

# Innovation Fund Parallel Sessions

🕒 Thursday, October 8, 2015 | 15:30-17:00

Two sessions of 40 minutes each (20-25 minutes of presentation followed by 15-20 minutes of question and answer)

📍 Break Out Rooms

## ROOM: SKAGERAK

### RH Commodities Count

- › Case study of the decision of the MOH to recentralize contraceptive procurement in Mexico
- › Estimation of contraceptive use and needs in small geographic areas from existing data sources
- › Ensuring that Reproductive Health Commodities Count for Counties

15:30 - 16:10

Our interventions are expected to enable Supply Chain managers to improve Supply Chain Management at the county level, enabling counties to adequately budget for required RH commodities thus leading to less stock outs, and giving more women access to critical RH commodities. We will demonstrate achievement of these objectives through measuring the capacity gains among county SC managers and working with counties to monitor RH supply chain indicators.

#### Presenters:

Anabella Sanchez (moderator)  
Ricardo Vernon, INSAD  
Dr. Rufino Luna, MOH of Mexico  
Josephine Mbiyu-Kinyua, IntraHealth International, Kenya

### Innovative financing in RH Supplies: Revolving Funds, Crowdfunding, Impact Investing, and more

16:20 - 17:00

Looking forward to shifting aid patterns, an increased focus on domestic resource allocations, and a push for increased private sector engagement, F4D will discuss previous innovative financing case studies from PGH and Kangu, current case studies through the Acceleration Fund (AF) and the Impact Investing workstream, and future applications of new and existing financing modalities as the SDGs and the market mature.

#### Presenters:

Aron Betru, Financing for Development  
Alice Miller, Financing for Development

## ROOM: SCANDINAVIA BALLROOM

### HR for Supply Chain Management

- › Ensuring Access to Reproductive Health Commodities in Post Ebola Countries: Lessons from Liberia on rebuilding sustainable supply chain capacity post-Ebola
- › Scaling up COPE© for Contraceptive Security in Malawi: A New Methodology and Tool for Reducing Stock-outs at the Last Mile
- › The use of e-learning to equip future health managers with SCM knowledge for a better management of RH commodities

15:30 - 16:10

The People that Deliver Initiative envisions a world where national supply chain workforces are planned, financed, developed and supported in a way that ensures equitable and sustainable access to the medicines and other commodities needed for optimal health outcomes. In this session we will look at specific country examples that address last mile contraceptive security in Malawi, competency development in Mozambique and post Ebola health supply chain education planning in Liberia.

#### Presenters:

Andrew Brown, People that Deliver (moderator)  
Dr. Lloyd Matowe, Pharmaceutical Systems Africa  
Siti Kachingwe, Engenderhealth  
Griet Samyn, I+solutions

### The human factor in supply chain management

- › Improving human resources in health logistics: Burkina Faso experience
- › Enhancing motivation of family planning service providers in Mozambique

16:20 - 17:00

A crucial but seldom considered building block in optimizing health care logistics and family planning services is the human factor: the degree to which staff are motivated and feel responsible for delivering high quality services and meeting customer's needs and expectations. This session presents the experiences of two RHSC funded projects that address the human factor in supply chain management.

#### Presenters:

Dirk Van Braeckel, ICRH/Ghent University (moderator)  
Jessica Nardone, Bioforce Institute  
Anna Galle, ICRH/Ghent University

**ROOM: EIDSVOLL**

**Crossing Over the Thin Blue Line: Increasing Access to Pregnancy Tests**

15:30 - 16:10

Non-menstruating women who come for family planning services are routinely denied same-day provision of contraceptive methods because of a concern among providers that these women may be pregnant. The Pregnancy Checklist offers a partial solution to this problem, but research has demonstrated that provision of simple, low-cost pregnancy tests through family planning clinics can also help reduce this medical barrier. Despite these findings, pregnancy tests are not routinely offered through the public sector in many developing countries, and pregnancy tests in the private sector are routinely sold to women at a 2000% mark-up or more. In order to better understand the current availability, affordability and quality of pregnancy tests in family planning programs, FHI 360 and Marie Stopes International are conducting a landscaping exercise in Kenya, Mali and Malawi with funding from the RHSC's Innovation Fund; preliminary results from the project will be presented. In addition, the panel will include a discussion about how the framework from USAID's Market Shaping Primer could be applied in identifying market shortcomings, analyzing root causes, and exploring possible market shaping interventions related to pregnancy tests.

