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AT A GLANCE

RHSC-supported work reaps rewards in Uganda and Guatemala, new faces join the RHSC family, and the countdown begins to the General Membership Meeting in Accra!

THE LATEST



RHSC launches strategy re-design

The RHSC has launched a highly participatory and consultative membership-wide exercise to forge a new Strategy. The [strategy re-design process](#) is putting principles of country-ownership and diversity, equity & inclusion into practice, engaging people across different time zones, languages, ages and backgrounds. The new strategy will carry us beyond 2025 through 2035. Check out [this webinar](#) recording to see how you can be involved, and let your voice be heard [through this survey](#). The re-design process will conclude in March next year, and a new RHSC strategy (2025-2035) will be unveiled.



Advocacy in Uganda reaps rewards for family planning procurement

In Uganda, the RHSC, through its Advocacy and Accountability Working Group, supported [3FHi](#) to convene a national network of advocates, government officials, and faith-based and other community organizations. A resulting joint strategy to hold the government accountable on its commitments to allocate \$5.9 million to reproductive health product procurement has paid off. Watch this [recent webinar recording](#) to hear about successful outcomes.



RHSC Director marks first year

Martyn Smith has completed his first year in the role of Director of the RHSC. In his [message to the membership](#), he looks back at his first 12 months and looks forward to the future.

NUMBER OF THE MONTH

\$5.9M

Advocacy around government accountability in Uganda has brought about new commitments of \$5.9 million for procurement of family planning commodities



Next stop: Accra!

As our staff prepare to make their way to Accra for the RHSC's 20th General Membership Meeting, please keep updated and support us on social media by following [#rhsupplies2023](#).

Encuentro, ForoLAC Comité Directivo meeting, take place in Panama

Delegations from nine LAC countries came together in Panama for ForoLAC's Encuentro on Business Intelligence for Procurement of Sexual and Reproductive Health supplies. In partnership with UNFPA LACRO, the event saw participants use the SEPREMI business intelligence tool to generate scenarios that will inform procurement plans. Following on from the Encuentro, ForoLAC's Comité Directivo and members gathered in a hybrid meeting which took stock of recent accomplishments and shed light on the regional supplies situation. A recording of the meeting is [available here](#).

Webinar sheds light on migrant women's reality in Guatemala

The RHSC produced a [brief](#) last year on the ongoing migrant crisis in Central America's Northern Triangle, followed by a partnership with Guatemalan NGO Tan UX'IL to provide services in an innovative, "no questions asked" way to migrant girls, adolescents and women traveling

through the province of Petén in their trek to the north. [In a webinar this month](#), Tan UX'IL's Executive Director and longtime activist Ms. Helen Leiva presented the results of the rapid assessment conducted among migrant women and community workers on the Mexico-Guatemala border, helping the RHSC-supported project better understand the need for supplies and services, and to provide emergency kits and mobile services at the border.

New Co-Chair for AAWG

The Advocacy and Accountability Working Group (AAWG) has elected a new Co-Chair Amos Mwale who will take over the role from outgoing Co-Chair Sara Stratton. Mr. Mwale's two-year term will begin following the General Membership Meeting in Accra, where the responsibilities will transition. We extend our sincere gratitude to Ms. Stratton for her hard work and support and extend a warm welcome to Mr. Mwale.



RHSC welcomes ForoLAC Program Officer

Ximena Armendariz has joined the RHSC / ForoLAC as Program Officer. Based in Lima, she is well-versed in the issues faced by indigenous groups in the LAC region as well as the region's SRH issues. Fluent in Spanish, English, and French, Ximena has a Master degree in

International Relations from the University of Melbourne as well as several policy- and management-related graduate diplomas.

NEW MEMBERS

- [The Coalition for Women's Health in Africa](#) is a membership-based network in Kenya comprising private and non-state organizations dedicated to promoting equitable healthcare and optimal well-being for women and girls in Africa.
- [Innova Health Supplies](#) in Panama is a social enterprise offering its partner organizations a choice of RH products including injectable and oral contraceptives, copper-T IUDs, subdermal implants, condoms, and menstrual cups.

NEW WEBINARS



[Sexual and Reproductive Health Needs Assessment for migrant girls and women in Peten, Guatemala](#) (Spanish)



[The RIAMA Network Model](#) (Spanish)



[RHSC Strategy Re-Design Webinar](#)

IN THE CALENDAR

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](#)

6-8 March 2024 | Bangkok, Thailand

[People that Deliver Global Indaba](#)



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