

TOP STORY



The Global FP VAN goes live with new public-access dashboards

The long wait is over—the Global FP VAN (the VAN) platform is live! Authorized supply chain players can now link procurement orders and shipments, inventory, and supply plans. These users can access and analyze current data from 95+ countries and historical data from 32, allowing them to make joint supply chain decisions. They can also track the progress of those decisions from country requests all the way through to product delivery.

While direct access to the VAN platform is available only to authorized users, public viewers can access [RH Viz](#)—a set of public-access dashboards that integrate historical procurement data from the [RHInterchange](#) with live procurer shipment data from the VAN. RH Viz can help viewers tailor the data by selecting the countries, funders, contraceptive methods, and timeframe. Data can be used for trend analysis, as well as country and funder

comparisons.

By linking RH Viz with the VAN, data can be visualized in new ways and will always remain fresh. Get first-hand experience of how RH Viz works at our upcoming membership meeting in Kathmandu—in plenary and at the Innovation Exposition. Questions? Write to Global FP VAN Director Julia White at jwhite@rhsupplies.org.

IN THE NEWS

Check out Kathmandu agenda and Facebook event

How do we cope with the increasing decentralization of RH funding? Who will address urgent contraceptive needs in humanitarian settings? Do menstrual product standards really matter? How do we navigate the road to 2030? Our just-released draft agenda for the General Membership Meeting in March is now [available online](#). Those planning to attend the meeting in Kathmandu can also connect with one another in the lead-up to the event on our [Facebook event page](#) at www.bit.ly/RHSC2019FB.

Envisioning a new RH supplies ecosystem for next decade

2020 will usher in a new decade of rapidly-changing funding realities for reproductive health. Many landmark donor initiatives are winding down while others will face rebidding. The non-governmental sector and millions of women who pay out of pocket further complicate the lie of the land. How can continuing donor support be operationalized without a clear understanding of the ecosystem as it stands?

Responding to a directive from a high-level gathering of family planning experts in July last year, the Coalition has embarked on an ambitious new initiative which will provide answers to key questions such as: What are the critical supply issues facing us in the decade to come? Who's doing what? What's acceptable, and what isn't? Where to from here?

Results will be shared at the General Membership Meeting in Kathmandu in March, where the community will take an active part in shaping the strategy using innovative digital feedback methods. For more information, please contact Director John Skibiak at jskibiak@rhsupplies.org.

Experts advise on oxytocin integration into vaccine cold chains

A wide range of professionals from health services, pharmacies, nursing units and immunization services have given detailed feedback on the potential integration of oxytocin into the vaccine cold chain in Kenya, Malawi and Uganda. In next steps, Management Sciences for Health will decide which of the three countries will receive further support, and design an integration strategy in this Innovation Fund-supported project. For more information please contact Jane Briggs at jbriggs@msh.org.

Work underway to expand private sector engagement in Malawi

A landscape assessment is currently underway to encourage commercial distributors to reach Malawi's rural, remote and underserved communities. With Innovation Fund support, the William Davidson Institute has assessed private sector distribution for short- and long-acting contraceptives, and are exploring how to increase the commercial sector's involvement. Findings will be shared at the General Membership Meeting in Kathmandu. For more information, please contact Andrea Bare at abare@umich.edu.

Coalition welcomes new Advocacy & European Network Officer

Charlotte Soulary has joined the Coalition Secretariat team as our Advocacy & European Network Officer. Charlotte brings with her global health advocacy and gender equity experience from advising parliamentarians in the French National Assembly, and advocating for girls' SRHR in West Africa. Charlotte holds a Master's degree in International Cooperation and Development from the Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po) in Bordeaux, France. She will be working at the Coalition headquarters in Brussels and can be reached at csoulary@rhsupplies.org.

Innovation Fund project information available online

The Innovation Fund, the RHSC's flagship initiative for inspiring and supporting new ideas, has, to date, awarded more than \$6M in 67 small grants, over 17 funding rounds,

leveraging more than \$20M since the fund's inception in 2008. Details of the latest funding round have now been added to our website and project information on every grantee is [available online](#), dating back to 2009. For Fund-related information, please contact Alex McDevitt at amcdevitt@rhsupplies.org or take a look at the [Innovation Fund factsheet](#).

NEW MEMBERS

[inSupply Health](#), an affiliate of JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. (JSI), is a firm in Nairobi, Kenya, providing customized guidance on supply chain management and design.

In Port Harcourt, Nigeria, non-profit organization [Knit Together Initiative](#) works with partners to expand young women and adolescents' access to sexual and reproductive healthcare.

15,000 members of the [Rotarian Action Group for Population and Development](#) based in Lawrenceville, Georgia, United States, work to educate and motivate Rotarians in population and development issues.

[The Partnership for Supply Chain Management](#) in Arlington, United States, is a technical support agency specializing in forecasting, procurement, multi freight forwarder logistics, pharma-compliant storage and end-to-end supply chain tracking solutions.

[Databoom](#) is a research and communications agency in Washington, DC, United States

IN THE CALENDAR

Advocacy and Accountability Working Group Meeting

20 February

Maternal Health Supplies Caucus Meeting

26 February

Teleconference

[ForoLAC webinar: La calidad es crucial, pero ¿cómo comprarla?](#)

27 February

[19th General Membership Meeting of the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition](#)

25-28 March

Kathmandu, Nepal

[Women Deliver 2019 Conference](#)

3-6 June

Vancouver, Canada



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