

# counterfeit medicines kill

Medicines must be safe, effective, and of good quality, and used appropriately. Quality medicines are lifesaving. Unfortunately, nowadays, many counterfeit medicines are reported to circulate in national and international market. Criminals who make money unlawfully produce these.

Counterfeit medicines:

- usually don't contain the active ingredients mentioned on their labels and/ or have false manufacturer's names and/or country of manufacture on their labels.
- sometimes contain less quantities of the active ingredients stated on their labels or contain active ingredients that are different from those stated on their labels.

## BE CAREFUL!!!!

If you take a counterfeit medicine you will not be relieved from your sickness quickly or you may not be cured at all. If the medicine you are taking is a counterfeit antibiotic or antimalarial resistance may develop and the disease may spread to affect more people. In extreme cases counterfeit medicines kill. Buying counterfeit medicines is a waste of money.

BE AWARE.....HOW CAN YOU AVOID COUNTERFEIT MEDICINES?

- Buy/Get your medicines from licensed pharmacies, medicines outlets, health centres and clinics.

Get your medicines  
from authorized sources