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THE MONTH IN NUMBERS

160+

participants attended our webinar on the Manufacturing landscape assessment for maternal health supplies in sub-Saharan Africa.

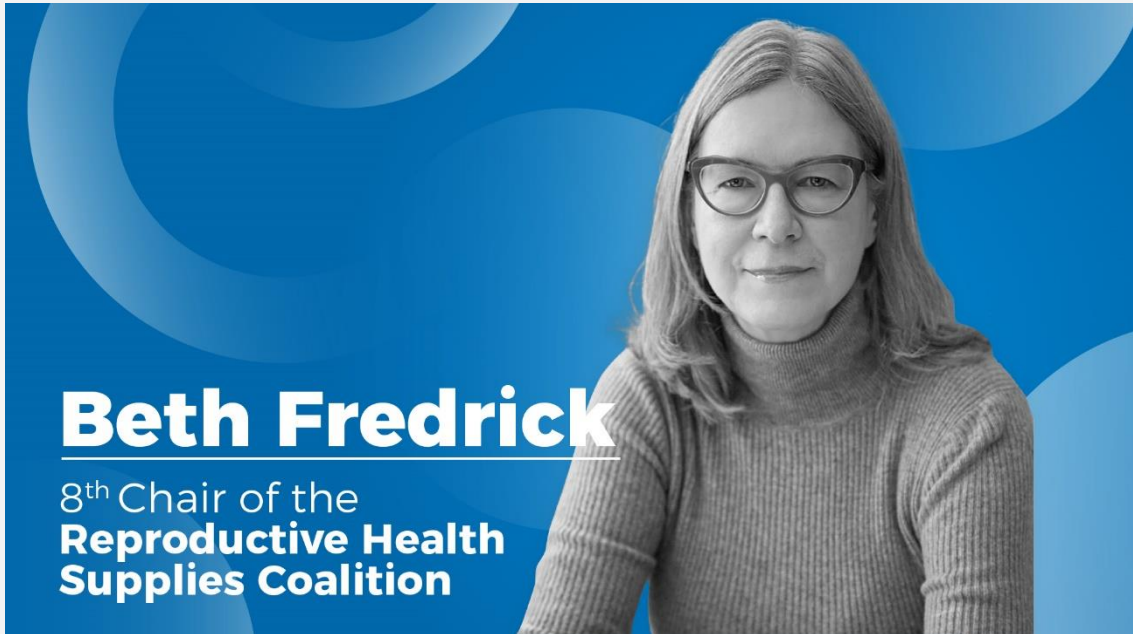
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Our Joint Learning Series on Market-Based Approaches for Menstrual Health is co-hosted by two RHSC groups — the Menstrual Health Supplies Workstream and [MDAWG](#).

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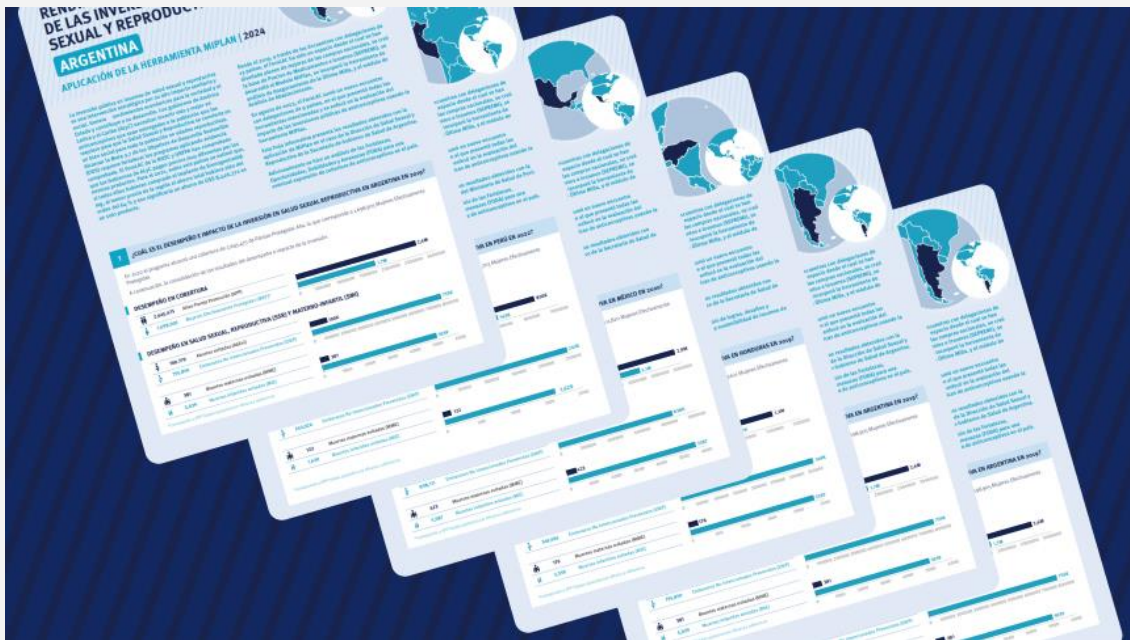
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THE LATEST



