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THE MONTH IN NUMBERS

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The number of manufacturers of maternal health supplies in sub-Saharan Africa. [Read more](#) about this in a new report commissioned by RHSC.

\$109M

The VAN helped procurers mobilize and/or allocate more than \$109 million in new orders for member countries. Read the story [here](#).

200

200 model uteruses donated to the Dominican Republic's health ministry will serve as training devices for the correct insertion and removal of intrauterine systems. Read the rest of the story [here](#).

THE LATEST



New 2023 scorecard and infographic speak to spectacular VAN impact

Between 2020 and 2023, the VAN helped procurers mobilize and/or allocate more than \$109 million in new orders for member countries, avoided waste by supporting at least \$5.39 million worth of cancelled, postponed, and transferred orders, and helped expedite 98 orders to mitigate supply shortages. The newly released 2023 [VAN scorecard](#) and [infographic](#) share more metrics, reporting on the platform’s continual growth and impact, with 24 new member organizations in the last year, for a total of over 120 members. [Read more.](#)



COMPASS INITIATIVE SERIES: REGIONALIZATION

Manufacturing maternal health products in sub-Saharan Africa

Read the report



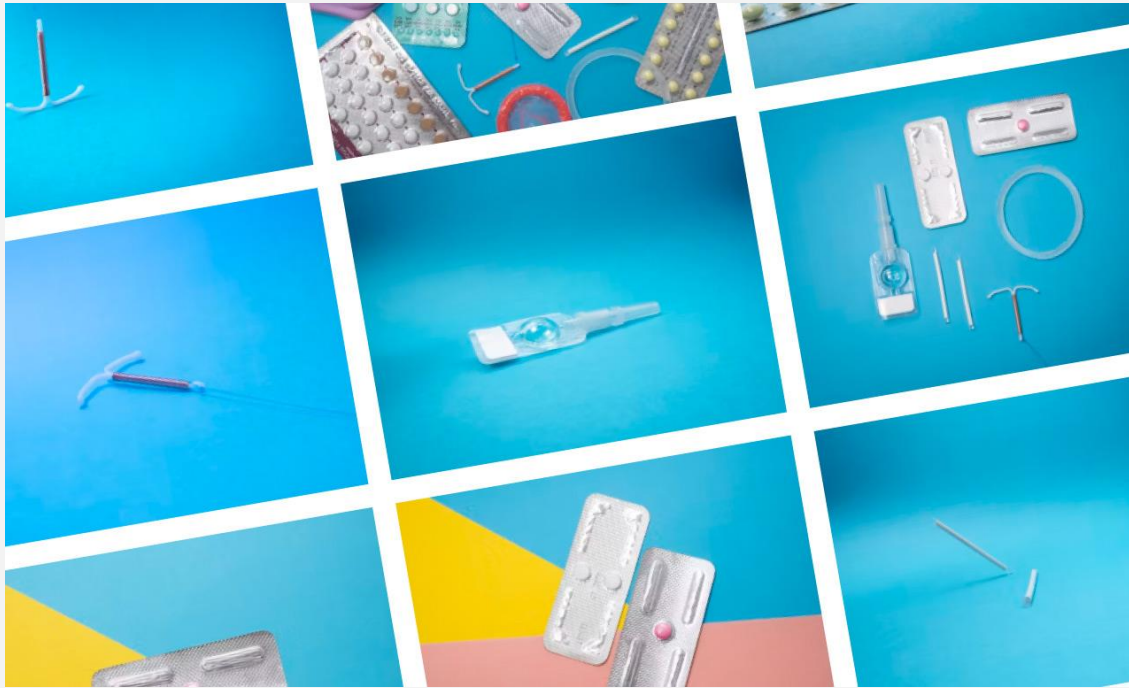
New report explores demand for, production capacity of, MH supplies in sub-Saharan Africa

[A new report](#) assesses the demand for—and manufacturing capacity of—five essential maternal health (MH) commodities across eight SSA countries. Produced by [US Pharmacopeia](#) (USP) and the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition (RHSC), the report highlights a lack of diversified regional suppliers, overreliance on foreign imports, and varying capacity and distribution of regional manufacturers as challenges that affect availability, access, and affordability of essential MH medicines. [Read more.](#)



ForoLAC oversees donation of 200 teaching devices

[ForoLAC](#) recently procured 200 model uteruses for the Dominican Republic's health ministry, as part of RHSC's agreement with USAID, using USAID funding. These resources will serve as training devices for the correct insertion and removal of intrauterine systems. The donation builds on ForoLAC's ongoing collaboration with the country's health ministry: ForoLAC has been supporting the ministry in efforts to reduce adolescent pregnancy in partnership with [SECOMISCA](#), USAID, the ForoLAC philanthropic donor, and the [ICA Foundation](#).



RHSC photos attract 67M views, nearly 380K downloads

Chances are you've come across some of these images lately! Concerned by a shortage of free stock photographs of reproductive health (RH) products, the RHSC Secretariat produced a series of photos four years ago of injectables, vaginal rings, IUDs, emergency contraceptive pills, and more. These images were uploaded onto the free online picture repository [Unsplash](#) where they have since attracted 67 million views and nearly 380,000 downloads by key organizations such as WHO, Euronews, Planned Parenthood, FranceTV, MTV, Le Soir, and SAGE Publications. If you would like to see bespoke photos of any RH product uploaded to Unsplash, please contact Lucian Alexe at lalex@rhsupplies.org for further information.

SSWG welcomes new Chair

Lloyd Matowe (of Pharmaceutical Systems Africa and The Partnership for Improving Supply Chain Management in Africa) has been elected to the position of [SSWG](#) Chair. Over the coming weeks, the group will transition from outgoing Chair John Durgavich to Lloyd Matowe. We express our gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Durgavich who has served in this leadership role since the end of 2021, and welcome Dr. Matowe on board with our heartiest congratulations.

NEW MEMBERS

[Together For Better Foundation](#), an NGO in Kenya, focuses on combatting period poverty and menstrual stigma, promoting economic sustainability, and increasing access to both products and education.

US-based [Maisha Meds](#) is a large network of digital pharmacies and clinics focused on delivery of affordable healthcare across sub-Saharan Africa, managing a digital network of 3,000 pharmacies and clinics across five African countries which receive more than 1 million patient visits per month.

[Pro Mujer](#), based in the United States, reaches 23 countries through digital programs and services including telemedicine resources for sexual and reproductive health.

NEW WEBINARS



[Periods Are Everyone's Business: Canada's Journey to Accelerate Gender and Menstrual Equity](#)



[UNFPA Supplies Match Fund: Mobilizing Domestic Resources for Quality-Assured Maternal Health Medicines](#)

IN THE CALENDAR

6-8 April 2024 | Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
[WomenLift Health Global Conference](#)

20-24 May 2024 | Lilongwe, Malawi

[9th African Population Conference - Road to 2030: Leveraging Africa's human capital to achieve transformation in a world of uncertainty](#)
