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**TAKE STOCK**



## Bangladesh makes huge strides in delivering on Take Stock

Bangladesh's Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP) delivered on its [Take Stock](#) commitment to make publicly available all contraceptive stockout data and to reduce stockouts from two to one percent at service-delivery levels. Last March, the DGFP became the first country government to commit to the Coalition's Take Stock campaign. Working hand-in-hand with the USAID-funded [SIAPS program](#) (Systems for Improved Access to Pharmaceuticals and Services), it has since adopted the universal stockout indicator, trained staff to use it, and added a [service-delivery dashboard](#) to track stock levels at the Ministry of Health's 29,200 facilities. Additionally, it put the issue of stockouts on the agenda of the DGFP's periodic coordination meetings. For more information, please contact Mohammad Golam Kibria at [kibria@msh.org](mailto:kibria@msh.org)

## Ugandan partner leverages US\$70K off Coalition-funded project

The Coalition's Ugandan partner, [HEPS](#), has leveraged US\$70,000 in new donor support to build on lessons learned from their recently completed stockout initiative, funded by the Coalition. The project engaged community members, health providers, and local

government officials to apply a social accountability tool (known as the [Community Score Card](#)) to reduce contraceptive stockouts in Kamuli and Mbarara districts. Under the new funding, HEPS will use the same methodology– the Score Card and 200 community monitors – to address maternal death.

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### **New Innovation Fund grants to tackle barriers to MH supplies**

The Coalition recently awarded two grants to field test in Ethiopia recommendations from a Coalition-commissioned landscape analysis to increase access to essential maternal health (MH) supplies. Grantee Monash University will strengthen the capacity of public and private supply chains to maintain the quality of oxytocin injection ampoules from distributor to end user. The Concept Foundation will expand access to magnesium sulfate, misoprostol, and oxytocin by helping manufacturers better understand the market for these three MH commodities and by providing them with the technical information needed to register these products in-country. Funding for these grants is made possible by the generous support of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. For more information, please contact Milka Dinev at [mdinev@rhsupplies.org](mailto:mdinev@rhsupplies.org).

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### **Online course on abortion and FP requirements for US foreign aid**

This month's reinstatement of the Mexico City Policy has prompted many Coalition members to ask what the implications of the decision are for them and the development landscape more broadly. While the details of the reinstatement are still a work in progress, members are encouraged to consult the Global Health Learning Center's [online course](#), which provides an overview of US abortion and family planning legislative and policy requirements that govern US foreign assistance. Participants who take the 1.5 hour course should come away with a better understanding of:

- Abortion and family planning legislative and policy requirements that govern US foreign assistance
- The laws and policies that impact all US foreign assistance and how the application of them impact USAID family planning programs

- How best to ensure compliance with the laws and policies; and whom to contact for further information

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## Coalition consults with young people on contraceptive use

Nearly all young respondents to a recent survey expressed satisfaction with their contraceptive of choice. The male condom emerged as their method of preference, followed by emergency contraception (EC), raising questions about how many young people resort to unprotected sex and rely on EC afterwards. These are results of a questionnaire administered in the lead-up to a youth consultation organized jointly by SECONAF and the Coalition's Youth Group, at the recent Ouagadougou Partnership meeting in Côte d'Ivoire. Surprise findings from the questionnaire included some participants' reliance on "traditional" contraceptive methods such as herbal products and charms. Young people were forthright about what they sought in a contraceptive method: methods that are undetectable by parents, environmentally friendly, easy to use, and which take women's pleasure into account. The detailed outcomes of the consultation will be soon available publically, and will shape the Youth Group's upcoming work. For more information please contact Regional Advisor Aminatou Sar at [asar@rhsupplies.org](mailto:asar@rhsupplies.org).

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## Foundation laid for a Global VAN

Key stakeholders have aligned around a common vision for a global Visibility and Analytics Network (VAN) that will consolidate into a single integrated platform, global supply chain data from procurement down to country central medical stores. The Coalition facilitated discussions with key stakeholders, including USAID, UNFPA, the new GHSC-PSM Project and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to formulate the vision; put in place a central governance structure; and draft a terms of reference. For more information, please contact the Coalition's Market Development Technical Officer Julia White at [jwhite@rhsupplies.org](mailto:jwhite@rhsupplies.org).

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## Swedish Sida Hosts Safe Abortion Dialogue

In December, [The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency](#) (Sida) welcomed 45 partners to its headquarters in Stockholm for a Safe Abortion Dialogue focused on strengthening cross-sector coordination, developing a common understanding of current restrictions, and identifying joint strategies for collaboration over the next four years. The discussion included a comprehensive look at the issue of commodity security, which addressed the quality, availability, registration, and distribution of products and supplies required to ensure safe abortion. For more information, please contact Brian McKenna, Coalition Deputy Director [bmckenna@rhsupplies.org](mailto:bmckenna@rhsupplies.org).

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## WHO youth resources added to SID

A collection of WHO fact sheets was recently added to the Coalition's [Supplies Information Database](#). They present information from 58 countries on adolescents' (ages 15-19) contraceptive use by marital status. In addition, key information, such as reasons for non-use of contraception, as well as where adolescents obtain their contraceptive method, is included. The following search terms apply: Category: Advocacy and Youth Focus; Data Collection: WHO Global Health Observatory; Date: November 2016. They can also be [accessed directly](#) from the WHO website.

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## Coalition membership reaches 399 with four new members

- [Universal Health Development Foundation](#) (UHDF) is a youth-led SRHR services and advocacy organization established in Uganda to promote and improve the health and well-being of young people living in slums and rural areas.
  - [Maternity Foundation](#) is a Danish development organization that aims to reduce maternal and newborn mortality in developing countries.
  - [Daré Bioscience](#) is a US-based specialty women's healthcare company driving the advancement of reproductive health products.
  - [SOS/Jeunesse et Défis](#) (SOS / Youth and Challenges) is a youth organization in Burkina Faso that promotes SRH and wellbeing.
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## In the calendar

- 3-7 April** Joint WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA meeting with pharmaceutical, condom, IUD, vaccine and diagnostics manufacturers and suppliers, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 27-30 Nov** [9th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights](#), Hanoi, Vietnam
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