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Calling all Members!

The Coalition is launching a brand-new website in just a few weeks' time. It will be easily navigable and showcase useful tools and resources, and it will be packed with news and stories. That's where you come in. After all, what's a membership organization without its members? Our new website is just waiting for you to tell your stories on it, to tell us – and the world – about your work, your priorities, and why you are in this very special business of saving lives through RH supplies.

The Coalition website is a go-to place for leaders in the RH arena: technical experts, governments, donors, civil society, and manufacturers. Do they know your story? To make the process easier, we've put together a [questionnaire](#). Fill it out, and we will contact you.



Halima Shariff to co-Chair A&A Working Group

This month, members of the Advocacy and Accountability Working Group (A&A WG) elected Ms. Halima Shariff as its co-chair to take over the reins from Dr. Moses Muwonge whose term is drawing to an end. Ms. Shariff works for the Johns Hopkins University Centre for Communication Programs (JHUCCP) and directs the Advance Family Planning project in Tanzania. She will co-chair the WG alongside IPPF's Sarah Shaw.

Ms. Shariff is an accomplished media and communication specialist with more than 30 years' experience in both national and international print and broadcast media. Prior to joining JHUCCP, Ms. Shariff served as a Country Director for Futures Group International implementing the USAID's Health Policy Initiative project.

ForoLAC revises Terms of Reference

ForoLAC's Executive Committee, under the leadership of its President, Federico Tobar (UNFPA/LACRO), has revised its Terms of Reference (TOR), bringing its governance structure more in line with the Coalition's own Executive Committee with greater participation from the private sector, civil society, government, and countries. In a region where donors have graduated most countries of international development funding and contraceptive donations, the ForoLAC's new TOR sees national governments as stewards of change, providing the vision, guidance, and oversight needed to ensure that supply chains reach the poorest of the poor and meet national health needs. ForoLAC connects more than 460 individuals from 122 organizations working in the region. For more information, contact [Milka Dinev](#).

Civil society pushes to get language on supplies in new financing plan

A recent grant from the Coalition's [Innovation Fund](#) has made possible the inclusion of explicit references to RH supplies and sexual and reproductive health and rights in the official civil society response to the "Financing for Development (FfD) Zero Draft Outcome Document". The Outcome Document provides a global framework for the financing of sustainable development, post 2015, and in its final form, will be adopted by governments at the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, to be held in Addis Ababa from July 13-16, 2015. A full analytical report being prepared by the grant recipients is expected to inform future work of the Coalition's A&AWG.

Kangu profiled in "Mommy's Tales" blog

"Did you know that every day, 800 women and 8,000 newborns die because they lack access to basic health services?" asks a Spanish language [blog post](#). "Instead of someone being born, someone dies. Instead of it being a magical day, it is a tragic day. It is not natural. It's not fair". The blog post in Mommy's Tales gives a shout out to Coalition-supported [Kangu](#), a crowdfunding platform that funds safe births. Individuals can search profiles of pregnant women (called Mamas) from around the world, select a mother to support, and connect to her by funding \$10 or more of her safe birth services.

Innovation Fund grant explores government stewardship

Total Market Approaches (TMA) aim to maximize the role of non-state actors, increase FP/RH security for all users, and free up public resources for low-income and vulnerable populations. And yet central to any TMA is the state itself, specifically its capacity to act as both steward and driver of change. Without understanding in advance a government's capacity to fulfill such a role, the prospects of any TMA's success are unclear.

With support from the Innovation Fund, [Abt Associates](#) is, for the first time ever, developing and testing indicators that will gauge a government's stewardship capacity. Knowing that in advance can help shape the design of TMAs that are more reflective of country needs and capacities; or even raise alarm-bells that prospects for success may be limited. The Coalition, through the [Market Development Approaches Working Group](#) (MDAWG), is helping to capture and disseminate best practices relating to TMAs. For more information, write to innovation@rhsupplies.org.

New Coalition-co-hosted blog highlights maternal health drugs

Each year, more than 180,000 women die during pregnancy or childbirth from hemorrhage or pre-eclampsia/eclampsia, wrote the Population Council's Saumya RamaRao and Katharine McCarthy in a recent [blog post](#). Many of these deaths can be prevented with appropriate access to oxytocin, misoprostol and magnesium sulfate, but market barriers cause these drugs to remain inaccessible to many women. These barriers include weak regulatory environments leading to variability in drug formulation and quality, and a lack of provider and consumer awareness of drugs and/or their appropriate use. The blog series "[Increasing access to maternal and reproductive health supplies: Leveraging lessons learned in preventing maternal mortality.](#)" is hosted by Harvard University's Maternal Health Task Force, the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition's [Maternal Health Supplies Caucus](#), Family Care International, and Jhpiego's Accelovate Program. To contribute a post, contact [Katie Millar](#).

Coalition membership reaches 328 with two new members

- [Results for Development \(R4D\)](#) is a US-based non-profit organization whose mission is to unlock solutions to development challenges that prevent people in low- and middle-income countries from realizing their full potential.
- [Catholic Organization for Relief and Development \(Cordaid\)](#), is a civil society organization based in the Netherlands which aims to provide affordable and accessible healthcare to all.

16-17 April	International Parliamentarians' Conference on Population and Development, Berlin, Germany
27 - 29 April	Reproductive Health Medicines Program - Hormonal Contraception and Essential Medicines meeting, UNFPA, New York, USA
11-15 May	RHSC Executive Committee Meeting, Beijing, China
13-16 July	Conference on Financing for Development , Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
4-9 October	21st FIGO World Congress , Vancouver, Canada
5-9 October	RHSC 16th General Membership Meeting, Oslo, Norway
18-21 October	Global Maternal Health Conference , Mexico City, Mexico
9-12 November	4th International Family Planning Conference, Bali, Indonesia



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