



Doctorstore registers its 1000th client

Barely half a year ago, Innovation Fund recipient [Pregna International Ltd.](#) launched [Doctorstore](#), an e-commerce platform where doctors can purchase RH commodities—IUDs, pregnancy test kits, manual vacuum aspiration kits, and others—directly from suppliers for delivery within two to seven days. This month, Doctorstore saw its 1000th doctor register for the online ordering service—a sure sign that it is helping healthcare professionals overcome many of the challenges they face, whether it is avoiding stockouts, accessing choice, or assuring the quality of what they buy.

Photo: Pregna International Ltd.

CSP Summit showcases new forecasts and distribution strategies

[Figures released](#) 17 August at the RHSC's "Procurers' and Manufacturers' Summit" suggest that the annual demand for donor procurement of contraceptive implants in FP2020 countries could reach as high as 21-23M by 2021, more than doubling current demand figures of 9-10M. This and other developments emerged from the Summit, where members of the Coalition's [Coordinated Supply Planning \(CSP\)](#) group met at UNFPA headquarters to mitigate the impact of global supply shortages of Jadelle and that of transitioning from Implanon classic to the newer Implanon NXT. CSP members also agreed to share with manufacturers their five-year joint forecasting methodology for implants and injectables, and to expand the methodology to other contraceptive products. USAID and UNFPA presented [two sides](#) of a key conversation on bundling of injectable

contraceptives. A follow-up [blog](#) on the RHSC website explains USAID's rationale on bundling. For more information, contact Ellen T. Tompsett at etompsett@rhsupplies.org.

CARhs acts quickly to mitigate effects of Ghana fire

We often refer to them as our “firefighters”, averting supply crises as soon as an alarm is sounded. And although the [Coordinated Assistance for RH Supplies](#) (CARhs) group could not prevent January's [devastating fire](#) in Ghana's Central Medical Store, which resulted in a loss of \$62 million, CARhs members USAID and UNFPA sprang into action. UNFPA expedited a scheduled shipment of 84,000 female condoms while USAID issued a new shipment of 144,720 cycles of Microlut. Also, the USAID|DELIVER PROJECT and Ghana Health Services increased the frequency of stock level reporting into the Coalition Procurement Planning and Monitoring (PPMR). Lessons learned led to a PPMR orientation exercise for UNFPA procurement staff to improve coordination in future supply crises.

A [fact sheet](#) explaining how CARhs functions is available in French, as is the group's 2014 [progress report](#).

WAHO saves thousands of IUDs from possible expiry

Over 22,000 IUDs have been saved from possible expiry and non-use—yielding \$7,700 in cost savings; and in human terms, averting an estimated 12,571 unwanted pregnancies. The credit for this effort goes to the West Africa Health Organization (WAHO), a founding member of the Coalition and one of the CARhs' most recent partners. Late last year, Guinea-Bissau's IPPF Member Association (MA), AGUIBEF, turned to WAHO for support in transferring its excess stock; WAHO identified another MA, Burkina Faso's ABBEF, which received the product on 30 July. The high-profile donation ceremony is written up [here](#).

New tool gauges governments' capacity to steward total market

“Politely skeptical” was the reaction of certain private sector stakeholders about governments' ability to lead a Total Market Approach (TMA) successfully. Government-led TMAs are rare, and the Coalition's Innovation Fund has now made it possible to measure governments' capacity to steward a TMA for family planning and reproductive health commodities. In a field test in Malawi and Tanzania, assessors tested a tool developed to measure this capacity, and reached out to private and public sector stakeholders for feedback. More information on the tool, its findings and recommendations are available by contacting Françoise Armand at Francoise_Armand@abtassoc.com.

Coalition Secretariat welcomes Emilie Peeters

Emilie Peeters joined the Coalition's Brussels office in August as the new Technical Officer, responsible for Commitments. She comes to us from Stop AIDS Alliance in Brussels, where she was the European Union (EU) Policy Advisor, leading EU advocacy for global health and sexual and reproductive health and rights in particular. Emilie engages actively in local politics, as Councillor of the Public Centre of Social Welfare in the city of Ghent where she focuses on poverty reduction and access to healthcare in her hometown.

At the Coalition, Emilie will lead work on the [Delivering on Promises Initiative](#), coordinate engagement with the Global Financing Facility, backstop the Advocacy and Accountability Working Group, and act as focal point on the Coalition's youth-related work. Emilie speaks Dutch, English, French, Spanish and German, and can be reached on epeeters@rhsupplies.org.

Four members join the Coalition, bringing total membership to 348

- [IntelliCog, Inc.](#), a company based in Norway, provides business intelligence and data management advice to commercial and government sector organizations.
- [Health NGOs Network](#) (HENNET) is a Kenya-based network of 94 health non-governmental, faith-based, and community-based organizations.
- [RemovAid](#), a Norwegian company, simplifies and standardizes the removal procedure of contraceptive implants.
- [Moving Management Foundation](#), an institute based in the Netherlands that connects people and organizations in healthcare to ensure better reproductive health for all.

In the calendar

15 Sept - 6 Oct	General Assembly of the United Nations , UN Headquarters, New York, USA
24 September	Preparatory Meeting on CSO Engagement in the Global Financing Facility, Global Health Council , New York, USA
28 September	GFF Investors Group, NYC, USA
18-21 October	Global Maternal Health Conference , Mexico City, Mexico
28-29 October	13th International Dialogue on Population and Sustainable Development , Berlin, Germany
3-4 November	EuroNGOs Annual Conference , Oslo, Norway
8 November	Emergency contraception symposium , Nusa Dua, Indonesia
9-12 November	4th International Family Planning Conference , Bali, Indonesia
9-11 December	4th Annual Ouagadougou Partnership Meeting , Cotonou, Bénin

March 2016	60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women , New York, United States
11-15 April 2016	49th Session of the Commission on Population and Development , UN, New York
16-19 May 2016	4th Women Deliver Global Conference , Copenhagen, Denmark

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