

Evaluation of Non-Medical Goods Logistics Management at El Syifa Kuningan General Hospital

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Abstrak

In an organization that requires a lot of work, like a hospital, non-medical logistical management is essential. Hospital services in different sections run smoothly because to logistics management. Frequent stock shortages in storage warehouses are one example of how many hospitals fall short of logistics management standards, which eventually results in hospital losses and no additional implementation evaluation. According to the study's findings, the El Syifa Kuningan public hospital's logistics management implementation is still lacking. Starting with subpar planning, budgeting, procurement that takes too long due to lengthy procedures, storage, distribution, deletion, and monitoring that needs to be reviewed on a regular basis. In order to enhance hospital services, a logistics management evaluation was conducted based on the current issues in order to improve the logistics management procedure for non-medical commodities. Improvements to the logistics management system for non-medical commodities in line with the logistics management cycle are suggested by the research's findings in order to facilitate better implementation.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Hospitals are complex, labor-intensive organizations with a variety of integrated service functions, from medical services to administration and logistics. Within a hospital's operational structure, logistics management plays a crucial role as a key support for optimal healthcare delivery. Hospital logistics extends beyond medical devices and medications to non-medical items such as cleaning supplies, linens, office supplies, and other supporting facilities. These seemingly simple elements significantly impact overall service quality (Bachtiar et al., 2019; Syaiful et al., 2022).

In practice, non-medical logistics management often receives less attention than medical logistics. Hospitals' greater focus on managing medications and medical devices results in the neglect of non-medical logistics, even though shortages in these supplies can hamper service delivery, degrade the hospital's image, and even lead to patient complaints. According to Angesti & Dwimawati (2019), many hospitals experience challenges in the planning and procurement of non-medical logistics, characterized by empty or excess warehouse stock, which in the long term leads to budget inefficiencies and a decline in service quality.

This situation is also reflected in previous studies. Rahmatullah, Mahsyar, & Rahim (2020) found that at Sarolangun Regional Hospital, despite good planning for non-medical logistics procurement, implementation was still suboptimal due to weak coordination

between units. Similarly, a study by Aprilia, Ardiansyah, & Puspita (2023) reported discrepancies between the quantity of goods requested and those received by work units, as well as delays in the distribution process due to an overload of requests that were not handled efficiently. This indicates that non-medical logistics management faces not only technical challenges but also systemic issues involving procedural and managerial weaknesses.

Field observations conducted by the author at El Syifa Regional General Hospital, Kuningan, revealed similar conditions. Several service units complained about inadequate supplies of items such as bed linens, pillows, hygiene kits, and other equipment, which directly impacted patient comfort and the hospital's image. Furthermore, the monthly procurement process often fell behind schedule, and the quantities did not reflect actual demand from work units. The lack of a specific standard operating procedure (SOP) for non-medical logistics management led to inconsistencies in implementation processes within each unit, as well as difficulties in conducting comprehensive internal evaluations and controls. A preliminary survey even revealed that no comprehensive evaluation of the hospital's non-medical logistics system had ever been conducted.

In the context of logistics management theory, the success of a logistics system depends heavily on the performance of all functions within the logistics management cycle, from planning and budgeting to procurement, storage, distribution, maintenance, disposal, and monitoring (Aditama, 2003; Bowersox, 2006). Failure in any one of these functions will directly impact the others, making integration and coordination between components key to creating efficient and responsive logistics management. Research by Liling, Citraningtyas, & Jayanti (2021) even states that the effectiveness of non-medical logistics management directly contributes to employee performance and the overall quality of hospital services.

From the literature review and empirical evidence, it is clear that a comprehensive scientific study evaluating the performance of the non-medical goods logistics management cycle in hospitals is still urgently needed. This is where the scientific novelty of this study lies. While previous research has focused on only one or two aspects of logistics (for example, procurement or distribution), this study systematically examines all components of the non-medical logistics cycle at El Syifa Kuningan Regional Hospital. This study aims not only to identify existing weaknesses but also to offer improvement solutions based on a comprehensive evaluation and logistics cycle management approach, so that the results can be used as strategic recommendations for strengthening the hospital's logistics system.

