

TOP STORY



Save-the-Date for next RHSC membership meeting

The RHSC's 19th General Membership Meeting is scheduled to take place in Kathmandu, Nepal, 25-28 March 2019. The meeting's venue will be the [Yak & Yeti Hotel](#). Please mark your calendars; the meeting theme and registration link will be made available shortly.

IN THE NEWS

New CGA2018 resources offer changemakers tailored insights

The Coalition has released two new resources that offer direct access to the data underlying the high-level figures in the Global Commodity Gap Analysis 2018. The [Gap Snapshots](#) and [Gap Dashboard](#) make it possible to pull relevant data from individual countries or bespoke groups of countries, to help formulate evidence-based messages and recommendations. In addition, [the latest webinar](#) in the Mind the Gap series discusses how advocates can use CGA2018 to address a wide range of commodity financing issues. The full report, snapshots, dashboard, and webinars can be found on the [CGA portal](#).

Doctorstore on its way to becoming “FP gateway”

Last October, just three years after [Doctorstore](#) was set up with Innovation Fund support, the e-commerce portal joined one of India’s largest FP social marketing organizations, DKT India. The move heralds an increase in choice, cost-efficiency, access, and equity. The scale-up is supported by a small grant from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

Back in 2014, Pregna International Ltd launched Doctorstore with a small selection of RH products. Today, that section has jumped to 81. “Our ambition is to transform Doctorstore into a gateway for all things family planning,” says Todd Callahan, Executive Director of DKT India. “We want to position the site as a one-stop-solution for OB-GYNs.” [Read more](#).

Halima Lila on taboo, tax and traditions in Tanzania

In our latest addition to the series “Who’s Holding Up Our Pillars?”, Halima Lima praises the Tanzanian government’s recent decision to remove value-added tax from sanitary pads. But it is just the beginning of the conversation, she says, reminding us that pricing, hygiene, sanitation, and gender inequities all need to change in Tanzania. Read her short interview [online](#).

ForoLAC delivers information on eclampsia into Spanish

Five new infographics prepared by USAID and the Population Council are now available in Spanish, thanks to support from the LAC Forum. The resources outline demographics, health risk factors, barriers to access, prenatal care, and other information specifically related to pre-eclampsia and eclampsia. Country-specific material is now available on [Honduras](#), [Guatemala](#), [Nicaragua](#), [Mexico](#), and [Belize](#).

Webinar showcases Zika's relationship with SRH

In the aftermath of the Zika crisis, RSHC partner Profamilia Colombia conducted in-depth interviews with implementers of the country's Zika Response Plan, as well as with pregnant women diagnosed with the virus. The research results led to four policy recommendations around coordination, alignment, financing and attitude change. A Coalition-hosted [webinar](#) presents the findings in Spanish.

IN THE CALENDAR

[Medicine Quality & Public Health Conference 2018](#)

23-28 September

Oxford, UK

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

24 September

Copenhagen, Denmark

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

14-19 October

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

[16th International Dialogue on Population and Sustainable Development](#)

23-24 October

Berlin, Germany

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

12-15 November

Kigali, Rwanda

[PMNCH Partner Forum](#)

5-6 December
New Delhi, India

[Women Deliver 2019 Conference](#)

3-6 June 2019
Vancouver, Canada



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