

## TOP STORY



## Latin American procurers to benefit from better data on cost savings

To increase the effectiveness of national procurement plans, representatives from seven Latin American countries met this month in Buenos Aires to refine, apply and endorse two new business intelligence tools. The first tool, called SEPREMI, allows registered government procurers to identify the best value option when purchasing their basket of contraceptives. The second—MiPlan—makes it possible to estimate countries' cost savings in budget allocations for contraceptive procurement.

Participants of the Buenos Aires meeting or "Encuentro" can now use

SEPREMI and MiPlan to negotiate better procurement terms, estimate the impact of those improvements and, ultimately, advocate for greater public investment in contraceptives and family planning. Participants included seven country delegations as well as representatives of ForoLAC, UNFPA LACRO, UNFPA PSB and SECOMISCA – the Commission of Ministers of Health of Central America. For more information, please contact ForoLAC Regional Advisor Milka Dinev at [mdinev@rhsupplies.org](mailto:mdinev@rhsupplies.org).

## IN THE NEWS

### Ecosystem 2030 findings presented at UNFPA Consultation

The RHSC shared the collective wisdom of nearly 90 experts as Supply Chain Officer Greg Davidson presented highlights of the forthcoming 2030 Ecosystem report at UNFPA's recent Consultation on Ending Unmet Need for Family Planning, held in Antalya, Turkey. He used key findings of the report to cast light on focus areas in the coming decade, inform donor policy, and provide a framework for partners to develop their vision. His [presentation](#) is online. In other sessions, Davidson addressed the crucial role quality data plays in solving supply-related problems and led a discussion around improving a reliable supply of quality contraceptives.



### Coalition packs the room at European Development Days

Referencing two forthcoming Coalition reports, the "2019 Commodity Gap Analysis" and the "Ecosystem for RH Supplies by 2030", a panel of experts offered a peek into the coming decade, when there will be 569 million users of contraception – an increase of more than 82 million in 10 years. Speaking to a packed room at European Development Days (EDD), Europe's largest forum on development, panel participants discussed how to head off the issues threatening the future of sexual and reproductive health: a declining donor resource base, increasing out-of-pocket expenditures, and the potential for increased inequalities. [Read more.](#)

### **New light-touch tool helps estimate supply chain costs**

More efficient supply chains can free up funds for expanded service delivery but identifying what it takes to increase efficiency calls for significant investments in data collection and modeling. Many programs lack the time, resources, or data to pursue an intensive supply chain re-design. Supported by the Innovation Fund, the William Davidson Institute and VillageReach have developed a light-touch, Excel-based modeling tool to help RH program leaders quickly estimate their supply chain costs and evaluate different scenarios for improving supply chain efficiency. Learn more about the Rapid Supply Chain Modeling Tool, explore the types of cases it can address, and watch a live demonstration in a webinar on July 17. [Register here.](#)

### **GFPVAN operationalizes efficiency gains from CARhs/CSP**

This month, Global FP VAN (GFPVAN) technical experts took the first steps in operationalizing the efficiency gains expected to come from the planned merger of the [CSP](#) and [CARhs](#). At a workshop in Copenhagen, representatives of both groups learned how to locate critical shipment and stock status data from the VAN platform and triangulate them more efficiently and effectively. For more information, contact Greg Davidson at [gdavidson@rhsupplies.org](mailto:g davidson@rhsupplies.org).

### **Now online: webinar on how to talk about abortion**

The recording of a recent webinar on [How To Talk About Abortion](#) is now on the Coalition website's repository. The webinar allowed Coalition partners to share a host of abortion-related guidelines and informational tools. The Center for Reproductive Rights'

(CRR) [2019 World Abortion Laws Map](#) reveals that abortion is legally permitted in most countries, at least under certain circumstances. IPPF's [rights-based messaging guide](#) helps shape communications materials on safe abortion. Ipas's [Abortion Attitude Transformation](#) helps program implementers explore their abortion-related attitudes and knowledge, and their [toolkit for understanding and action](#) helps mitigate abortion stigma.

Other additions to the Coalition's webinar hub include:

- [World Vasectomy Day: Vasectomy without borders](#)
- [The Long Road to the Last Mile: a total market approach to family planning](#)
- [Forced Early Sexual Relationships: The situation in Nicaragua](#) (Spanish)
- [Rapid Evaluation of Unmet Need in SRH in Venezuelan population -- Colombia](#) (Spanish)

## NEW MEMBERS

In Nigeria, civil society organization [Women Friendly Initiative](#) believes that "People are the best agents of change" and focuses on health for marginalized groups, covering a wide range of issues spanning sexual and reproductive health maternal, newborn and child health, policy reform and water, sanitation and hygiene, to name but a few.

A technical support agency in the US, [Splash](#) works to increase access to clean water, sanitation, and both hand and menstrual hygiene, currently focusing on schools in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and Kolkata, India.

US-based civil society organization [ThinkWell](#) is implementing a project to leverage strategic health purchasing to improve primary healthcare outcomes with a focus on family planning and maternal, neonatal and child health in six countries.

The [Menstrual Health Hub](#) is a global female health collective and social impact business in Germany working on knowledge-sharing, ecosystem-building & advocacy promotion, as well as providing business solutions focused on female health innovation and women-centred design for the private sector.

A Chinese government organization, the **National Research Institute for Family Planning** was designated by WHO in 1991 as a collaborating centre for research in human reproduction.

[PPO Serve](#) is South African technical support agency working to improve quality of care and decrease healthcare costs; its team-based maternity programme, The Birthing Team, has registered more than 900 women and delivered 350 babies.

[Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare - Reproductive Health](#) (MPATH) is a consortium in Kenya involving many universities and focusing on FP education, administration, uptake of long-acting reversible contraception, and other issues.

[COJET](#) (Collectif des Organisations d'Encadrement de la Jeunesse de Tshangu) works in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to end unwanted pregnancies, teen pregnancy and HIV/AIDS and STIs.

Argentina's National Plan for the Prevention of Unwanted Adolescent Pregnancy ([Plan Nacional de Prevención del Embarazo No Intencional en la Adolescencia](#)) targets teen pregnancies by pulling together sexual education, sexual and reproductive health counselling and access to contraceptives.

## IN THE CALENDAR

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[1st Ibero-American Conference on Contraception](#)

**31 July - 2 August**

Ciudad de Mexico, Mexico

[International Inter-Ministerial Conference on South-South Cooperation on Population and Development](#)

**3 - 4 September**

Tunis, Tunisia

[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

[17th International Dialogue on Population and Sustainable Development](#)

**24-25 October**

Berlin, Germany



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