

TOP STORY



DAKAR

Save-the-date: RHSC 18th General Membership Meeting

The Coalition's General Membership Meeting is scheduled to take place in Dakar, Senegal from the 23rd to the 27th of October this year. The meeting venue and theme will be announced shortly; please mark your calendars and watch this space for more information.

IN THE NEWS

400th member, Sida, shares mission to “leave no-one behind”

This month, the Coalition welcomed its 400th member – the [Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency](#), or Sida as it is commonly known. Sida brings on board its singular vision of helping eradicate poverty and gender inequality. Pia Engstrand, Sida's Lead Policy Specialist on Health and SRHR [speaks about](#) how much Sida and the Coalition have in common in their goals and missions.

Smaller, Neater, Faster

Notice this newsletter issue looks different? We've changed things around a little to serve our readership better. About 45 per cent of you read SupplyInsider on your mobile devices, so we've optimized the format and revisited how we write our stories. There are more links leading to news articles on our website, where we have the luxury of space to tell the stories more fully. We hope you get even more out of your SupplyInsider now!

Doctorstore blows expectations out of the water

In early 2015, when the Coalition's Innovation Fund recipient [Pregna International Ltd](#) envisioned a groundbreaking medical supplies e-portal in India, they were cautiously optimistic of registering up to 1,000 doctors. Two years on, [Doctorstore](#) has far exceeded expectations; the e-portal has registered more than 1,800 verified doctors and has delivered more than 170,000 products, generating more than 150,000 couple years of protection and serving remote communities across India. Pregna's senior leader Mukul Taparia [tells](#) how it all began.

Worth a Thousand Words

Forty seasoned [i+solutions](#) supply chain professionals came together in the Netherlands recently to address logistical challenges in the Democratic Republic of Congo. To help crystallize grassroots challenges, they watched the Coalition's short film, [The Last Mile](#), which premiered at the 17th Membership Meeting in Seattle last year. "The film reminds us of the typical barriers to access in many low and middle income countries," said Frank Roijmans, Senior RH Advisor and member of the Coalition's Executive Committee. "They can only be resolved permanently by working hand in hand with governments that take responsibility for maintaining an enabling environment after the project ends."

100+ attend WHO prequalification webinar

More than 100 participants attended the Coalition-hosted webinar on the [WHO Collaborative PQ Procedure for Accelerated Registration](#). Registrations came in from several countries, including China and India, for the session which laid out the steps of the prequalification procedure, described the roles of different players, and shared practical advice on overcoming national obstacles.

Webinar calendar gets Coalition members on the same page

In response to many requests for information on upcoming webinars, the Coalition website now offers an [up-to-date online calendar](#). The Coalition Secretariat hosts an ever-increasing number of webinars on cutting-edge issues such as the Zika virus, drone

technology, and global financing, and has built up a [repository](#) of 43 webinar recordings to date.

NEW MEMBERS

Coalition membership reaches 405 with nine new members

[AmplifyChange](#), a foundation in the UK, is a multi-donor challenge fund to support civil society advocacy for sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Netherlands-based [Hospitainer](#) is a company providing medical turnkey solutions based on scalable shipping containers which can be placed on the ground, on wheels or on a vessel.

[Deserve Cameroon](#) is an NGO seeking to empower and support the most marginalized people in Cameroon.

The [Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency](#) (Sida) is the RHSC's 400th member (see story above). Sida is a government organization dedicated to development cooperation - its objective is to create opportunities for people living in poverty and under oppression.

[The USAID Global Health Supply Chain Program-Procurement and Supply Chain Management](#) (GHSC-PSM) works to ensure uninterrupted supplies of health commodities to prevent suffering, save lives, and create a brighter future for families around the world.

The [Midwifery Society of Nepal](#) is an NGO working to improve the quality of maternal and child health in the country.

[Inresa Arzneimittel GmbH](#) supplies hospitals in Germany with generic pharmaceuticals and exports generic pharmaceuticals worldwide.

[Sociedad Peruana de Adolescencia y Juventud](#) is an NGO in Peru working to promote policies supporting young people's well-being.

Based in Mexico, [Servicios Humanitarios en Salud Sexual y Reproductiva](#) is a human rights-based NGO promoting sexual and reproductive health.

IN THE CALENDAR

Joint WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA meeting with pharmaceutical, condom, IUD, vaccine and diagnostics manufacturers and suppliers

3-7 April
Copenhagen, Denmark

Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition 18th General Membership Meeting

23-27 October
Dakar, Senegal

[9th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights](#)

27-30 Nov
Hanoi, Vietnam



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