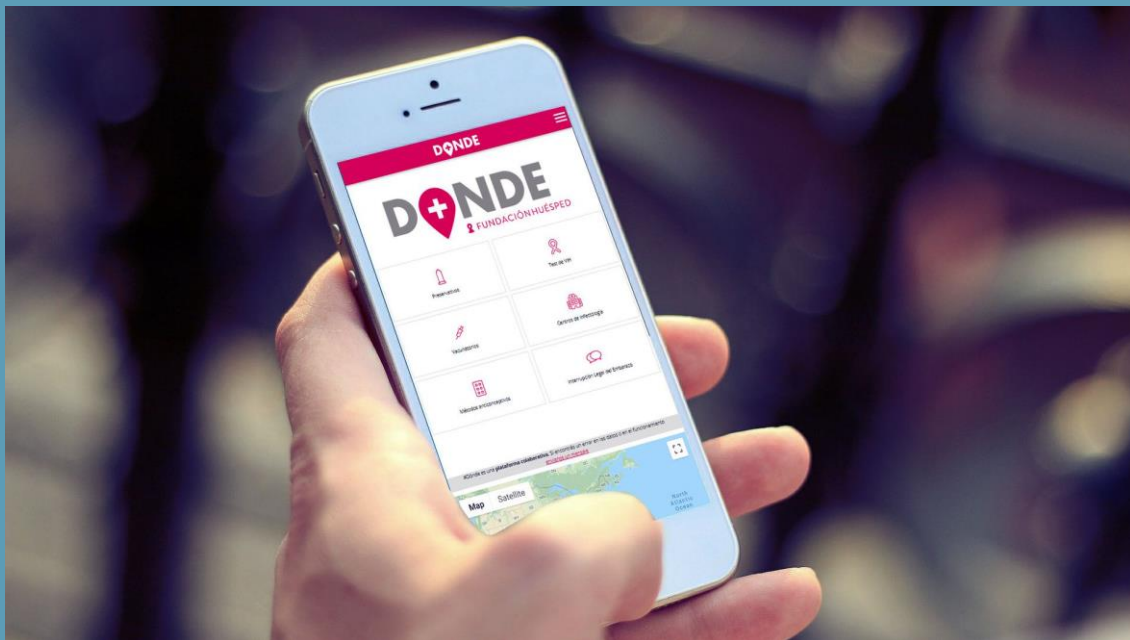


## TOP STORY



## RHSC-supported app scales up from one country to 30

[#Dónde](#) (“Where?” in Spanish) has been around since 2013, but an Innovation Fund grant last year to its developer, Fundación Huésped, allowed the interactive website to take Argentina by storm. Geo-referencing 8,000 outlets of family planning methods and services, #Dónde became the go-to resource for young Argentinians eager to find, or share insights into, RH services. This year, IPPF WHR joined forces with Fundación Huésped to scale-up the #Dónde model to reach 30 countries across the LAC region. [VAMOS](#), #Dónde’s big sister

app, will allow users to find IPPF/WHR-affiliated service-delivery outlets and chat directly with SRH experts. For more information about VAMOS, please contact Betiana Caceres at [betiana.caceres@huesped.org.ar](mailto:betiana.caceres@huesped.org.ar).

## IN THE NEWS



### **#ItsAboutSupplies makes waves at ICFP2018**

The RHSC had a strong presence at the recently-concluded ICFP meeting in Kigali. Joining more than 4,000 participants, Coalition staff helped participants navigate the Global FP VAN; explore the role of innovation in FP service delivery; discover how commodity dynamics underlie contraceptive use, and apply a supplies-angle to humanitarian crises. Watch our [90-second glimpse](#) of RHSC in Kigali.

