

General Membership Meeting, just days to go

With just days to go, members from across the Coalition are ironing out the final details for what promises to be the largest and most ambitious membership meeting ever. Co-hosted by the Mexican Ministry of Health, the meeting will celebrate a decade of service to the reproductive health community and set the stage for a strategic approach to the next. All meeting information is available [online](#). For those unable to attend in person, a free livestream of all plenary proceedings is available at event.worktankseattle.com/el/RHSC-2014Meeting-2384 with closed captioning in English, Spanish and French.

New online tool provides instant access to supply promises

The Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition has launched a compendium of commitments on behalf of reproductive health commodity security. Hosted on its own dedicated website, www.supplypromises.org, the [Commitments Compendium](#) provides access to more than 137 commitments referencing RH supplies, from national governments as well as development partners from the private, philanthropic and non-governmental sectors.

The tool, developed under the Coalition's [Commitments Initiative](#), will go a long way towards understanding and increasing the transparency of supply-related commitments made under the banners of Maputo, Every Women Every Child, Ouagadougou, HANDtoHAND, and more recently FP2020. It provides an at-a-glance repository for researchers, activists, civil society, indeed anybody interested in tracing promises made by governments on reproductive health supplies. Search fields include committing agency, host initiative, and the year and type of commitment. For more information, please [read more](#) or contact Commitments Officer, Lou Compennolle at lcompennolle@rhsupplies.org.

Coalition welcomes Bangladesh as 300th member!

The Bangladesh Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has joined the Coalition family as its 300th member. Bangladesh has achieved significant successes in family planning programs against a backdrop of low literacy rates, gender inequities, and the low income of women. Now, the concept of family planning has become part of the lifestyle of Bangladeshi people. But population issues continue to pose a pressing challenge to development. Early marriage and motherhood are common: Two in three women marry before the legal age of 18 and one in three women starts childbearing before age 19. "Free access to a broad range of contraceptive methods is crucial in Bangladesh," said Mr. Nur Hossain Talukder, Director-General of the Ministry's [Directorate General of Family Planning](#). We have much to gain by becoming part of a global movement like the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition, with its resources, and opportunities. I am delighted at the welcome we have received from the Coalition and look forward to many years of collaboration for a common cause."

Chinese manufacturers eye opportunities in FP2020

At \$85M per annum, China's domestic market for contraceptives is so large that many domestic manufacturers struggle to see the business case in taking risks to penetrate international markets. But delivering the supplies needed to meet the contraceptive needs of an additional 120M women and girls in the world's 69 poorest countries—the goal of FP2020—could make such investment both rewarding and profitable. That was the message delivered last month by Coalition Director, John Skibiak, in his opening remarks at last month's 7th China Reproductive Health Expo. Hosted by the China Reproductive Health Industry Association, the three-day event is the largest gathering of its kind in China, providing exhibition space for more than 160 pharmaceutical manufacturers and attracting some 10,000 visitors.

Using demand projections for selected contraceptives, the Director highlighted the opportunities and benefits to be derived from greater engagement in the global market. But he also offered no false hopes, cautioning that the international market, while growing, is also becoming more competitive - with buyers looking not just for affordability, but assured quality. For more information contact John Skibiak at jskibiak@rhsupplies.org.

中国制造商在计划生育2020面临的机遇

中国国内每年避孕药具近8500万美元的采购量已是很大市场，国内不少企业都在努力进入国际市场。而计划生育2020组织计划向全球最贫困的69个国家的1.2亿妇女和少女提供计划生育服务的目标，可使这些投入既可视作投入亦能看作是利润。这是上个月国际生殖健康供应联盟主任约翰·斯基比埃克先生在由中国生殖健康产业协会主办的第七届中国生殖健康博览会开幕式上发言时讲到的。为期三天的博览会最大限度地聚集了中国生殖健康领域的生产企业，为超过160家避孕药具及医疗设备等生产企业提供了展示空间，吸引约10,000人次参观博览会。

通过对选择性避孕药具需求预测，联盟主任强调了进入国际市场的机遇和所能获得的收益，但他也提醒，在国际市场不断增长的同时，竞争也愈加激烈，买方不仅需要价格实惠，且产品质量也要有所保证。更多信息请联系约翰·斯基比埃克或[中国生殖健康产业协会李艳秋女士](#)。

Calvert Foundation and PGH announce \$10M credit facility

[Pledge Guarantee for Health](#) (PGH) and the [Calvert Social Investment Foundation](#) recently announced a \$10M credit facility to accelerate the delivery of lifesaving health supplies in the developing world. This credit facility offers unprecedented financial access to borrowers in the not-for profit sector and can be used in nearly any country in the world. PGH unlocks private sector financing to maximize the impact of each dollar of donor funding. It does so by extending short-term loans on the basis of approved donor funds, thereby allowing aid recipients to accelerate the purchase, delivery, and impact of critical health supplies. For more information on the new Calvert deal, click [here](#) or contact [Paige Robson](#).

Manufacturers and procurers meet to address common concerns

The Coalition and UNFPA co-hosted three panel sessions at a joint [WHO-UNICEF-UNFPA](#) meeting of manufacturers and suppliers which took place from September 22 to 25 at the offices of UNFPA/Copenhagen. The panellists—CHAI, USAID, UNFPA, i+solutions, and the Coalition—described how better access to market intelligence strategies can improve RH/FP procurement practices. They also described plans to develop a market intelligence algorithm and tool that can help manufacturers prioritize which products to register at the country level and when. For more information, please contact the Coalition's Market Shaping Officer, Anita Deshpande at adeshpande@rhsupplies.org.

Coalition membership reaches 309 with 10 new members

- [Apoyos a Programas de Poblacion](#) (APROPO) Through partnerships with the public and private sectors, this Peruvian NGO has been offering access to SRH information, products and services since 1983.
- [Asociacion Proteccion a la Salud](#) (PROSALUD) is a Bolivian network of clinics providing low-cost and free services to more than 700,000 people per year.
- [Bangladesh Ministry of Health and Family Welfare](#)
- [Bioceptive](#) is a US women's health company currently developing an IUD inserter for low-resource settings that promises to make IUD the insertions simpler and safer.
- [Kangu](#) is an online platform that invites individuals to crowdfund safe births for expectant mothers in developing countries. Based in the United States, Kangu is working with the Pledge Guarantee for Health under a grant from the Innovation Fund.
- [Le Conseil Burkinabé des ONG / OBC et Association de Lutte contre les IST et le VIH / SIDA](#) (BURCASO) is a 13-year-old network of more than 200 member organizations developing community health.
- [London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine](#) is a United Kingdom-based institute with a strong interdisciplinary approach to research, including the evaluation of maternal health programs using epidemiological, health, economic, and anthropological approaches.
- [Miles - Chile](#) is a Chilean NGO that fosters public debate to improve public policy around sexual and reproductive health and rights for vulnerable people.
- [Population Foundation of India](#) has promoted gender-sensitive population and development policies, strategies and programs since 1970, when it was founded by a group of socially committed industrialists under the leadership of the late JRD Tata.
- [Programme de Marketing social et de communication pour la santé \(PROMACO\)](#). A member of the PSI family, PROMACO is a key player in Burkina Faso's National Recovery Plan by addressing unmet need with communications campaigns, advocacy and social marketing.

20-24 October [15th RHSC General Membership Meeting](#), Mexico City, Mexico
17-19 November 7th Global Health Supply Chain Summit, Accra, Ghana
25-26 November [11th PPD Inter-ministerial conference on Population and Development](#), New Delhi, India
5 December ICRH Meeting on “Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights”, Ghent, Belgium

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