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## AT A GLANCE

RHSC is recruiting for a [senior leadership role](#) in Africa; new round of LAPTOP scholarships is [now open](#) for applications; and [36 young Kenyan women graduate](#) from their 8-month internships.

## THE LATEST

JOB OPENING

# Director

Implementing Mechanisms  
and Initiatives



### Recruitment: Director, Implementing Mechanisms and Initiatives

The Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition (RHSC) is seeking to fill a new senior leadership position of Director, Implementing Mechanisms

and Initiatives (IMI). Based in [any PATH office in Africa](#), the IMI Director will provide technical leadership within RHSC's current [Strategy \(2015-2025\)](#) and program of action ([Money, Markets and Movement](#)) and work to ensure RHSC Implementing Mechanisms are highly effective. The IMI Director will manage a team providing technical and administrative support to RHSC's working groups and caucuses and will provide leadership for RHSC's General Membership Meeting. They will also bring additional reproductive health (RH) market expertise to RHSC, working directly with RHSC's Market Development Approaches Working Group and engaging with other Secretariat staff working on market issues and with key partners in this area. The IMI Director will report to the RHSC Director. [Apply at this link](#) by 6 May 2023.

A graphic advertisement for scholarships. On the left, a blue shape contains the text 'SCHOLARSHIP BECAS • BOURSES' in white, followed by 'UP TO' and 'US\$3,000' in large white font. Below this is a yellow button with 'Apply now!' in black. On the right, a circular image shows two graduates in black gowns and caps, one holding a book. The background features a yellow circle and a grid of yellow dots.

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**US\$3,000**  
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**Apply now: new round of LAPTOP scholarships**

A new round of LAPTOP Scholarships is now open to applicants from low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), offering up to US\$3,000 per individual to help defray the costs of a course of study in supply chain management (SCM). These scholarships seek to motivate young professionals from low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) to join the field of health SCM. If you are seeking to make a future in SCM, consider applying for a [LAPTOP scholarship here](#). Female candidates are strongly

encouraged to apply. Please share this announcement with anyone who may be interested.



### **Girls on the Move graduate**

Thirty-six young women celebrated the completion of their eight-month supply chain management (SCM) internships with hospitals, hotels, and other public and private sector agencies in Kisumu County, Kenya, and Nairobi. Developed and managed by [Pamela Steele Associates](#) (PSA), the Girls on the Move program was designed to bridge the gap between education and employment, and 13 graduates have been offered full-time employment by their mentor-employers. The interns received certificates signed by the Governor of Kisumu at a ceremony attended by County Ministers for Education, for Health, and for Gender, Youth and Sport. Several employers are in discussion with PSA for future support of young female interns in SCM, and PSA is looking at opportunities for scale-up. To support Girls on the Move, please write to [gotm@pamsteele.org](mailto:gotm@pamsteele.org).

NUMBER OF THE MONTH

## Lucky Number 13

13 young women have gained full-time employment in supply chain management as a direct result of their successful internships with the [Girls on the Move](#) initiative.



Photo: Ms. Diogo, Dr. Aboagye, Mr. Smith, and Dr. Issah at the GHS offices.

