

TOP STORY



Girls on the Move launches

A new venture will open up the world of supply chain management to girls in Kenya and beyond. The RHSC and [Pamela Steele Associates \(PSA\)](#) are launching Girls on the Move—an ambitious new program which will introduce 30 young women to career opportunities in the supply chain sector in Kenya. With financing from the RHSC, PSA will implement a 12-month pilot program in Kisumu, Kenya. The program will design an internship/work placement program for recent female graduates; equip program participants with the skills and training needed for successful work placement; and frame an initiative to scale

up the Girls on the Move program model into other Kenyan counties and possibly other countries. Participants will receive an eight-month placement in public- or private-sector agencies, such as aid organisations, commercial airlines, logistics companies, banks, and hospitals.

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IN THE NEWS

DRC can now forecast safe abortion supplies more accurately

The Innovation Fund grant from the Packard Foundation has seen [Ipas](#) roll out the first safe abortion forecasting and quantification tool in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The tool delivers a more accurate estimate than demographic forecasting alone because it triangulates two additional data sources: caseloads and commodity consumption. This greater accuracy will help the DRC's health ministry to align its commodity procurement activities more closely with realities on the ground. To build consensus around the methodology, Ipas consulted intensively at every level of the health system and collected caseloads and consumption data from health facilities and pharmacies in 115 health zones across the DRC. As a result of Ipas's joint advocacy efforts with DKT International, the medical abortion combi-pack has been added to the DRC's national essential medicines list, consolidating the groundwork for expanded access to safe abortion in the country.



Final LAPTOP episode airs, bringing series viewership to 13K

The fourth and final instalment of the LAPTOP video series shows that many roads lead to a career in supply chain management, a multi-faceted profession allowing for a rich range of skills and talents.

The LAPTOP Video series, supported by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, aims to attract the next talented generation of supply chain managers. Join the more than 13,000 viewers who have already watched the series. Catch [Episode 4 here](#) and follow the LAPTOP program on Twitter under #LaptopSCM.

Case study shows VAN's ground-breaking data-sharing policy

The VAN's many recent successes, which we have reported on regularly in SupplyInsider, can easily overshadow the ground-breaking data-sharing policies on which so many of those successes depend. A new case study has just been published that traces the development of those policies and the process by which the VAN leveraged the RHSC's neutral space to help establish trust and broker legal connections. VAN users were at the center of the process, informing the data-sharing policy language while at the same time incorporating the input of specialist legal advisors. The result is a unique model of role-

based security and data-sharing. The case study tells the story of how this policy got off the ground and shares critical learnings from the process. [Sharing Data Across A Community: Operationalizing a Collective Legal Framework for the VAN](#) is one of a suite of four case studies addressing the [Policy](#), [People](#), [Technology](#) and Processes (to be published) that make the VAN tick.

Menstrual options tool now in French and Spanish

This month saw the release in both French and Spanish of "Managing Menstruation: Know Your Options" – a new set of tools that present a full range of safe self-care options for managing menstrual bleeding, addressing pain management, and understanding the interaction of contraception and menstruation. [Click here](#) to access the new materials.

Webinar examines environmental impact of menstrual waste

Earlier this year, the RHSC Menstrual Health Supplies Workstream and the Menstrual Hygiene Management in Emergencies Working Group kicked off a three-part webinar series to raise awareness and understanding of the impact of menstrual waste on sanitation systems. The second instalment took place this month, examining how menstrual products impact and interact with sanitation systems in LMICs, with a deep dive into India and South Africa in particular. You can find the webinar recording [here](#).

Latin American NGO bypasses middleman, opens branches

We reported last month that with support from the RHSC and its regional arm, ForoLAC, Argentine NGO [FUSA](#) had secured authorization to buy reproductive health medicines directly from manufacturers and wholesale distributors, making for considerable cost savings for the vulnerable populations they serve. Since then, FUSA has opened two new branch offices in Sante Fe and Lanus, providing a range of medical support including reproductive health services with a special focus on young people.

Menstrual supply landscape to reach larger online audience

A seminal publication on menstrual health access, produced last year by the RHSC and Mann Global Health, has [just been posted on Femtech Insider](#), thereby positioning it within easy reach of the online outlet's nearly 30,000 subscribers. The report,

“[Landscaping Supply Side Factors to Menstrual Health Access](#)” examines barriers to menstrual health product access and opportunities to overcome them.

First hormonal IUD PQ'd

Bayer's hormonal IUD has been [WHO-prequalified](#), making it the first WHO prequalification for a hormonal IUD. We congratulate Bayer on this achievement.

IN THE CALENDAR

[16th European Society of Contraception Congress](#)

25-28 May

Ghent, Belgium

[People that Deliver Global Indaba](#)

12-13 October

Lusaka, Zambia

[International Conference on Family Planning 2022](#)

14-17 November

Pattaya City, Thailand

[Women Deliver 2023](#)

July 2023

Kigali, Rwanda