Beth Fredrick is new Chair of the RHSC Executive Committee

The RHSC is delighted to welcome Beth Fredrick as the new Chair of its Executive Committee (EC). Ms. Fredrick most recently helped lead the 14-year \$98.5 million Advance Family Planning advocacy initiative, first as Deputy Director (2009-2012) and then as Executive Director in 2012-2024, during which time she also served as Deputy Director with The William H. Gates Sr. Institute for Population and Reproductive Health (WHGI) at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University. [Read our full announcement in three languages here.](#)



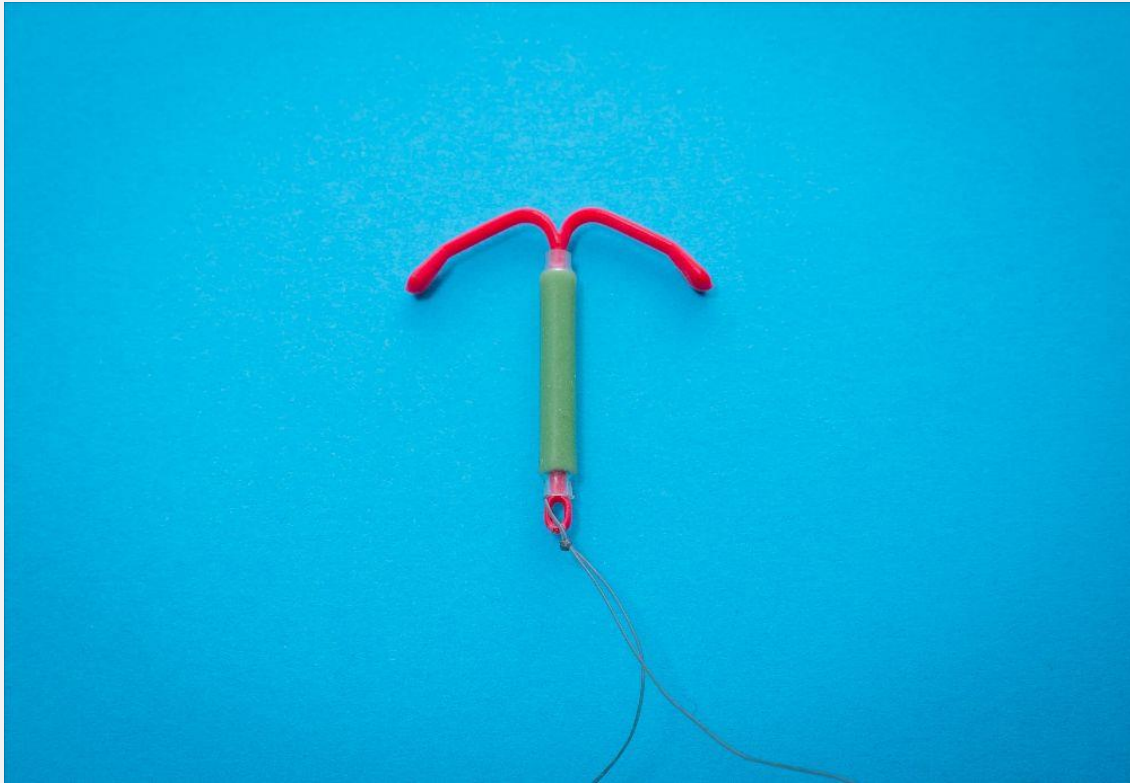
New factsheets on health impacts of contraceptive investments in 6 LAC countries

[ForoLAC](#), the Latin American Forum of the RHSC, has published a series of six factsheets examining the public health impact of country governments' investment in contraceptives. These Spanish-language factsheets stem from a 2023 ForoLAC meeting of representatives from nine countries to assess investment impact using the MiPlan tool. MiPlan helps countries project the effect of SRH supply budget changes or method mix changes on SRH indicators. Looking into performance, contraceptive methods, and sustainability, the factsheets offer tailored insights for [Mexico](#), [Peru](#), [Dominican Republic](#), [Argentina](#), [Ecuador](#), and [Honduras](#). For more information, contact Ximena Armendariz at xarmendariz@rhsupplies.org.

