

TOP STORY

The Commodity Gap Analysis 2019 is here!

This month, the RHSC launched the [Commodity Gap Analysis 2019 \(CGA2019\)](#). This edition of the report—the fifth since 2001—draws on a wider range of data sources than ever before, and for the first time uses an innovative interactive format that lets readers assemble and analyze data in ways that meet their own needs. The report maps five key themes likely to affect the demand and availability of contraceptive supplies over the next decade. [Register](#) for an introductory webinar on 14 August 2019: *What is the CGA2019 and how can it help me?*

IN THE NEWS

WHO-EML updates combi-pack listing

Last February, 15 members of the Safe Abortion Supplies Workstream endorsed four modifications to the entry for mifepristone-misoprostol combi-pack in the WHO Essential Medicines List. Three of those modifications were adopted and included in the [21st Model List of Essential Medicines \(2019\)](#), which was published this month. Read the full story [here](#).

Global VAN already showing improved supply chain efficiencies

The [Global VAN](#) was designed to provide swift access to key data, so that manufacturers, donors, and supply chain managers can rapidly make informed supply decisions. During this month's call of the CARhs group, participants got a glimpse of the future: rather than turn to the group for information on a national supply order — something that could have taken hours to process — a CARhs member turned to the VAN where she got key information in minutes, saving time and money all round. As the number of FP VAN users grows, the expectation is that countries will increasingly sidestep the CARhs and go straight to FP VAN for order and shipment information, thereby reducing redundancy and saving scarce resources.

Global VAN shares the lessons of getting on its feet

The Global VAN has released two new reports aimed at synthesizing and sharing the lessons of its initial proof of concept phase. [Forging a “Collective Ask” of the Technology Vendor](#) holds up a magnifying glass to the systematic and innovative process by which the VAN's current IT vendor, E2Open, was ultimately chosen. The [Proof of Concept \(Phase 1\) Review](#) revisits the rationale underlying the establishment of a Global VAN and the progress made to-date in delivering on expectations. Contact Julia White, RHSC Global FP VAN Director, at jwhite@rhsupplies.org with any questions.

MHS Caucus takes on tranexamic acid (TXA)

The Maternal Health Supplies (MHS) Caucus has launched a new workstream to increase access to tranexamic acid (TXA), a medication used to avert excessive blood loss including postpartum hemorrhage (PPH). Workstream members are exploring opportunities to better understand the market for TXA as a first step in developing a business case to spur greater investment in quality-assured TXA. The workstream is also identifying gaps in current TXA programming, research, and knowledge dissemination. Chaired by the Concept Foundation's new Executive Director, Metin Gülmezoglu, the group will meet virtually every two months. For more information, please contact the group's RHSC lead Milka Dinev at mdinev@rhsupplies.org.

New webinars on RHSC online hub

- [**An Unavoidable Issue: Menstrual Health Supply Needs in Humanitarian Contexts**](#) includes reports from UNFPA, AFRIPads (a manufacturer of reusable cloth pads) and WoMena Uganda.
- [**Increasing access to mifepristone: Paving the path for registration and commercialization for additional indications**](#) shares findings from Gynuity's Innovation Fund-supported assessment of mifepristone registration efforts for clinical indications.
- [**Improving supply chain efficiency: A rapid tool for estimating costs and testing new supply chain designs**](#) An Excel-based modeling tool developed by the William Davidson Institute and VillageReach to help RH program leaders quickly estimate their supply chain costs and evaluate different scenarios for improving supply chain efficiency.
- [**Deep Dive Into GHSC-PSM's Supply Chain Information System Maturity Model**](#) takes an in-depth look at GHSC-PSM's Supply Chain Information System Maturity Model (SCISMM), a rapid assessment tool to assess maturity levels of information systems supporting public health supply chain.
- [**Avibela™ - 52mg Levonorgestrel IUD**](#) (in Spanish) looks at Medicine360's Avibela™, a 52mg Levonorgestrel IUS and its introduction into low- and middle-income countries.

IN THE CALENDAR

[**International Inter-Ministerial Conference on South-South Cooperation on Population and Development**](#)

3 - 4 September

Tunis, Tunisia

[**4th Biennial Scientific Conference on Medical Products Regulation in Africa**](#)

30 September - 1 October

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

[**Inspire Annual Conference**](#)

01-02 October

Athens, Greece

17th International Dialogue on Population and
Sustainable Development

24-25 October
Berlin, Germany



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