Thus, the research question to be answered in this study is: How is the implementation of non-medical goods logistics management at El Syifa Kuningan Regional Hospital, seen from the aspects of planning, budgeting, procurement, storage, distribution, maintenance, disposal, and supervision? The purpose of this study is to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of all aspects in the non-medical goods logistics management cycle at El Syifa Kuningan Regional Hospital, as well as to provide recommendations based on field findings to improve and optimize the performance of the non-medical logistics system to be more efficient and responsive to the needs of hospital services.

2. RESEARCH METHODS

This study uses a descriptive qualitative approach to gain a deeper understanding of the implementation of non-medical goods logistics management at El Syifa General Hospital, Kuningan. A qualitative approach was chosen because it is suitable for exploring the processes, mechanisms, and challenges faced in logistics management that have not been systematically documented. This study focused on gathering information through direct observation, in-depth interviews, and document review.

Location and Time of Research

This research was conducted at El Syifa General Hospital, Kuningan, from February to April 2025. This hospital was chosen as the research location because initial observations indicated a discrepancy between non-medical logistics management procedures and field practices, and a comprehensive evaluation of its logistics system had never been conducted.

Participants

Participants in this study were selected using purposive sampling, identifying informants based on their direct involvement in non-medical logistics management. Key informants included:

- a. Head of General Affairs
- b. Non-medical logistics unit staff
- c. Head of maintenance installation
- d. Related units directly related to the use of non-medical logistics

Data Collection Techniques

Data collection was carried out using three main techniques, namely:

1. In-depth interviews with relevant informants to gain an understanding of the processes, constraints, and perceptions of the current logistics system.
2. Participatory observation was conducted to directly record logistics management processes such as procurement, distribution, storage, and disposal of non-medical goods.
3. Document reviews, such as SOPs, requisition reports, purchase orders, stock books, and write-off forms, are used to verify compliance between implementation and administrative procedures.

Data Analysis Techniques

Data were analyzed using the interactive model of Miles and Huberman which includes three stages:

1. Data reduction: filtering information that is relevant to the research focus.
2. Data presentation: arranged in narrative form, matrices, and thematic tables.
3. Drawing conclusions: drawing findings from patterns, comparisons between informants, and process consistency.

Data validity is maintained through triangulation of sources and methods, namely comparing data from interviews, observations, and supporting documents. Validation is carried out by **member check**, namely confirming the results of data interpretation to informants to ensure accuracy.

Research Flow

The following figure presents the systematic flow of the implementation of this research:

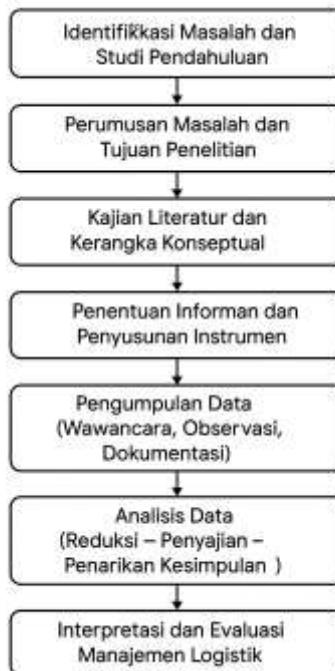


Figure 1. Research Flow of Evaluation of Non-Medical Goods Logistics Management

3. RESEARCH RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This study was conducted to evaluate the logistics management of non-medical goods at El Syifa Kuningan Regional Hospital by reviewing all stages of the logistics cycle: planning, budgeting, procurement, storage, distribution, maintenance, disposal, and supervision. Data collected through interviews, observations, and document reviews revealed various obstacles at each stage that impact the effectiveness of non-medical logistics management.

3.1. Planning

The research results show that logistics planning for non-medical goods has not been carried out in a structured and systematic manner. Requests for goods from each unit are not based on actual data on previous usage but are instead estimates (rough estimates) without proper projection methods. This leads to a mismatch between requested goods and actual needs. Consequently, there is excess stock of some goods and shortages of others.

Scientifically, the weaknesses in this planning stage indicate the absence of a logistics forecasting system based on historical data. As explained by Bowersox (2006), effective logistics planning must be based on periodic analysis of demand and inventory turnover. Irregular planning will disrupt operational efficiency and increase the risk of budget overruns.

3.2. Budgeting

The budgeting process remains centralized and does not take into account the fluctuations in actual needs of service units. The finance department determines allocations without involving logistics staff or relevant technical units, resulting in frequent discrepancies between available budgets and field needs. This indicates an information gap between needs planning and budget preparation.

