

## TOP STORY

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### **Coalition welcomes its 7<sup>th</sup> Chair**

This month, the Executive Committee elected a new Chair, the seventh in the Coalition's nearly two-decade history. Frank van de Looij takes over from John Townsend who served as Chair from 2015. Frank is no stranger to the Coalition, having represented the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs on our Executive Committee since October 2018. He is a health economist by profession, with broad experience in results-based financing, health system strengthening, health economics and facility management in development settings. Please join us in welcoming Frank and in

thanking John for his five years of dedication and committed leadership.

## IN THE NEWS

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### **A whistle-stop look at the Coalition's extraordinary year**

As COVID-19 confounded expectations across the supplies ecosystem, 2020 saw us re-commit to protecting the availability, quality, choice and affordability of reproductive health supplies. Through the imagery of sky lanterns, our [annual greeting card](#) showcases our efforts to hold up a light for our member organizations, offer a closer look into supply chain data; empower governments to make informed decisions; and dare ourselves to challenge time-worn assumptions.

### **2020 Family Planning Market Report now online**

[The 2020 Family Planning Market Report](#) – jointly produced by the [CHAI](#) and the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition – reveals that the value of the public-sector market for family planning supplies remained largely stable from 2018 to 2019. Declines in the market value for IUDs and injectables were offset by increases in the value of orals, condoms, and implants, with implants reaching a five-year high. The report is now in its sixth iteration and features family planning shipment data from 16 suppliers, one more than last year.

### **New case study highlights unique governance structure**

The new Global FP VAN case study, "[Building a collective mindset](#)", is now available on our website. The second in a series of case studies documenting learnings from the VAN, the report describes the evolution of the VAN's unique and innovative governance model. Those interested in the VAN's history or in developing similarly complex mechanisms will find a wealth of information, both in this case study and the full series.

## Have your say in what the new CGA 2021 will look like

This year, for the first time ever, the [Commodity Gap Analysis](#) will look beyond family planning to encompass a wide range of RH supplies including maternal health commodities, menstrual health products and medical abortion supplies. We are calling on you to help us ensure that the CGA 2021 continues to address your needs while preserving the features you've come to value in previous editions of the report. Please click here to [complete a 10-minute survey](#). The survey closes on 21<sup>st</sup> January.

## Journal picks RHSC piece for its Top 10

The Editor-in-Chief of the journal Global Health: Science and Practice has recommended 10 key articles published in 2020 that highlight “important perspectives and contributions on global health programs, policy, and practice”. In the top 10 is the RHSC’s article “[Doing Things Differently](#)”, calling for a rethink on how we link product and program in the short-term to ensure women’s changing needs are met during the pandemic.

## NURHT Chair to serve second term

This month, Population Council’s Saumya Ramarao started her second two-year term as [Chair of the New and Underused Reproductive Health Technologies Caucus](#).

### IN THE CALENDAR

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[CCIH 2021: Cultivating Unity in Global Health](#)

**11-27 May 2021**

Virtual Event

[European Development Days 2021](#)

**15-16 June 2021**

Brussels, Belgium

[16th European Society of Contraception Congress](#)

**1-4 September 2021**

Ghent, Belgium

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

**27-30 September 2021**

Accra, Ghana

**FIGO World Congress 2021**

**24-29 October 2021**

Sydney, Australia

[International Conference on Family Planning 2021](#)

**8-11 November 2021**

Pattaya City, Thailand



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