**[Blog: in-depth look at Malawi's private sector market](#)**

How are development efforts in Malawi hindering the ability of the private sector to those who are able and willing to pay? Supported by the Innovation Fund, Erika Beidelman and Andrea Bare of the William Davidson Institute travelled to Malawi to find out. [Their recent blog](#) maps five key barriers to the country's private sector market: a poor rural population, ubiquity of free products, exclusion from insurance schemes, absence of price controls, and difficulties in discerning market opportunities. Contact Andrea Bare at [abare@umich.edu](mailto:abare@umich.edu) for more information.

## **Innovation Fund Round 17 confirms two more grants**

Two new projects are set to kick off. In addition to Gynuity's grant announced in [last month's issue of SupplyInsider](#), i+solutions will help Burundi's MoH implement a new integrated stock management tool to improve availability and access to post-abortion care and family planning products (SECONAF). And WASH United will implement the global #DropTheTax campaign to eliminate/reduce taxes on menstrual supplies globally, and at country level (Youth Caucus). Contact Alex McDevitt on [amcdevitt@rhsupplies.org](mailto:amcdevitt@rhsupplies.org) for more information on these, or any other, Innovation Fund projects.



## **ForoLAC meeting turns cost data into advocacy strategies**

What began as a relatively straightforward effort to estimate the cost of rural supply chains has now given rise to a host of local initiatives to advocate for greater support to RH service delivery. With the numbers they need to make their case, rural authorities can now see the connections and real-life consequences of underbudgeted supply chain needs in

the past: empty shelves; shortages of healthcare staff; and deteriorated/expired product. These were the findings of a two-day meeting in Bogota, Colombia, that brought together nearly 40 representatives of government and civil society involved in ForoLAC's "Presupuesto" (meaning "budget" in Spanish) Initiative. In an especially moving testimony, Silvia Sandoval described the success of her CSO, Igualdad y Desarrollo, at having rallied all the candidates in last month's elections in Peru's remote Ucayali region around an agenda that favors RH and singles out access to supplies. This project, together with [Encuentros](#), are ForoLAC initiatives to increase RH supply access to the most vulnerable populations in Latin America. For more information, please contact Regional Advisor Milka Dinev at [mdinev@rhsupplies.org](mailto:mdinev@rhsupplies.org).

## "C'est la vie" episodes air in Francophone Africa

Viewers in 32 countries in Africa can now watch gripping stories about SRH supply stockouts and counterfeit medication. Coalition-supported C'est la vie!, a Senegalese soap opera appealing to a wide audience in Africa, is currently airing its second season TV5 Monde Afrique, as well as the A+ network. It will also air presently on 10 different channels, including national television networks. Coalition staff advised on supplies-related issues and content for the storylines that take on real issues such as [stockouts of reproductive health supplies, counterfeit medicines](#) and [freedom of choice](#). The full season is also being dubbed into English and selected local languages including Lingala, Haoussa, Ouolof and Bambara. For the population located in remote areas with poor access to television, the episodes have been adapted for radio broadcasting, from early 2019; each radio show will be followed by a discussion forum. Accompanying advocacy materials are being produced to guide and support a digital campaign, community mobilization activities and discussion forums. For more information, contact Regional Advisor Aminata Lenormand at [alenormand@rhsupplies.org](mailto:alenormand@rhsupplies.org).

## New members

- Moldova-based NGO [Reproductive Health Training Center](#) works to ensure equal access to quality reproductive health and rights information and services, especially for adolescents, women and girls, people with disabilities, and those

from other social marginalized groups. The Coalition extends a special welcome to our first member from Eastern Europe.

- **Action for Improvement of Food, Child and Mother** is based in the Democratic Republic of Congo and promotes food security, while working to eradicate malnutrition and HIV/AIDS.

## IN THE CALENDAR

### [PMNCH Partner Forum](#)

**5-6 December**

New Delhi, India

### [19th General Membership Meeting of the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition](#)

**25-28 March 2019**

Kathmandu, Nepal

### [Women Deliver 2019 Conference](#)

**3-6 June 2019**

Vancouver, Canada



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