

TOP STORY



Updated CGA2019 boasts new features, functionality

Since its launch in July, the Commodity Gap Analysis 2019 (CGA2019) has become a respected reference across the RH community. It is now the second most visited page on the Coalition website, having been accessed 1,300 times from 71 countries since its launch in August. This month, the tool introduces a series of enhancements that will allow users to:

- Access user and cost data by country and income-based country group
- See CGA's data sources and trace pathways between types of health facilities, funding sources, procurers, and distributors.
- Access the CGA on cellphones, tablets and other mobile devices.

- Save all charts in a PNG or CSV format

The recently launched "snapshots" offering a deeper dive into individual countries and country groups are also available on the Commodity Gap online portal [here](#).

IN THE NEWS

Adopted: commodity transfer SOP co-developed by Coalition

In June, the RHSC, working with the West African Health Organization (WAHO), developed standard operating procedures (SOP) for FP commodity transfers within the 15 [ECOWAS](#) countries. The procedures address the challenges associated with country-to-country transfers so that stock imbalances can be addressed more effectively. This month at a workshop hosted by the USAID GHSC Francophone Task Order in Dakar, the SOP was provisionally adopted by the community and will be ratified formally at the WAHO Council of Ministers next year. For more information, contact Aminata Lenormand at alenormand@rhsupplies.org.

Global Family Planning VAN welcomed by Ghana

At recent supply chain meetings in Ghana, the country's health ministry welcomed the opportunity to join [the VAN](#). Ghana's first electronic Logistics Management Information System (eLMIS, or GHILMIS in Ghana) is currently being rolled out and the VAN offers the promise of complementing it by providing visibility into shipment data, stock levels and consumption data. Next steps include the VAN training in Accra in November. For more information, please contact Greg Davidson on gdaavidson@rhsupplies.org.

South-South cooperation can impact UHC

Partners in Population and Development (PPD), a Coalition member since 2007, drives South-South cooperation, bringing together high-level delegates such as ministers from 26 countries. Delivering a keynote address at the [16th International Inter-Ministerial Conference on South-South Cooperation in Population and Development](#), Coalition Director John Skibiak made recommendations for South-South cooperation to improve universal access to reproductive health (RH) supplies. Mr. Skibiak cited successful examples of South-to-South cooperation under the auspices of ForoLAC, where countries are coming together to address the challenges they will likely all face as they pursue efforts to adopt Universal Health Care.

Information summary on medicines for postpartum hemorrhage

There are now more medicines to prevent and treat postpartum hemorrhage (PPH) than ever before, but still no single solution, leaving countries to determine for themselves the appropriate combination of uterotonics, tranexamic acid (TXA), and other interventions. A new brief aims to help program and procurement managers determine the most appropriate combination of medicines for prevention and treatment of PPH. Developed by USAID with support from the Coalition's Maternal Health Supplies Caucus and other partners, the brief can be found in the RHSC's publications online database [here](#).



RHSC photo gains wide exposure

When the Coalition's Lucian Alexe submitted a handful of his photographs to [Photoshare's](#) annual contest in 2016, the picture of the smiling nurse Monic from the Ndejja Health Center in Uganda won an honorable mention. That was only the beginning; the photo was selected again to be part of a calendar published by Photoshare, and in the following months, Mr. Alexe's submissions have been picked from the free photo-use service and used regularly in international magazines, training materials, websites, fact sheets and PowerPoint presentations by partners including Population Reference Bureau and FHI 360. So don't be surprised if you come across this smile one of these days!

This month's webinars

- [Strengthening Stewardship of RH/FP Markets: What is the Role of a Total Market Approach \(TMA\)](#)
- [Injectable Contraceptive Assessment in Uganda and Nigeria](#)

NEW MEMBERS

[CAMILE](#) (Colectivo de Asociaciones Mexicanas para Interrupción Legal Embarazo) is a group of health experts in Safe Abortion from Mexico, with a long history and recognized experience at National and International level, members of NAF (National Abortion Federation), CLACAI (Latin American Consortium Against Insecure Abortion), among others.

Based in the US, [The Houlton Group](#) provides expert guidance on a variety of Procurement and Supply Chain Management focus areas critical to the operation of complex humanitarian relief and development programs

Created in 1998, [Initiative Privée et Communautaire pour la Santé et la Riposte au VIH/SIDA](#) is a NGO specialized in health interventions in Burkina Faso.

IN THE CALENDAR

[17th International Dialogue on Population and Sustainable Development](#)

24-25 October
Berlin, Germany

[The Nairobi Summit on ICPD25](#)

12-14 November
Nairobi, Kenya



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