

TOP STORY



#ItsAboutSupplies. Especially now.

In the wake of the US Supreme Court's ruling revoking the constitutional right to abortion in the United States, there has been a growing antipathy to drugs and devices associated with abortion that also happen to address a wide range of other health issues. The RHSC has issued a special message, calling out the risk this weaponization of supplies presents to the countries where its members work.

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IN THE NEWS

New brief on female migrants' supply needs in Central America

What happens to the thousands of female migrants in Central America's Northern Triangle (Honduras, El Salvador, and Nicaragua)? Who caters to their sexual and reproductive health needs? A special ForoLAC investigation has uncovered the arduous, dangerous journeys these women and girls take to reach the US border, and how difficult it is for them to access the supplies and services they need. Read this [special brief](#) and join us as we look for ways to make a difference.

National advocates rally to put Congo-Brazzaville on the map

Activists in Congo-Brazzaville are aware of a paradox at the heart of their country, where reproductive health statistics are sobering. Despite high maternal mortality rates, low modern contraceptive prevalence, and sobering teenage pregnancy numbers, Congo-Brazzaville is a country largely ignored by donors. But advocates in the country have come back fighting. [Laurd Divin Nkounkou explains](#) how a national advocacy network in Congo-Brazzaville is putting its forgotten country back on the map.

Two supply champions fill open seats on RHSC executive board

Two long-term RHSC supporters – Pamela Steele and Cletus Adohinzin – joined the RHSC's Executive Committee this month. They have filled the board's two Open Seats, designed for individuals with knowledge and expertise relevant to the Coalition's work. Pamela Steele is founder of Pamela Steele Associates, our partner agency in the just-launched Girls on the Move program (see story below). Born and raised in Kenya, she has more than 25 years' experience in logistics & supply chain management. Cletus Adohinzin, Program Manager at the West African Health Organisation (WAHO), leads a Regional Financing Mechanism for reproductive health interventions in the ECOWAS Region, and helped establish the RHSC's regional forum for Francophone Africa, SECONAF, in 2011

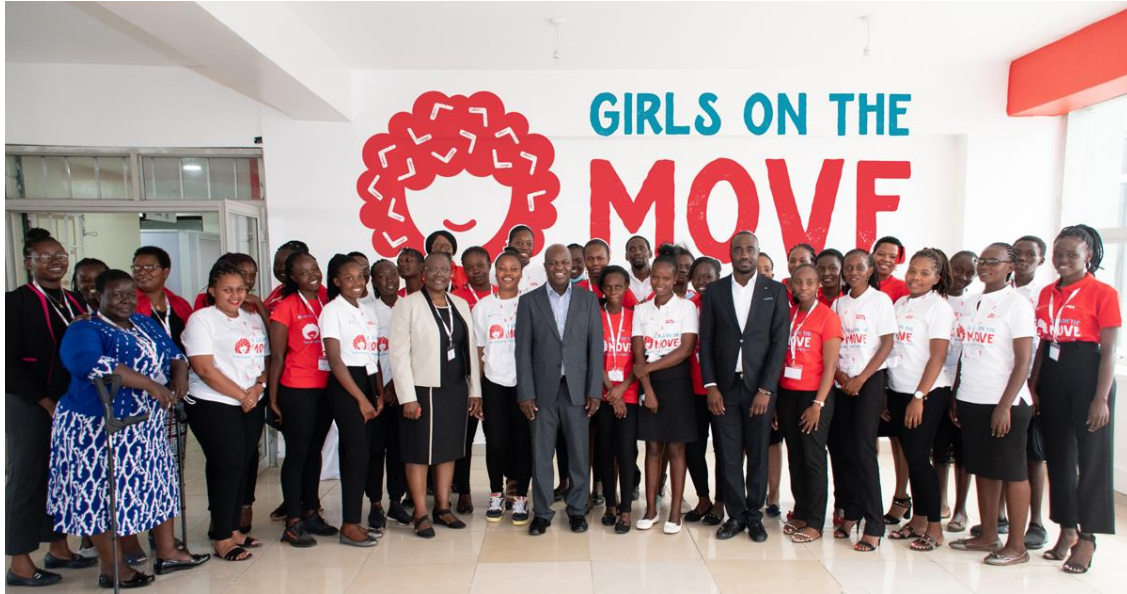


Second LAPTOP video series rolls out bitesize career advice

The RHSC recently launched a new LAPTOP videos series, [The Right People](#), a collection of 14 short installments, each under two minutes, that answer many of the questions young people have as they consider embarking on a supply chain career: “Do I have the right mindset?”, “Do I have the required skills?” “Will I have the opportunity to be creative?” Developed with support from the [David and Lucile Packard Foundation](#), the videos aim to help young people address career concerns or debunk any misperceptions they may have heard from others.

High-quality data improves Ghana’s quantification processes

The VAN has made it quick and easy for stakeholders in Ghana to access high-quality family planning supply data, which, in turn, is simplifying and improving national quantification exercises. Historically, gathering and collating reproductive health supply data has been tedious, involving much manual work. All this has changed now with the advent of the VAN. All incoming shipment information is now available in a single view, and users can click on a particular commodity to get details on funders and estimated times of arrival of commodities. Read why Ghana’s stakeholders are so enthusiastic [in this VAN update](#).



Girls on the Move takes off

In May, we announced Girls on the Move—a new RHSC-supported program managed by Pamela Steele Associates, which will introduce 30 young women to supply chain career opportunities in Kisumu, Kenya. This month, the program kicked off in a ceremony attended by the Deputy Governor of Kisumu County, Dr Mathew Ochieng Owili, along with representatives of local businesses participating in the program. The 30 successful interns, aged between 23 and 29, have already started their 8-month programs with local hospitals, hotels, resorts, and other private companies.

LAPTOP Scholar explains that knowledge is power

Bolivia's LAPTOP Scholar Grace Delgado admits to feeling completely helpless when she sees patients unable to access a medicine they need, or when she watches warehouses destroy expired medicines that could have helped so many people. The lack of competent, professionally trained supply chain managers can make the difference between health and sickness, or even death, she says. Read (in [English](#) or [Spanish](#)) how she plans on using her scholarship-supported credentials to help fix Bolivia's public healthcare supply chains.

IN THE CALENDAR

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12-13 October
Lusaka, Zambia

[International Conference on Family Planning 2022](#)

14-17 November

Pattaya City, Thailand

[Women Deliver 2023](#)

July 2023

Kigali, Rwanda



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