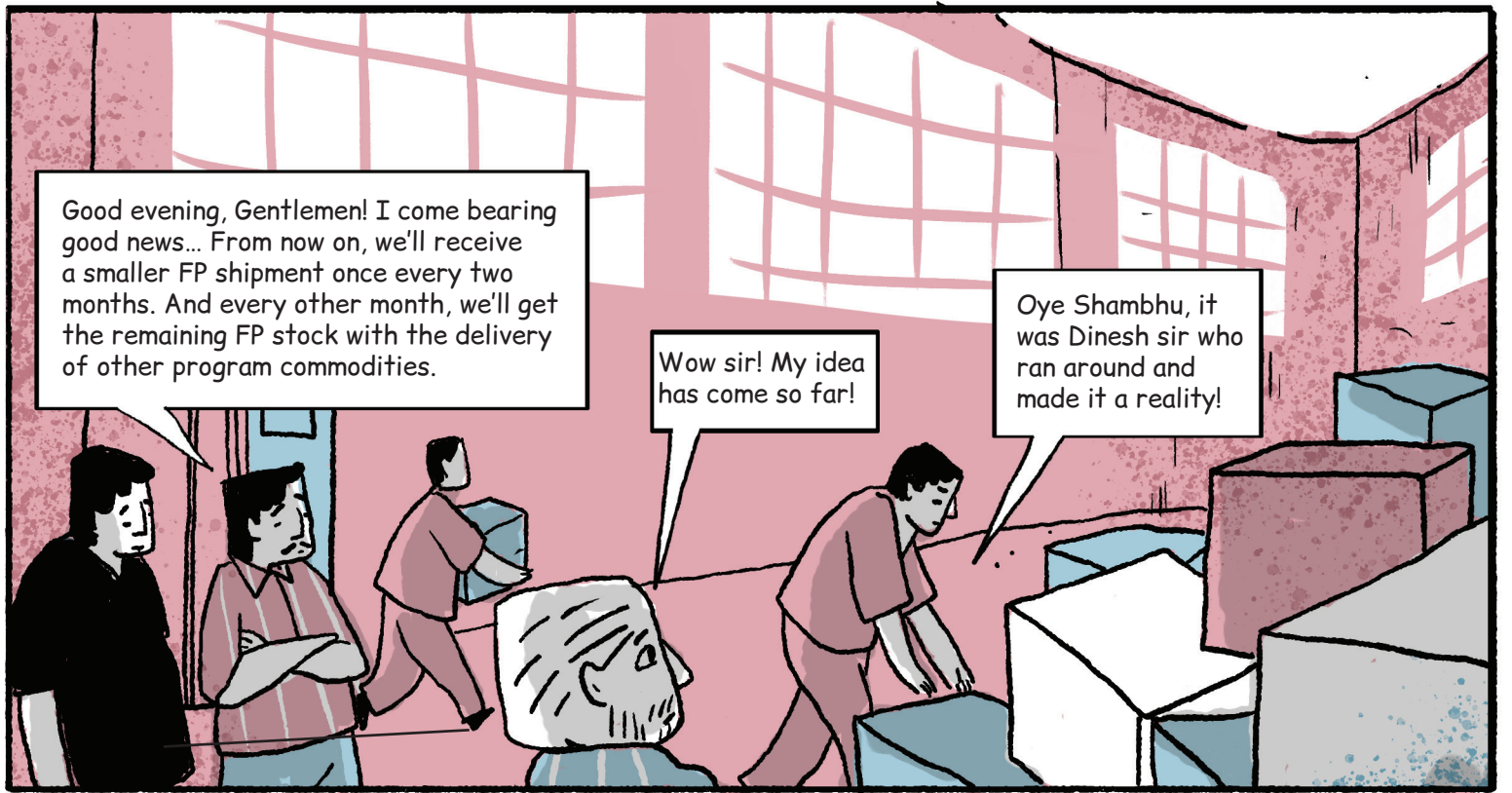


Then, the next month, I can put that month's family planning stock in the truck delivering other commodities. That way, we would definitely save on transportation costs!

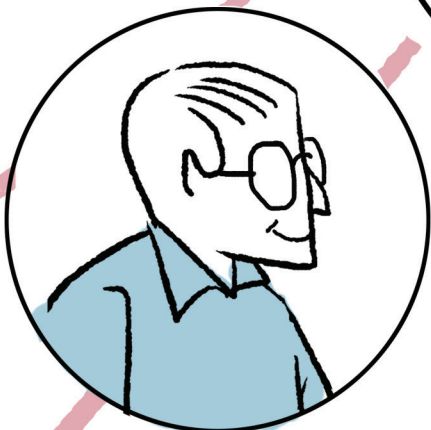
Gulp! I told you no, Shambhu's idea was good! Let's get another round of tea, my treat!

Thank you so much Ahmad! That's a brilliant idea.





It was all of us! Our team work has made our dream work!





To tackle issues of access, continuity of use, and exercise of choice in family planning options, PATH is working to strengthen the supply chain of FP commodities. With support from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, PATH carried out FP supply chain assessments in 8 Indian states, designed solutions to address identified challenges, piloted innovations, and implemented them in many states. Initiatives in addition to the piloted innovations were also leveraged to further strengthen the supply chain.

One such initiative was strategic delivery and resource optimisation through FP supply chain integration with essential drug list (EDL) supply chain. During assessment, it was found that FP stock availability at the warehouses was critical for smooth downstream deliveries, but there was a persistent shortage of appropriate storage space when large orders were placed at once. The project team helped State staff to optimize resources by integrating the supply chain of FP products with other EDL supply chains where possible, which allowed smaller indents to be placed more frequently.

