

## TOP STORY



## Navigating the next four years as a Coalition

The RHSC has just published a short brief on its new four-year workplan with a view to helping working groups, caucuses, and other implementing mechanisms begin to define their role in delivering key outcomes. The brief follows the RHSC's "journey from input to impact" by expounding on the workplan's

powerful theory of change, detailing efforts to overcome the three key barriers to commodity security—money, markets and movement—and ultimately seeing impacts across the Coalition’s four strategic pillars: accessibility, quality, equity, and choice. Implementing mechanisms and members will be invited to an upcoming virtual strategic planning event 27-28 April; watch this space as details take shape.

[Download the brief](#)

## IN THE NEWS

### **RHSC improves gender-equity credentials year on year**

In the recently-launched [Global Health 50/50 report 2021](#) in which the RHSC has ranked amongst the top 20% of 201 global organizations reviewed for their gender-related policies. The report addresses the inequalities in career opportunities and in the potential to benefit from the global health system. The RHSC has improved its scores in gender equality and workplace diversity as a result of mentorship programs that link early career participants with more seasoned supply professionals; a new scholarship and career orientation initiative aimed at increasing women’s participation in supply chain management; and greater flexibility in the face of COVID19. Read the report at [globalhealth5050.org/2021-report](https://globalhealth5050.org/2021-report) and view full findings via the [Gender and Health Index](#). [Read more](#).

### **Argentina successfully links product with program**

The recent legalization of abortion in Argentina was more than just a legislative landmark. It opened the door to accessible safe abortion services. And it did so because just a few days later, an affordable, locally manufactured misoprostol product received regulatory approval by the national regulatory body, ANMAT. The road to ANMAT’s decision was a testament to the tireless work of

many ForoLAC partners in Argentina, but also to the enabling, empowering and engaged environment that ForoLAC had built up over years. Join us as we congratulate our partners, and the government of Argentina.

### **Article credits RHSC’s “sophisticated forecasting tools”**

Published this month, [this story by Protecting Global Gains](#) profiles the critical role of data visibility in the face of COVID-triggered supply disruptions and potential stockouts. The piece tells of efforts in 14 Latin American countries to collect, share and use data on national contraceptive stocks. Tools designed by ForoLAC have been consulted more than a thousand times in just the last quarter, explains Regional Advisor Milka Dinev.

### **New manufacturers’ representative joins Executive Committee**

Daniele Russo, [Pfizer’s](#) Senior Director of Global Health Partnerships, has taken the manufacturers’ seat on the RHSC’s Executive Committee. With more than 25 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry, the last seven focused on maternal and reproductive health products, Mr. Russo takes the mantle from [Pregna’s](#) Managing Director, Mukul Taparia, whose term ended this month. The manufacturers’ seat alternates every two years between the generic and innovative manufacturing sectors. The Executive Committee welcomes Mr. Russo and extends its thanks to Mr. Taparia for his thoughtful, proactive leadership.

### **RHSC website hosts funding opportunities**

A newly-launched rapid funding mechanism is seeking applications for initiatives aimed at scaling-up access to quality-assured medical abortion combi-packs in low and lower middle income countries. The mechanism is managed by the Medical Abortion Combi-pack Market Shaping Group. Details can be found on the [RHSC SAS working group page](#).

## **NEW MEMBERS**

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**Asociacion para el apoyo de la nueva familia en Nicaragua** is non-profit organization that seeks to deliver reproductive health supplies to underserved and vulnerable populations.

Colombia's **PROSER** campaigns for sexual and reproductive health, markets reproductive health supplies and promotes public participation in development issues.

In Costa Rica, **CÍCLICA** produces menstrual cups and other sustainable health products.

Tanzania's **Young & Alive Initiative** is managed by William Otuck, a longtime supporter of the Coalition and the Youth Caucus. The group **uses music to reach out to communities** on themes relating to sexual and reproductive health.

The **Male Contraceptive Initiative** is a US-based non-governmental organization that supports research and development of non-hormonal, reversible contraception for men.

## IN THE CALENDAR

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**CCIH 2021: Cultivating Unity in Global Health**

**11-27 May 2021**

Virtual Event

**European Development Days 2021**

**15-16 June 2021**

Virtual Event

**16th European Society of Contraception Congress**

**1-4 September 2021**

Ghent, Belgium

**FIGO World Congress 2021**

**24-29 October 2021**

Sydney, Australia

**International Conference on Family Planning 2022**

**14-17 November 2022**

Pattaya City, Thailand



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