This phenomenon aligns with Ardianti's (2014) findings, which state that budgeting that does not involve operational stakeholders tends to result in inaccurate targets and inefficient budget realization. In the context of logistics management theory, budgeting should be a coordinating instrument, not merely an administrative one.

3.3. Procurement

The procurement process is a critical step in the logistics system at El Syifa Kuningan Regional Hospital. Procurement through third parties (vendors) is time-consuming due to the complex administrative process, from document preparation and vendor evaluation to fund disbursement. This delay results in delayed supplies to service units.

Scientifically, slow procurement reflects low efficiency in the supply chain management system. According to Handoko (2013), effective procurement requires procedures that are simple, flexible, and responsive to sudden requests. This finding is further supported by Aprilia et al. (2023), who stated that an excessively lengthy procurement process can hamper the smooth operation of hospital services, particularly in units requiring non-medical support equipment on a daily basis.

3.4. Storage

The storage of non-medical items at El Syifa Regional Hospital, Kuningan, does not adhere to good warehouse management principles. There is no integrated inventory information system, record keeping is still done manually, and many items are not clearly labeled. Furthermore, the warehouse layout does not adhere to the FIFO (First In, First Out) principle, resulting in older items often being left unused.

These findings indicate weaknesses in inventory control. According to Syaiful et al. (2022), a poor storage system increases the likelihood of damaged, expired, or unmonitored items. In the context of modern logistics systems, hospitals should implement information technology-based warehouse management systems for greater efficiency and accountability.

3.5. Distribution

Distribution of goods to service units is done manually based on urgent requests. There is no fixed schedule or distribution rotation system to regulate the planned delivery cycle. This makes the distribution process reactive, rather than proactive. Furthermore, there is no formal documentation of the transfer of goods between units.

Unsystematic distribution results in a lack of control over the flow of goods and can potentially lead to loss or improper use. This is consistent with research by Rahmatullah et al. (2020), which states that distribution without a control system disrupts a hospital's internal supply chain and creates a dependency on emergency solutions.

3.6. Maintenance and Deletion

Non-medical items such as linens and damaged work equipment are not immediately disposed of or maintained. The disposal process still requires large-scale applications for administrative efficiency. Meanwhile, damaged items remain in the unit, piling up, potentially confusing staff regarding their use.

This practice is inconsistent with the principles of logistics lifecycle management, which states that every item has a lifespan that must be monitored. Failure to maintain or dispose of items in a timely manner can impact space efficiency, operational costs, and even service quality. Research by Bachtiar et al. (2019) shows that hospitals with clear disposal procedures tend to have more accountable and sustainable logistics systems.

3.7. Supervision

Oversight of non-medical logistics implementation is unstructured. No dedicated team is assigned to conduct regular audits of the logistics cycle. Evaluations are only conducted when deficiencies are identified or complaints are received from service

units. This results in various procedural errors going undetected early and becoming recurring problems.

From a managerial perspective, this reflects a malfunctioning quality control system within the logistics cycle. According to Aditama (2003), supervision must be an integral part of every logistics stage to ensure processes meet standards and ensure continuous improvement.

4. CONCLUSION

This study shows that non-medical goods logistics management at El Syifa Kuningan Regional Hospital has not been optimally implemented and integrated into every stage of the logistics cycle. An evaluation of the eight main stages of planning, budgeting, procurement, storage, distribution, maintenance, disposal, and supervision revealed that each still faces various structural and procedural weaknesses.

Scientifically, it was found that the lack of integrated logistics systems and the absence of standard operating procedures (SOPs) were the root of the problems in non-medical logistics management at this hospital. Planning was carried out without a real-time database, budgeting did not directly involve technical units, procurement was slow due to bureaucratic processes, and storage did not follow efficient inventory management principles. Distribution was reactive without a documentation system, while maintenance and disposal of goods were not systematically scheduled. Furthermore, internal oversight of the entire logistics process was not implemented as part of the quality control system.

Thus, the findings of this study emphasize the importance of reformulating the non-medical goods logistics management system at El Syifa Kuningan Regional Hospital to make it more responsive, efficient, and data-driven. This comprehensive evaluation of the logistics cycle not only addresses the research objectives but also provides a scientific basis for designing sustainable and adaptive logistics policies to meet the operational needs of modern hospitals.

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