

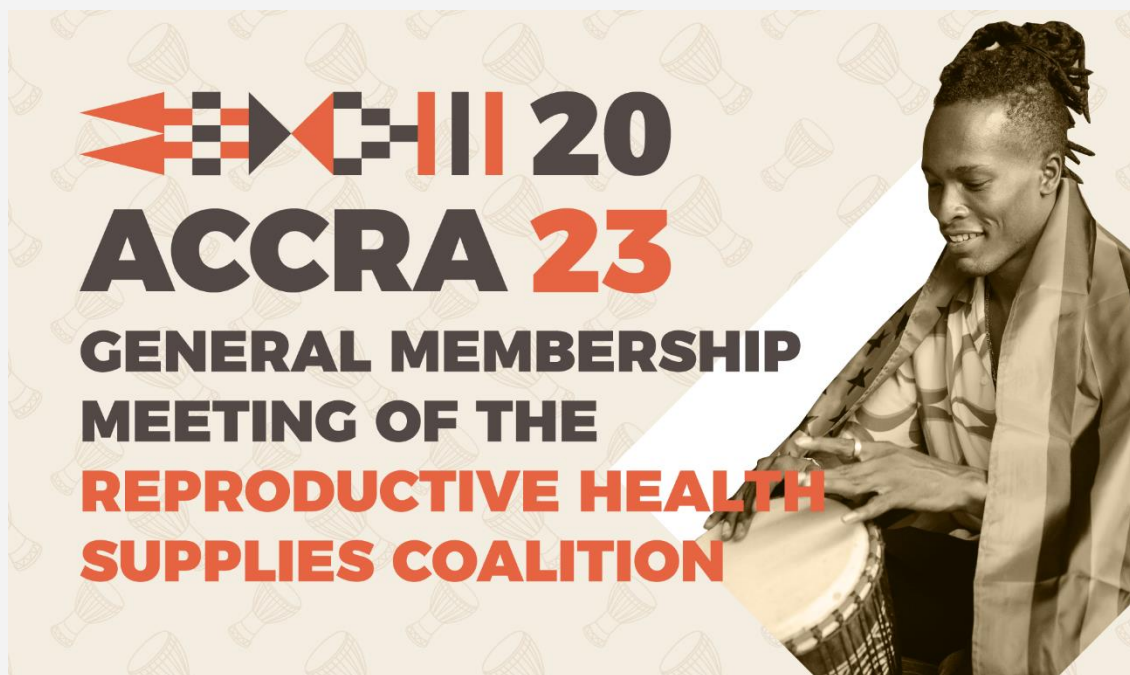
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AT A GLANCE

Two new staff members join the RHSC Secretariat, a webinar will capture migrant women's reproductive health struggles in Guatemala, and a new study will look at difficulties faced by maternal health supply manufacturers in Africa.

THE LATEST



Register now for the RHSC GMM

The RHSC General Membership Meeting (GMM) [agenda](#) is taking shape, and there is still time to register to attend. This year, more than ever, participants will shape the action in Accra and the meeting promises to inspire and empower our community, preparing us for the next chapter of our work together. [Register here](#).



New Appointment: Director, Implementing Mechanisms and Initiatives

Ms. Ntindah Luembe has been appointed to the new senior leadership position of Director, Implementing Mechanisms and Initiatives (IMI). Ms. Luembe, who is based in Zambia, brings substantial expertise in fostering enterprise capacity, market access, managing business finance, sales, and distribution, and cultivating public-private partnerships across challenging and complex environments. Her most recent professional roles involved consulting in market access for public and private sector stakeholders involved in the product introduction and scale up of contraceptives across the African continent. Previous positions include that of Commercial Regional Business Development Manager for Anglophone Africa at MSI Reproductive Choices, and Policy Program Officer at the World Food Program in Zambia.



RHSC welcomes new VAN Analyst

Daniel Tijani, based in Abuja, Nigeria, has joined the RHSC as a VAN Analyst. He brings a wealth of knowledge of health supply chains based on former work with Jhpiego and the Federal Ministry of Health of Nigeria. Mr. Tijani has worked on logistics and health supply chain with HIV/AIDS ARVs, rapid test kits, and treatments for opportunistic infections, and has worked with Nigeria's eLMIS systems.