**Presenters:**

Kate H. Rademacher, FHI 360

Amy Lin, Center for Accelerating Innovation and Impact, USAID

**Expanding access to the levonorgestrel intrauterine system (LNG-IUS)**

16:20 - 17:00

The levonorgestrel intrauterine system (LNG-IUS) is one of the most effective forms of reversible contraception and is increasingly popular worldwide. However, the LNG-IUS is often inaccessible in low-resource settings due to financial barriers. This panel will explore emerging opportunities to expand access to this highly effective, long-acting, reversible method. The panel will highlight findings from an RHSC Innovation Fund grant led by FHI 360, Marie Stopes International and Medicines360 to support the development of an introduction strategy in Kenya for Medicine360's new LNG-IUS. The panel will also include a presentation about the ICA Foundation, a public-private partnership between the Population Council and Finland-based Bayer OY, which provides LNG-IUS commodities and training materials to projects in low- and middle-income countries. The panel will also include a presentation regarding the engagement of the global reproductive health community in a multi-pronged approach to support the introduction of the LNG-IUS globally.

**Presenters:**

Kate H. Rademacher, FHI 360

John W Townsend, Population Council

Sally Stephens, Medicines360

**ROOM: BERGEN**

**Reproductive Health Products in an Ecommerce Era**

15:30 - 16:10

As online and mobile users expand globally, customers have new channels for accessing products, services, and information with unprecedented convenience, speed, and privacy. The Institute for Reproductive Health (IRH), Georgetown University, a research organization, and Pregna, a leading contraceptive solutions organization, will discuss how access to ecommerce could change the landscape of reproductive health supplies, with a focus on new and underused technologies and underserved markets.

**Presenters:**

Mukul Taparia, Pregna International Ltd.

Victoria Jennings, The Institute for Reproductive Health, Georgetown University

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**Affordability of Emergency Contraceptive Pills**

16:20 - 17:00

This panel explores availability and price of ECPs in the private commercial sector, with the first presentation focusing on an in-depth retail survey in Angola and the second a global survey of the price of EC in the commercial sector in 72 countries.

**Presenters:**

Denise L Harrison, USAID

Elizabeth Westley, ICEC

## ROOM: CHRISTIANIA

### Post-2015 Financing for RH Supplies

15:30 - 16:10

Commitments for financing agreed by Heads of State in 2015 will guide development financing for the foreseeable future. This session identifies the major trends, threats and opportunities and suggests ways to increase support for RH supplies.

**Presenter:**

Karen Hoehn, International Development and Management Consultant

### Research related to Universal Health Coverage

1. The Effects of Universal Health Coverage on Access to Reproductive Health Supplies: A Systematic Review of the Evidence
2. What is the recent experience of programs that distribute contraceptives free of charge versus for a price? A review of the literature

16:20 - 17:00

1. The presentation will present the methodology and preliminary findings of a systematic review to identify lessons in ensuring the availability of reproductive health (RH) supplies in universal health coverage (UHC) strategies and ensuring that RH supplies are considered in the planning and implementation of UHC reforms in developing countries.

2. The presentation was inspired by Tulane's work in the DRC with government and NGO partners, where the issue of "gratuité" (free distribution of contraceptive products) versus payment for products is an ongoing debate. In situations of extreme poverty, should programs still charge clients "at least something" or are programmatic objectives better served by the free distribution of contraceptives?

**Presenters:**

Fabio Castaño, Management Sciences for Health

Jane Bertrand, Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine