

TOP STORY



LEAP with us!

You've heard the news by now – LEAP is here. Produced with Avenir Health, the [Landscape and Projection of Reproductive Health Supplies](#) (LEAP) is a bold development, springboarding from our time-honored Community Gap Analyses and widening the lens to take in menstrual hygiene, abortion and postabortion care, and maternal health supplies, in addition to contraceptives. LEAP helps estimate the use and cost of these supplies until 2030, promising to inform crucial supply decisions. Find out for yourself what the excitement is all about by [attending a webinar on 16 September](#). You can also [help publicize LEAP](#), follow and engage with [#LEAPRevolution](#) on Twitter, and let us know

how you use LEAP by writing to leap@rhsupplies.org. LEAP is for the community, so please share it widely.

REGISTER and LEAP!

IN THE NEWS

Period tax website secures additional support

In November of last year, we described the website periodtax.org as the most comprehensive online resource for reducing or removing taxes on menstrual products. Now, nearly one year on, the website's creators, [WASH United](#), have received a follow-on award of \$50,000 from the [New Venture Fund](#) to further develop and disseminate the website. In the wings are a Spanish-language version of the website, case studies, social media campaigns, webinars, and workshops.

Latin America is holding manufacturers accountable

Last month, we reported on the rise in opportunistic price hikes of oral contraceptives in four Latin American countries. Spanish-language country reports from [Peru](#), [Chile](#), [Colombia](#), and [Uruguay](#) have just been posted to the RHSC website to help advocates push back on what is widely seen as unjustified barriers to access.



Dream promotion for recent LAPTOP Scholar

LAPTOP Scholar Wesley Kukutu from the Solomon Islands has been appointed Manager of the country's National Medical Store. In his new post, he will scrutinize budgets, monitor expiry dates and delivery times, and apply lessons he has learned from his LAPTOP-funded course of study. He attributes this promotion in part to the training and new skills his scholarship provided. In his recently posted [profile](#), Wesley describes how personal loss spurred his commitment to a career in supply chain management.

Webinar: Weak regulatory requirements for medical abortion

New research, supported by the RHSC, suggests that the lack of regulatory requirements for misoprostol and mifepristone dramatically lengthens product development and the timeline for national product registration. For more information, please register for one of two upcoming webinars; one in [English](#) on 12 October, presented by Concept Foundation's Lester Chinery and Petra Procter; the other in [Spanish](#) on 13 October, presented by Mariana Romero and Silvina Ramos from CEDES.

ForoLAC Annual meeting: registration open

On 23-24 September, for the first time under the leadership of its new Chair Martin Gutierrez and the Comité Directivo, ForoLAC will hold its annual virtual regional meeting to

update members on its dedicated resources and interventions for increasing RH supply access. [Register to attend this meeting here.](#)

Four months on, one year longer.

Bayer's hormonal IUD, Mirena®, is having an eventful year. Having been added to the [USAID Product Catalog](#) in April, it has now been approved by the US Food and Drug Administration [for use for up to seven years of pregnancy prevention](#), a one-year increase from the previously-approved six. We welcome this development.

New RHSC member operates health e-portal in Kenya, Rwanda

The RHSC's latest member organization, [Kasha Technologies](#), runs an e-commerce platform offering women's healthcare products and services to more than 180,000 customers in Rwanda and Kenya. They describe their platform as a leading innovator within women's health in East Africa, providing a confidential D2C [direct-to-consumer] service that is optimised for health and self-care. The platform also offers real-time consultation with registered nurses, a comprehensive [FAQ section; and a tool to help women choose the right contraceptive for them](#). Kasha delivers products directly to its rapidly-growing client base, and for those users without internet connection, it offers access via nearly 300 sales agents. Growing from strength to strength, Kasha aims to expand into two new African markets early next year.

OTHER NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH

[Healthy Entrepreneurs](#) is a social enterprise in the Netherlands focussing on last mile delivery in hard-to-reach areas of sub-Saharan Africa, and training community health workers as micro-entrepreneurs to provide health services and commodities.

[Livinguard AG](#) in Switzerland is a company producing a range of reusable menstrual hygiene products under the brand name [Saafkins](#).

IN THE CALENDAR

RHSC Executive Committee Meeting
(by invitation only)

15 September
Virtual Event

FIGO World Congress 2021

21-28 October
Virtual Event

16th European Society of Contraception Congress

25-28 May 2022
Ghent, Belgium

International Conference on Family Planning 2022

14-17 November 2022
Pattaya City, Thailand



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