Scope of work kicks off for CSM Report

Last year, RSHC [took over the production and dissemination](#) of the Contraceptive Social Marketing Report from DKT International. A dedicated Advisory Group has now initiated a yearlong scope of work to support user feedback collection and prioritize the needs of RHSC members. Organizations represented in the Advisory Group include PSI, Jones Global Insights, PT Tunggal Idaman Abdi, Avenir Health, DKT,

Mission Pharma, UNFPA, MSI, CHAI, USAID, and Tulane University School of Public Health.



IUSs for young people delivered to Guatemala's health ministry

500 Avibela™ intrauterine systems (IUS) were recently delivered to Guatemala's Ministry of Health as part of ForoLAC's work with [SE-COMISCA](#). The multi-donor initiative, with ministerial support from seven Central American countries and the Dominican Republic, promotes the use of long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs) among young people living in vulnerable situations. For more information, contact Regions Manager Milka Dinev at mdinev@rhsupplies.org.



VAN Ambassadors share perspectives behind scorecard, infographic

Last month we announced the launch of the 2023 VAN [scorecard](#) and [infographic](#), and reported that the VAN helped procurers mobilize and/or allocate more than \$109 million in new orders among other significant impacts. Now, hear VAN Ambassadors like [Dr. Abram Agossou](#) share their perspectives behind the numbers. [Follow the RHSC on LinkedIn](#) to never miss an update.

Regional manufacturing webinar draws significant numbers

More than 160 participants connected to hear a webinar discussing the results of the RHSC's Compass Initiative landscape analysis, [Manufacturing landscape assessment for maternal health supplies in sub-Saharan Africa](#). Perrin Tosso, one of the report's co-authors, presented the results and three panelists offered unique insights on regional manufacturing, regulatory harmonization efforts, donor funding priorities, and global procurement of maternal health supplies in a moderated discussion. To learn more about challenges and opportunities for regional manufacturing, catch the webinar recording [here](#).



Menstrual health market development in India – 2-part webinar

Save the dates for a two-part webinar in May exploring market development for menstrual health in India. Organized by Menstrual Health Action for Impact (MHAi) and RHSC, Part 1 will focus on product access on 9 May at 08:00 EDT / 17:30 IST. Part 2 will further unpack health services on 16 May, at the same time. Register here: [Part 1](#) & [Part 2](#). Speaker details to follow. This is the second webinar in the Joint Learning Series on Market-Based Approaches for Menstrual Health, uniquely co-hosted by RHSC's Menstrual Health Supplies Workstream & Market Development Approaches Working Group. Catch the first installment here: [Scaling Access to Menstrual Products in the Global South: A Market-Based Approach](#).

AAWG welcomes new Co-Chair

Adebiyi Adesina from the Guttmacher Institute has been elected as Co-Chair of the Advocacy and Accountability Working Group (AAWG). He brings with him 20 years of experience in research evaluation and policy analysis in both domestic and global health programs, and technical expertise in health system modeling and planning. Please join us in welcoming him and in thanking outgoing Co-Chair Habeeb Salami as his term comes to an end.

NEW MEMBERS

In Uganda, [Dumaic Global Health](#) is an NGO working to support innovative health system solutions that improve access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential health commodities for all.

[ZanaAfrica](#) in Kenya manufactures menstrual pads and has developed a WhatsApp chatbot resource and hotline to provide discreet answers to questions about reproductive health.

[AFRIPads](#), also based in Uganda, manufactures menstrual pad kits and period underwear. They offer data collection toolkits for use in monitoring and evaluating menstrual health intervention effectiveness.

[Axmed](#) in the United States works to strengthen the purchasing power of LMIC markets to ensure cost-effective and high-quality reproductive health medication by aggregating demand across healthcare providers.

NEW WEBINARS



[Accelerating Measurable Progress and Leveraging Investments for Postpartum Hemorrhage Impact](#)



[Manufacturing landscape assessment for maternal health supplies in sub-Saharan Africa](#)



[Joint Learning Series | Scaling Access to Menstrual Products in the Global South: A Market-Based Approach](#)

IN THE CALENDAR


20-24 May 2024 | Lilongwe, Malawi


[9th African Population Conference - Road to 2030: Leveraging Africa's human capital to achieve transformation in a world of uncertainty](#)

3-6 Nov 2025 | Bogota, Columbia


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