

TOP STORY



Medicines360 CEO on increasing healthcare choices

She has taken Silicon Valley startups, patents and inventions in her stride, but increasing SRH choices to poor women is what Dr Jessica Grossman gets really excited about. [Read](#) what the CEO of Medicines360 has to say about an innovative marketing model poised to introduce a hormonal intra-uterine system into Kenya and beyond.

[Read more](#)

IN THE NEWS

Coalition-funded research published in Guttmacher journal

Women facing stockout situations in Uganda experience stress, domestic conflict, and unwanted or unplanned pregnancies, a qualitative study by [Ibis Reproductive Health](#) has found. Providers also suffer emotional distress, blame from clients, and deterioration of skills. The full findings of the [study](#) have been published in the Guttmacher Institute's journal International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health. [Read more.](#)

Face to Face CSP meeting + new fact sheet

In a timely update, the latest version of the Coordinated Supply Planning group's [fact sheet](#) sums up some remarkable achievements in 2016, helping meet the needs of 14 countries by mobilizing resources for procurement of an additional 900,000 implants, and by securing an additional US \$11.1 million for family planning products by flagging known funding gaps to FP2020 and other stakeholders. The CSP group discussed how to tackle the challenges for the year ahead at a recent in-person meeting focusing conversation on how the group can streamline its processes to be able to achieve similarly impressive results for additional family planning methods beyond implants and injectables in the future.

Professor addresses young people's SRH needs in webinar

Young people are not generally excluded from clinical trials of existing contraceptive products, webinar participants heard recently. But crucially, neither do their unique needs inform the development of new contraceptives, said the University of Chicago's Professor Melissa Gilliam in a recent webinar [Safety for Contraceptives for Young People](#). Read more [here](#).

New resource helps quantify need for 13 UNCoLSC commodities

The Maternal Health Caucus recently hosted a webinar launch of a new resource to help forecast the need for 13 underused reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health

commodities. The UN Commission on Life-Saving Commodities (UNCoLSC) Supply Chain Technical Resource Team has developed a [Quantification Supplement](#) offering practical tips and strategies for estimating the quantities of supplies needed by health programs at the country level. Read more [here](#).

Coalition technical officer advocates women-centred markets

To ensure a healthy market where a woman can choose the contraceptive method that works best for her, we first must understand what she wants and needs, writes the Coalition's technical officer Julia White, advocating [human-centered design](#). This means approaching the market from the perspective of the consumer, not just the product, she maintains. You can read the post [She's at the Center of it All](#) on the K4Health blog.

NEW MEMBERS

Coalition membership reaches 407 with one new member

[InPress Technologies](#) is a US-based medical device company aiming to reduce the impact of postpartum haemorrhage globally.

IN THE CALENDAR

[20th PMNCH Board Meeting](#)

18-19 May

Ottawa, Canada

[2017 Conference on Health & Humanitarian Logistics](#)

7-9 June

Copenhagen, Denmark

[2nd Health & Humanitarian Supply Chain Summit](#)

7 July

Nairobi, Kenya

Joint WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA meeting with pharmaceutical, condom, IUD, vaccine and diagnostics manufacturers and suppliers

18-21 September
Copenhagen, Denmark

[EuroNGO's Annual General Meeting and Conference](#)

26-28 September
Brussels, Belgium

[XXII FIGO World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics](#)

14-19 October
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition 18th General Membership Meeting

23-27 October
Dakar, Senegal

[3rd Biennial Scientific Conference: Sustaining the Momentum for Regulatory Harmonization in Africa](#)

27-29 November
Abidjan, Ivory Coast

[9th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights](#)

27-30 November
Hanoi, Vietnam

[5th International Conference on Family Planning](#)

12-15 November 2018
Kigali, Rwanda



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