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TOP STORY

Supply advocates hold authorities to account in Benin and Uganda

This month saw the launch of two projects under the Advocacy and Accountability Working Group's (A&AWG) recently launched Domestic Resource Mobilization Initiative, created to advocate for increased investment of domestic resources in reproductive health commodity security. In Uganda, [Faith for Family Health Initiative](#) will support advocates and faith leaders to track accountability of public spending of domestic funds on contraceptive supplies. In Benin, which has one of the lowest contraceptive prevalence rates in the sub-region, funders' withdrawal and non-delivery of financial commitments made under the Ouagadougou Partnership (OP) eventually led to OP commitments being dismantled, making way for a new set of commitments. [ONG-GRAFED](#), a national coalition of agencies, will follow the reproductive health supply funding commitment closely, holding the health ministry accountable to its promise of increased contraceptive procurement funding.

IN THE NEWS

DKT Womancare champions quality assured abortion supplies

The RHSC will support [DKT Womancare](#) to register, market, and distribute the first WHO Prequalified or SRA-approved combipacks in Liberia, Mozambique, and Sierra Leone; and will introduce a second quality assured combipack in Ghana. They will identify critical system constraints and broker the conditions necessary to uphold quality standards, while delivering the flexibility and customization needed to reflect in-country realities and preferences around safe abortion products. Drawing on their own resources, DKT will source WHO Prequalified combipacks and misoprostol from RHSC member CR Zizhu Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. and manufacture a full suite of US FDA-approved manual vacuum aspiration technologies.

Funding shortfall insights now available for VAN users

Last year, data from the VAN revealed the discrepancy between the volumes of supplies 48 countries said they were intending to procure, and the actual committed orders for those same supplies. The exercise revealed a clear disparity between the procurement needs of these countries and the cost of meeting the needs—knowledge which encouraged USAID and UNFPA to mobilize more than US\$26M for supplies. Now, VAN users will have this information on an annual basis and at the click of a button, thereby allowing for more timely and intuitive planning and ultimately, increased access to crucial supplies.



Intrepid menstruation options tool is rolled out in Delhi

This month, the Delhi-based student initiative [Red Padding Project](#) began introducing the [Managing Menstruation: Know Your Options](#) tool to low-income menstruators. They began their work in a Hindu temple with a workshop for 15-35-year-olds. The venue is encouraging, says Red Padding's founder Aarushi Gupta, as menstruation is widely regarded impure and a taboo subject in India. Their next step is to introduce the tool to 8-14-year-old girls in low-income schools in Delhi.

Five African countries approve registration of Zizhu's combi-pack

Nearly three years ago, Coalition member [China Resources Zizhu Pharmaceutical Co Ltd](#) received WHO Prequalification (PQ) for their combination mifepristone-misoprostol (combi-pack). Since then, Zizhu has successfully registered the combi-pack in five countries—Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Mozambique and the DRC—with others soon on the way.

NEW MEMBER

US-based [One Heart Worldwide](#) is a civil society organization which provides specialized skills training for maternal and newborn health providers in Nepal. The agency creates a network of birthing centers by upgrading physical infrastructure, training medical staff, and providing medical equipment and supplies to existing government facilities.

IN THE CALENDAR

[People that Deliver Global Indaba](#)

12-13 October

Lusaka, Zambia

[International Conference on Family Planning 2022](#)

14-17 November

Pattaya City, Thailand

[Women Deliver 2023](#)

July 2023

Kigali, Rwanda