## **5S Tools**

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# What are 5S tools?

- "5S tools" are developed to help practice of 5S activities
- Many 5S tools using management techniques called "Visualization" for easy recognition and communication for actions
- 5S tools can be combined to enhance effectiveness of 5S activities
- All tools require an agreed set of rules
- All staff working in the health facility must know those rules and everyone should follow the rules

## Types of 5s tools

- Red tag
- Alignment
- Labeling, Tapes
- Numbering, Alphabetical cording
- Safety signs
- Signboard
- Zone
- X-Y axis
- Symbols
- Color cording
- 5S Corner



5S tools are like a fertilizer to grow the root !

## **Red Tag**

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- Useful for S1
- Use it when can not decide an items are "necessary" or "not necessary"
- Record necessary information on the Red Tag, stick or hang it on the item that cannot make decision.
- If the items is <u>not used for 1</u> <u>month = Unnecessary item</u>
- If the item is used within 1 month = <u>Necessary item</u>

## Alignment



- Useful for S2
  - It is useful to improve orderliness and beautification when you organize files, equipment, materials and other items.

# Labeling



- Useful for S2 and S4
- Labels are used when you identify each item and organize them properly.
- It is useful especially for storing files and items in cabinets/shelves.

# Taping



- Useful for S2 and S4
- Draw a connected diagonal line on spine of books/files
- The line tells users where to return and helps to arrange items in order



## Numbering / Alphabetical cording



- Useful for S2
- Used to organize files and other items by numbers/ alphabets
- It helps users to find necessary items or information quickly and easily.
- It is very useful for practicing "Can See - Can Take Out – Can Return" principle.

## Safety signs



- Useful for S2 and S4
- Used to warn visitors and workers to pay attention on hazardous items.
- Majority of hazardous items, which are commonly used in health facility, has international/national standardized safety signs.
- It is recommended to use common safety signs

# Signboard



- Useful for S4
- Signboards are used for identifying locations of places and guiding facility users to the place where they want to visit.
- Recommended to use common languages that are understood by all; in Tanzania Kiswahili and English are acceptable.

# Zone



- Useful for S2 and S4.
- Zoning is used to identify or recognize proper location/ storage of items.
- It helps people to understand "where it is supposed to be"

# X-Y Axis



- Useful for S2 and S4 especially when displaying information/ posters
- This is used for improvement of orderliness and beautification
- Limited space can be utilized and easy to fine necessary information
- It is important to remove old/outdated posters from notice boards regularly to keep it tidy.

## Symbols



- Useful for S2 and S4
- Everyone can understand the meaning of "something" by marks/symbols/pictogram without or minimum explanation.



# **Color coding**



- Useful for S4
- Color coding makes facility users understand the meaning of "something" by different colors.
- It is often used for waste segregation, categorization of areas/zones for particular items
- National IPC Guidelines and Health Care Waste Management standards/ policy/ guidelines should be referred to follow national color coding for different types of wastes.

# **5S corner**





- Effective for S5
- Use existing notice board or establish new one
- Can be displayed:
  - 5-S posters
  - Pictorial progress report
  - Implementation progress chart/table
  - M&E information
  - Training information
  - QIT/WIT Meeting information
  - Mission statement on QI
  - Waste bin color coding and type of waste
  - Rules of 5S tools

# Key points for 5S tools utilization

- Everyone in the health facility should know the meanings and rules of 5S tools
- Think of people working in the next process
- Need to have monitoring mechanism to check proper usage of 5S tools and effectiveness



## 5S tools utilized by 5S stages

	5S tools	<b>S</b> 1	<b>S</b> 2	<b>S</b> 3	<b>S</b> 4	<b>S</b> 5
1	Red tag					
2	Numbering, Alphabetical cording					
3	Labeling, Tapes					
4	Safety signs					
5	Sign board					
6	Zone					
7	X-Y axis					
8	Alignment					
9	Symbols					
10	Color coding					
11	5S Corner					

### WHAT IS "VISUAL CONTROL"?

# Definitions

- Visual See, eye, optical
- Control manage, direct
- Definition- Visual control is a technique employed in many places where information is communicated by using <u>visual signals</u> instead of texts or other written instructions.
- Visual control are the signals or symbol seen by eye to manage the place or working environment

## What is "Visual control"?

- "Visual signals are used instead of texts or other written instructions.
- "The design is deliberate in allowing <u>quick</u> <u>recognition</u> of the information being communicated, in order to increase <u>efficiency</u> and <u>clarity</u>."

### What is "Visual Control"? (cont'd)

Visual control is the principle of increasing efficiency and effectiveness simply by deliberately making things <u>visible</u>.

When things are visible, they are kept in **conscious mind**.

It also serves to ensure that everyone has **a common viewpoint** of what is being displayed.







#### Machine Control panel



#### Standard work flow





#### Screw is tight "Normal condition"

Screw is lose or too tighten up "Abnormal condition"





# What's wrong?









Infectious

#### **Non-infectious**





# Visual control requires two simple conditions;

Need to have an agreed set of rules

Everyone must know the agreed set of rules

#### Where are the areas for effectively usage of Visual control?

- 1. Schedule and Delivery Controls
- 2. Quality Controls
- 3. Work Controls
- 4. Facility Controls
- 5. Equipment & Tooling Controls
- 6. Performance Improvement Controls
- 7. Material Flow Controls

## **Combination of 5S tools**



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## What do you think...?



Colour coded for segregation of wastes, properly labelled on waste bins, instructions are given to staff......Why it happens????

# **Possible causes**

- Weak knowledge on waste management among staff
- Weak commitment to waste segregation among staff
- Negligence of rules and regulations

### What could be done for improvement

- Proper training/ instruction of staff
  - Medical staff
  - Non-medical staff
- Positive mind set and commitment
- Color coding of segregation areas
- Share information on color coding of waste segregation to all staff
- Establish monitoring mechanism

# Benefit of using Visual Control in your workplace

- Make problem visible to everyone = Corrective action can be taken immediately
- Display the operating or progress status in an easy to see format
- Save time for searching something/somewhere
- Manage items/ materials/ stocks easily = reduce taking inventory
- Obtain common understand of rules and regulation

### Thank you for your attention. Any questions?