### **Ghana Health Service reiterates commitment to GMM 2023**

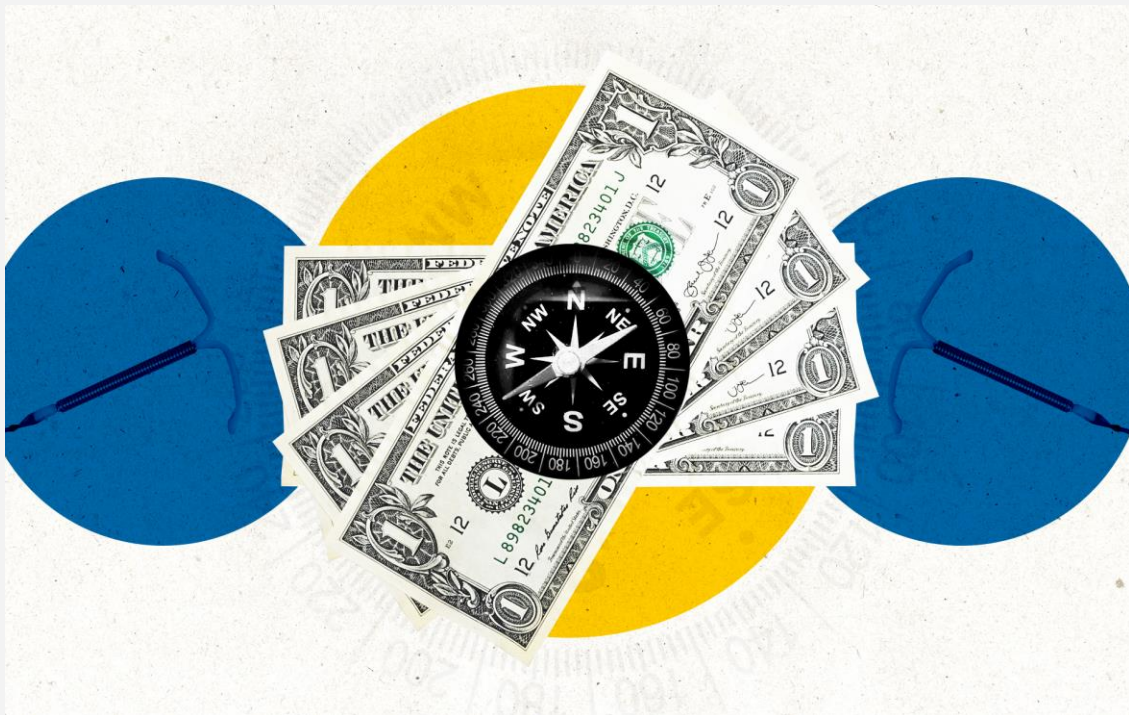
At a meeting with RHSC Director Martyn Smith in Accra this month, Ghana Health Service (GHS) Director-General Dr. Patrick Aboagye reiterated Ghana's commitment to co-hosting the upcoming General Membership Meeting in October this year. Dr. Aboagye, Dr. Kofi Issah, Director Family Health Division, and Claudette Diogo, Logistics and Supply Manager, shared their thoughts on a wide range of RH supplies issues ranging from COVID-19 adaptations and solutions, to commodity financing, and family planning within national health insurance. The



discussion has informed the GMM2023 planning process richly and we thank the GHS and all our partners in Ghana for their advice and support in the leadup to our [meeting in October](#).

### **14 LAC candidates awarded LAPTOP scholarships**

Fourteen candidates in the Latin America and Caribbean region (LAC) are starting new courses of study in supply chain management, thanks to ForoLAC's latest round of LAPTOP scholarships. The eight women and six men are from Haiti, Bolivia, Peru, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Argentina, and Colombia. Applicants had access to a webinar sharing the experience of scholars who have benefited from the program. A new global round has just opened; to apply, see story above.



### **Blog, webinar, ask: “How resilient is our funding?”**

Last month, we announced a new report ‘[Contraceptive Commodity Funding During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)’, commissioned by the RHSC and produced by Avenir Health, seeking to shed light on contraceptive supplies funding patterns during the pandemic. A [new blog by Safia Ahsan](#) sums up the report's important key messages in a 5-minute read and a recent [webinar](#) includes perspectives from Zambia.

## RHSC welcomes new NURHT Chair

Julie Heinsen, Program Officer with the PATH-JSI DMPA-SC Access Collaborative, has been elected Chair of the [NURHT Caucus](#). We welcome her on board and offer our sincere gratitude to outgoing Chair Saumya Ramarao for her four years of leadership and dedication.

### NEW MEMBER

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[IMMI Health Ltd.](#) in the UK is a non-profit organization focusing on menstrual health, and has developed a [digital watch](#) capable of menstrual cycles without the use of an app. Currently working with UNFPA in two countries, IMMI Health is looking to scale to other related projects.

### IN THE CALENDAR

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**18-19 April**  
RHSC Executive Committee Meeting

**17-20 July** | Kigali, Rwanda  
[Women Deliver 2023](#)

**9-12 October** | Paris, France  
[XXIV World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics](#)

**16-20 October** | Accra, Ghana  
[General Membership Meeting of the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition](#)

### WEBINARS

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MDAWG | Compass Initiative

[Contraceptive Commodity Funding During the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

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