NUMBER OF THE MONTH

17

Human rights activist Helen Leiva was 17 when she started working with migrant women in Petén, Guatemala.

New study to assess maternal health supply market in Sub-Saharan Africa

The RHSC, through the [Compass initiative](#), has commissioned US Pharmacopoeia to conduct a study on the regional manufacturing capacity and corresponding market in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) for oxytocin, misoprostol, magnesium sulphate, tranexamic acid, and heat stable carbetocin. A landscape analysis is currently underway of the existing regional manufacturing capacity and estimated market size of these products in SSA. The study will also assess the gaps and

challenges affecting the manufacture of high-quality maternal health supplies in Africa, and identify actions and resources required to address these gaps and challenges. This resource is due to be released later this year and will feature in our upcoming General Membership Meeting. For more information, contact Senior Technical Officer Safia Ahsan at sahsan@rhsupplies.org.

Governments at the heart of the VAN

Government officials represent the largest user group at the country level (43%). A foundational principle of the VAN is that country governments own and steward the critical global decisions affecting product flow into their borders. Given the VAN's successful foundational work to engage [35 active member countries](#), this year's focus has been to offer interested and eligible governments additional services and features equipping them to lead joint supply and demand planning. From March to July, the VAN trained 63 government and country stakeholders in Liberia, Niger, Rwanda, and Togo who joined Benin, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, and Malawi as Premium users. They can now review the current and projected stock outlook, supply plans, and forecasts in the platform with other collaborators; build scenarios; and conduct joint supply planning with other procuring partners.



RHSC takes on Contraceptive Social Marketing Report

This month, RSHC took over the production and dissemination of a respected community resource – the [Contraceptive Social Marketing \(SCM\) Report](#). Produced annually for more than 30 years by DKT International, the report shares statistics for contraceptive social marketing programs that report their sales data to DKT and generate 10,000 couple-years of protection (CYPs) or more. It is a move welcomed by members of the reproductive health (RH) community who regard it to be a natural and timely response. Read full story [here](#) and catch a [webinar](#) on how the report informs business decisions.



Webinar to present real needs of migrant women in Guatemala

In June, we reported that our Guatemalan partner NGO TAN UX'IL helped integrate sexual and reproductive health supplies into the migrant services offered at Petén Care Center in Petén, Guatemala, on a major transit route for Central American migrants heading to Mexico and the United States. TAN UX'IL has published an eye-opening report on the real day-to-day needs faced by migrant women. The organization's Executive Director and human rights activist Helen Leiva started working with migrant women in Petén at the age of 17. She will present report findings in Spanish on September 12, where we will test an AI translation app to provide simultaneous English interpretation. [Register here.](#)

New Co-Chair for SAS Workstream

Andrea Fearneyhough, Director of Safe Abortion Programming at PSI Global, has been elected to her role as Co-Chair of the Safe Abortion Supplies Workstream of the [NURHT Caucus](#). Her two-year term will start at the General Membership Meeting in Accra in October, and she will lead the group with Concept Foundation's Petra Procter. We extend our sincere gratitude to outgoing Co-Chair Nathalie Kapp for her four years of service.

NEW MEMBERS

- [Jiangsu Biopurfectus Technologies Co., Ltd.](#) is a molecular diagnostic company in China with a focus on HPV screening and maternal health.
- In Kenya, [Ripple Tech and Innovation For Food Security and Rural Development](#) is a rural development NGO working in health and education.
- [Shanghai Tissuebank Biotechnology Co.,Ltd](#) in China is a diagnostic and bio-sample storage company specializing in fertility.
- [United States Pharmacopeia](#) is an independent, scientific nonprofit organization which has worked to build trust in the supply of safe, quality medicines for 200 years. USP's standards are used in more than 140 countries to help define product quality globally.

NEW WEBINARS



[Manufacturing capacity in Sub-Saharan Africa for MH Supplies](#)



[Learn more about the Hormonal IUD Avibela™ \(Spanish\)](#)



[Why accountability for Family Planning \(FP\) supplies? A reflection of accountability work for FP supplies in Uganda Webinar](#)

IN THE CALENDAR

9-12 October | Paris, France

[XXIV World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics](#)

16-20 October | Accra, Ghana


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

6-8 March 2024 | Bangkok, Thailand


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