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Partnerships waiting to happen, says new study

A new [Innovation Fund](#)-supported study by [Financing 4 Development](#) (F4D) has concluded that social impact investors—individuals or institutions seeking social as well as financial returns—are ready and willing to invest in generic manufacturers based in emerging markets. Likewise, the generics, especially those that stand to gain from capital injections, are eager for those investors to come their way. Unfortunately, each side's occasional overtures towards the other often end up lost in translation. Drawing on desk reviews, an online survey and interviews, F4D's analysis concludes that manufacturers must learn to position themselves better to catch the right type of investor and capital. At the same time, it calls on investors to understand better the sometimes unexpected realities facing generic manufacturers. More information on the study is available [here](#) or by contacting Alice Miller at amiller@financing4development.org. A recording of her webinar on impacting investing can be heard [here](#).

It sometimes takes a Summit to shake things up: eyeing Latin America

LAC Forum members are eyeing discussions this month that may lay the groundwork for a new Family Planning Summit – not in London, but Latin America. Concerned by widespread ignorance over the huge wealth – and health-disparities that prevail across the region, ProFamilia Colombia used a small grant from the Forum’s LAC Fund to assess the feasibility of creating a big splash – including a repeat of the high profile summit that took place in London in 2012, replete with country commitments and a strong visible donor presence. And who better to get on board than the successors of the London Summit, FP2020. Next month, representatives of the ForoLAC will meet with the FP2020 Secretariat (whose 69 priority countries include five from the region) to explore the possibility of moving forward together. Watch this space.

November: a good month for expanding Choice

This month saw a host of new announcements by Coalition members that promise to expand contraceptive choice for millions of women worldwide:

- The Population Council has signed an exclusive global licensing agreement with WomanCare for its investigational NES/EE contraceptive vaginal ring. This move represents a critical step in making available to women, a user-controlled, long-acting (one-year) method of pregnancy prevention. Full announcement [here](#).
- Merck announced its intention to extend through 2023 its access pricing for IMPLANON NXT® in the 70 poorest eligible countries announced at the 2012 London Family Planning Summit. The company embarked on its access pricing [in partnership](#) with the Coalition in 2011 and since 2013, the number of IMPLANON® and IMPLANON NXT® implants provided in targeted countries has doubled. Merck’s full announcement can be read [here](#).

CSOs benefit from Bali’s silver lining

Despite the unfortunate, but understandable postponement of this month’s International Conference on Family Planning, the delay did yield at least one immediate and positive outcome. It allowed RH representatives, who would otherwise have been in Bali, to join the first of a series of critical meetings in Nairobi on CSO engagement in the GFF process. Indeed, there was initial concern that the Nairobi meetings would have no RH representation at all. But thanks to contingency plans by the GFF Advisory Group and simply more feet on the ground, our community found itself well represented by partners from FP2020, IPPF, and AFP. However, events in Nairobi are raising concerns within

the Advisory Group as to how effectively CSO engagement in the GFF can be meaningfully institutionalized at country level. The debate has just begun. For more information, contact [Emilie Peeters](#), Commitments Officer at the Coalition Secretariat.

Blog post: Making next-generation supply chains a reality

Meeting the targets for the third Sustainable Development Goal (SDG3) will be “no easy task”, according to Ellen T. Tompsett of the Coalition Secretariat and PATH’s Kaitlin Christenson. SDG 3 includes drastically reducing global maternal mortality, neonatal mortality, and under-five mortality. In a guest [blog](#) hosted by the Global Health Council, they write that next-generation supply chains—those that are professionally managed and designed for optimal efficiency, that deploy and maintain quality equipment, and that use data to drive improvement—can accelerate delivery of medicines and health supplies and bring us closer to achieving the ambitious maternal and child health goals set by the SDGs.

Doctorstore crosses psychological threshold of 10,000 CYPs/month

As we go to press, Pregna has released figures showing that its e-commerce portal, [Doctorstore](#), generated more than 12,000 CYPs (couple years of protection) in November alone; yielding more than 43,000 CYPs, since its launch eight months ago. Financed through the Coalition’s Innovation Fund, Doctorstore is a pioneering online portal that enables more than 1,000 doctors from across Maharashtra, India, to order contraceptives directly from suppliers.

Bon voyage, and thank you to Trisha Long

The Systems Strengthening Working Group bids a grateful farewell to Trisha Long who has announced her departure from the USAID|DELIVER PROJECT. An active member of the [CARhs](#) and [Coordinated Supply Planning](#) workstreams, Trisha played a critical role in getting the world’s key FP procurers to think and act as one. For eight years, Trisha served on the CARhs where she devoted extraordinary energy to its mission by launching the [PPMR](#) which now includes data from over 30 countries, and by inspiring its strategic planning effort. She also provided the analytical expertise and institutional knowledge critical to launching the Coordinated Supply Planning group. The CARhs, CSP—and indeed Coalition as a whole—are grateful for Trisha’s leadership and hard work. The USAID|DELIVER PROJECT will continue to be represented on the CARhs by Jane Feinberg.

Seven members join the Coalition, bringing total membership to 360

- Ghana-based NGO, [Alliance for Reproductive Health Rights](#) brings together over 40 organizations to advocate for better sexual and reproductive health among the poor, young and disadvantaged.
- GummiWerks LLC is an innovation company based in the USA, Europe and Thailand. It designs, manufactures, and distributes new, user-friendly female condoms.
- [Churches Health Association of Zambia](#) is an alliance of more than 150 members including hospitals health centres and community-based organizations focused on fighting HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis.
- Peru-based [Asociación Igualdad y Desarrollo](#) promotes and defends sexual and reproductive rights through advocacy, training and programming.
- [Mikken Medical Supplies, LLC](#) is a USA-based manufacturing company producing different skin-toned latex condoms.
- [Action Works Nepal](#) is an NGO focused on empowering women and girls in rural Nepal.
- [Fundacion CEMOPLAF](#) is an Ecuadorian NGO that operates 22 medical centres providing clinical services as well as training, adolescent-friendly information and community mobilization.

In the calendar

1-3 Dec 2015	Global Female Condom Conference, Durban , South Africa
9-11 Dec 2015	4th Annual Ouagadougou Partnership Meeting, Cotonou, Bénin
25-28 Jan 2016	International Conference on Family Planning , Nusa Dua, Indonesia
23-26 Feb 2016	8th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights , Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
14-24 Mar 2016	60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women , New York, United States
11-15 Apr 2016	49th Session of the Commission on Population and Development , UN, New York
16-19 May 2016	4th Women Deliver Global Conference , Copenhagen, Denmark
23-28 May 2016	69th World Health Assembly , Geneva, Switzerland

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FP2020 report adopts Take Stock indicator

This year for the first time, [FP2020's](#) 2014-2015 Progress Report, "[Commitment to Action](#)," included the Universal Stockout and Range of Methods Primary Indicator among its core set of 17 performance metrics. The Universal Indicator draws on contraceptive stockout data from 14 countries. Significantly, for the first time, the community will have comparable public stockout data from 14 countries. Take Stock calls on all countries, donors and public health organizations to adopt the [Universal Stockout Indicator](#) to align stockout data and make stockouts a thing of the past.

Take Stock website now has Translate function

The Take Stock website www.noemptyshelves.org now has a built-in Google Translate function, making the message on stockouts accessible to more language groups and communities around the world.

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