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AT A GLANCE

The RHSC membership [meets in Accra](#) this October, [a new report](#) questions if COVID-19 led to changes in contraceptive financing, and the VAN has helped make available [185,000 couple-years of protection](#) to people in Nigeria.

THE LATEST



Save-the-Date: General Membership Meeting

The RHSC is delighted to announce that our next General Membership Meeting, co-hosted by the Ghana government, will take place 16-20

October in Accra, Ghana. Thank you for all your agenda suggestions; we will share registration details and the meeting program details shortly. For specific queries, please write to GMM2023@rhsupplies.org.



New report explores pandemic's effect on funding

A new report '[Contraceptive Commodity Funding During the COVID-19 pandemic](#)' developed under the [RHSC's Compass Initiative](#) shares the results of a deep analysis seeking to identify changes in donor and domestic financing for contraceptives during the pandemic period. Commissioned by the RHSC and produced by Avenir Health, the report seeks to understand the various impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on public funding for contraceptive commodities and examines the underlying drivers for these changes (COVID-19 and otherwise). This [slide presentation](#) provides an executive summary, and RHSC Director Martyn Smith [reflects on the report's lessons here](#).



New brief reports on VAN impact in WAHO countries and beyond
[The West African Health Organization](#) (WAHO) has a rich track record when it comes to facilitating transfers of products between countries in the region with too much stock to those in need. In recent years, WAHO has conducted 12 successful transfers in response to country requests, using the [VAN](#) as the central mechanism for data sharing and collaboration between different government stakeholders, WAHO officials, donors/procurers, and VAN Analysts. [This new brief](#) shines a light on how WAHO worked through the VAN to respond to requests from Niger and Nigeria, averting both stockouts and overstocks, and providing an estimated 185,000 couple-years of protection to people in Nigeria.



AAWG meets in person for the first time in 4 years

In their first in-person gathering since 2019, 25 Accountability and Advocacy Working Group (AAWG) members – including 11 attending virtually – convened in Washington, D.C. to finalize the working group’s 2023 workplan, and brainstorm AAWG’s presence at the RHSC General Meeting in Ghana this October. Participants also heard updates on the AAWG domestic resource mobilization initiative underway in Uganda, Benin and Congo-Brazzaville with [3FHi](#), [GRAFED](#), and [ACPED](#).



Family Planning Market Report now available in Chinese

Late last year, RHSC and the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) released the 2022 Family Planning Market Report, featuring data from 17 supplies and providing a comprehensive and reliable view into the public-sector family planning procurement market across 83 low- and lower-middle income countries. For the first time, this report is [now available in Chinese](#).

New additions to RHSC publications library

The RHSC publications database houses 3,000 items. Documents recently added to the RHSC's online publication database include:

- [‘USAID’s Family Planning and Reproductive Health Program: A Look Back and Ahead’](#) by Julia Kaufman and Morgan Pincombe.
- [‘Down But Not Out: Vasectomy is faring poorly almost everywhere—We can do better to make it a true method option.’](#) by Scott Radloff and Roy Jacobstein.

Congratulations to MHS Caucus Chair

Executive Director of Concept Foundation and Chair of the Maternal Health Supplies Caucus Dr. Metin Gülmezoglu was recently awarded a professorship at the University of Birmingham. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Gülmezoglu for this achievement.

NUMBER OF THE MONTH

200+

Did you know that RHSC's webinar hub now has over 200 videos, from all our Implementing Mechanisms? Check it out [here](#).

IN THE CALENDAR

[OSTROM Center](#) conducts research and provides training for the advancement of quality in sexual and reproductive health care in Nepal and elsewhere.

IN THE CALENDAR

6-17 March

[Commission on the Status of Women \(CSW67\) 2023](#)

21 March

SSWG Meeting

18-19 April

RHSC Executive Committee Meeting

17-20 July | Kigali, Rwanda

[Women Deliver 2023](#)

9-12 October | Paris, France

[XXIV World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics](#)

16-20 October | Accra, Ghana

[General Membership Meeting of the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition](#)

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