

## TOP STORY

### **New CGA2019 to address five critical themes for the next decade**

The world's 34 poorest countries today consume nearly 60 percent donor spending on FP supplies. But that support is declining and will likely continue to decline in the decade to come. The Contraceptive Commodity Gap Analysis 2019 (CGA2019), scheduled for release next month, assesses the implications of this decline from the perspective of method choice, funding diversification, and country investment. For the first time, a new interactive format will allow the reader to explore how the picture varies across countries and regions and assess their consequences for decision-making.

In the run-up to next month's launch, we will be introducing five key themes to emerge from CGA2019: (1) prospects for increased financial support from country governments; (2) the distinct roles of the public and private sectors; (3) the impact of subsidized supplies on the total market; (4) the relationship between the distribution of users and consumption costs, and (5) the possibility of significant, yet uneven growth in the coming decade. For more information, contact Coalition Director John Skibiak at [jskibiak@rhsupplies.org](mailto:jskibiak@rhsupplies.org).

## IN THE NEWS

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### Community welcomes ECHO results

A large clinical research study—the Evidence for Contraceptive Options and HIV Outcomes (ECHO)—has found no significant difference in risk of HIV infection among women using one of three reversible contraceptive methods. Published [in the Lancet](#), the long-awaited study results were [announced](#) at the recent SA AIDS 2019 [conference](#). “The anticipation of, and preparation for, the results of this groundbreaking study are a testament to the SRHR community’s coordination and cooperation,” said Coalition Director John Skibiak. “This speaks to our community’s shared commitment to safeguard contraceptive access.”



### SECONAF: new Chair and shortlist of FondSeconaf recipients

Nene Fofana Cisse has been elected as SECONAF’s new Chair. Ms. Fofana, who takes the role on from her predecessor Modibo Dicko, is currently Regional Director for West and Central Africa at EngenderHealth. Meanwhile, high-quality applications have been shortlisted for the inaugural round of the Forum’s new small grants program, FondSeconaf; results will be announced very shortly. For any information about SECONAF, please contact Regional Advisor Aminata Lenormand at [alenormand@rhsupplies.org](mailto:alenormand@rhsupplies.org)

### Director’s visit identifies China-Coalition cross-currents

Coalition Director John Skibiak recently held key conversations with partners in Shanghai and Beijing to pin down areas of shared priority and cooperation. Consultations with Chinese pharma partners and government agencies have brought to light exciting possibilities including combi-pack prequalification, country-level registration and marketing, increased menstrual supply access, and onboarding Chinese users into the Global Family Planning Visibility Analytics Network (FPVAN). Whilst the country's family planning landscape has evolved dramatically over the last few years, many concerns Chinese partners face today are echoed in the global community: compromised supply chain visibility and the ongoing strain between price and quality, for example. The potential for the Coalition to share learned lessons, expertise, and valuable resources will inform the coming months of the Coalition's strategic engagement in China.



### **Hu Hongtao: “Good health must be regional”**

In the newest addition to [“Who’s Holding up our Pillars?”](#) profiles, Coalition stalwart Hu Hongtao looks back on a career which began in 1981 and spans four decades of China’s family planning program. A senior advisor at Partners in Population and Development, Mr. Hu is a strong believer in the power of collaboration between developing countries. Read his profile [here](#).

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Some 8,000 participants attended the four-day Women Deliver conference, the world's largest gathering focusing on gender equality. Themed "Power. Progress. Change.", the meeting hosted about 8,000 people, including young leaders, policy makers, non-profits, and private companies gathered to shape the future of gender equality and SRHR. The Coalition put together a focused map of members' supply-related meeting activities. Indeed, the lack of contraceptive access made for an insistent refrain in Vancouver: how can gender equality thrive – or even come about – without equitable access to a wide range of quality contraceptive methods in low-and-middle-income countries? Some supplies-themed presentations and events at the meeting can be found [here](#).

## [Menstrual Hygiene Day 2019](#)

In May, WASH United global campaign released a [video](#) to mark Menstrual Hygiene Day 2019. In the video, voices from around the world answer the question: "How can we create a world in which no-one is limited by their periods?" We've also just uploaded recent plenary presentations on menstrual health to a [new page](#) on the RHSC website where you can sign-up to the Coalition's Menstrual Health Supplies workstream.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

[Biofilia Peru](#) are distributors for both the DivaCup (menstrual hygiene product) and the diaphragm CAVA which is manufactured by Kessel Medintim from Germany.

## **IN THE CALENDAR**

[2019 Health and Humanitarian Logistics Conference](#)

**10-11 July**

Kigali, Rwanda

[1st Ibero-American Summit of Anticoncepció](#)

**31 July - 2 August**

Ciudad de Mexico, Mexico

[4th Biennial Scientific Conference on Medical Products Regulation in Africa](#)

**30 September - 1 October**

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

[Inspire Annual Conference](#)

**01-02 October**

Athens, Greece



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