

2. Medico-Military Logistics in the Fight Against COVID-19: the Experience from Medical Services of CPLA

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Abstract

The outbreak of COVID-19 posed challenges to countries around the world. Governments, health systems, hospitals, public health facilities, and militaries took immediate actions to adapt to the sudden change. In China, military medical services contributed a lot to take the pandemic under control. Responding to the call of the central government, the military as a well-trained powerful force of countries, performed a lot of key tasks while dealing with such public health emergency issues. Medical logistics are important in pandemic response. In terms of administration, the military planned accordingly to dispatch medical personnel and supplies to the epicenter, gathered valuable first-hand data to support disease investigation, executed a strict control process to protect soldiers and frontline workers. In terms of logistics, when travel restrictions were implemented, the Air Force used its transport airlift to carry medics and supplies to Wuhan. At the same time, the military took over the job of delivering daily necessities to local supermarkets. When frontline medics fighting to save more lives, the military logistics team set up medical facilities and platform needed for virus and pathological researches. Cooperation between civilian and military, among nations and among militaries showed values throughout this global health crisis. At last part, some suggestions are discussed for improving the capabilities of medical logistics in response pandemic. Especially, it is important for countries fight shoulder by shoulder to combat pandemic and to build a Global Community of Health for All together.