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AT A GLANCE

FP Market Report [is out](#); Argentina's national lab [pioneers mifepristone production](#); VAN Ambassadors [share testimonials](#) and success stories.

THE LATEST



FP Market Report 2023 shows upward contraceptive market trend 2018-2022

The public-sector contraceptive market in 84 low- and lower-middle income countries grew from US\$247 to US\$257 million between 2018 to

2022, according to the [2023 Family Planning Market Report](#) released last week by the Clinton Health Access Initiative and the RHSC. Over the 2018 to 2022 period, long-acting methods including implants and copper and hormonal intrauterine devices comprised the majority share of couple-years of protection shipped, with growth in the share of implants and hormonal IUDs. In a webinar on Wednesday, December 13 at 09:00 EST//16:00 CAT//19:30 IST, reproductive health experts will summarize key findings from the report. [Register here.](#)

Landmark development for mifepristone in Argentina

Argentina's national laboratory — Laboratorios Santa Fé LIF — has become the first manufacturer in the LAC region to start producing mifepristone, building on RHSC-supported market assessment work for medical abortion drugs in Argentina, carried out by the Concept Foundation and CEDES Argentina. Next steps will involve obtaining approval from the national regulatory body, ANMAT. Mifepristone is available in 795 public health outlets in Santa Fe.

NUMBER OF THE MONTH

99%

of General Membership Meeting participants surveyed vow to return for the next conference.

GMM feedback promises overwhelming repeat attendance

99% of respondents to the General Membership Meeting exit survey plan to return for the next conference. Plenary panels on the future of financing for RH supplies, regional manufacturing, and gender equity and social inclusion were mentioned as key learnings. Networking opportunities, site visits, and a visa-friendly location were also mentioned as highlights of this year's conference in Accra.

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Congratulations on this amazing meeting. Indeed, we celebrated resilience and looked into the future, with hope for better reproductive supply outcomes.

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Participant numbers were about right - it provided the opportunity to actively engage in sessions, and also make contacts in side events / meetings. Often these types of fora are too big to facilitate both.

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...this is a great forum — we can do more by working together.

Dr Peter Lambert, Monash University, Australia



Supply Fellows and alumni join online networking group

Supply Fellows who joined the mentorship initiative at the General Membership Meeting can now meet, exchange ideas, and share career tips and opportunities in a dedicated LinkedIn group. More than half of the participants surveyed in Accra have already been in contact with their Fellow since the meeting ended. [Read more here.](#)



VAN Ambassadors share success stories in Accra

A new blog sums up the VAN's vibrant presence at the General Membership Meeting and shares the testimonials around the data visibility network's recent accomplishments. You can [read the blog here.](#)



Welcome to Alimatou Zohoun

Ms. Alimatou Zohoun has joined the RHSC as Regional Control Tower Manager for the VAN. She is a maternal and reproductive health veteran and, under the Benin Ministry of Health, liaised with various projects and key organizations including USAID, UNICEF, WHO and UNFPA. She is based in Ghana, and we wish her a long and happy stay with us.

NEW MEMBERS

[Alora Reusable Pads](#) in Nigeria manufactures affordable cloth pads to address period poverty.

The [European Consortium for Emergency Contraception](#) is a community of practice expanding knowledge about, and access to, emergency contraception (EC) in European countries, and promoting the standardization of EC service delivery in the Europe.

[Practhealth Pharma Ltd.](#) in Kenya, is part of the Practhealth group distributing sexual and reproductive health supplies across several retail pharmaceutical outlets using a sustainable business model.

[Tasa Pharma Limited](#) is the first dedicated sterile manufacturing facility based in Kenya, and the first and only tranexamic acid manufacturer in Africa.

[Uninhibited](#) in India works to empower girls in education and collaborates with state governments to provide female-friendly restroom facilities with essential sanitary products. Along with the Menstrual Health Hub, they developed the [MIRA](#) chatbot – a comprehensive, evidence-based resource for menstrual health stakeholders.

[University Research Co. LLC](#) in the United States is a global company [working in supply chain](#).

In Nigeria, the [West African Institute of Public Health](#) is a regional health organization committed to advancing public health excellence in West Africa and beyond.

[White Ribbon Alliance Kenya](#) is a national movement for women's health and rights.

In Pakistan, the [Youth Advocacy Network](#) is platform a for youth-related issues, including Sustainable Development Goals and human rights with an emphasis on sexual and reproductive health and rights, gender equality, and civic education.

NEW WEBINARS



[Myths and Realities of Teenage Pregnancy Prevention in Central America and the Dominican Republic](#) (Spanish)

IN THE CALENDAR

6-8 March 2024 | Bangkok, Thailand

[People that Deliver Global Indaba](#)
