



Systems Strengthening Working Group

October 17th, 2023



Welcome

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Meeting Agenda

Agenda Item	Time
Welcome and Strategy Exercise	2:00 - 2:15pm
Adaptations Used to Ensure Contraceptive Access During the Pandemic	2:15 - 3:00pm
Reproductive Health Systems Strengthening in Ghana	3:00 - 4:00pm
Coffee/Tea Break	4:00 - 4:30pm
Strategic Planning for Supply Systems Strengthening <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presenting USAID and UNFPA technical priorities	4:30 - 6:00pm

Welcome!

SSWG—Overview

As a working group within the RHSC, the SSWG seeks to:

- 1) **Learn:** Raise awareness on role of systems and their impact on availability, equity, quality and choice of RH supplies
- 2) **Share:** Exchange ideas and knowledge about Systems Strengthening
- 3) **Focus on efficiency** of the supply chains
- 4) **Draw from** relevant trends and developments
- 5) **Act:** Neutral space to identify systematic challenges and gaps that cannot be resolved within any one organization and to work collaboratively to develop responsive solutions

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Adaptations Used to Ensure Contraceptive Access During the Pandemic

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Item	Participant	Time
Presentation on the Framework and Key Findings	Wanjiru Munene	2:15–2:25
Break-out Session—6 Groups as per the Adaptation Categories		2:25–2:45
Break-out Session Report-out & Concluding Remarks		2:45–3:00

Reproductive Health Systems Strengthening in Ghana

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RH Systems Strengthening in Ghana

Item	Participants	Time
Introduction	Moderator—Emily Day (GHSC-PSM)	3:00—3:05
Overview of Ghana’s RH supply chain systems	Claudette Diogo (Ghana Health Services)	3:05—3:20
Panelist Discussion	Emily Day; Claudette Diogo; Abena Amoah (IPPF); George Akanlu (MSI); Kwesi Yawson (DKT)	3:20—3:45
Moderated Q&A	Moderator—Emily Day	3:45—4:00

Coffee/Tea Break

Strategic Planning for Supply Systems Strengthening

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Item	Participant	Time
Introduction	Safia Ahsan	4:30–4:35
USAID key priorities on RH systems strengthening	Ashley Smith	4:35–4:50
UNFPA key priorities on RH systems strengthening	Agnes Chidanyika	4:50–5:05
Questions & comments	Moderator–Safia Ahsan	5:05–5:15
SSWG climate change/supply chains activity	Safia Ahsan	5:15–5:25
Future planning: SSWG workplan objectives & activities	Moderator–Safia Ahsan & Emily Day	5:25–5:50
Near-term outlook for SSWG & closing this meeting	Safia Ahsan	5:50–6:00

SSWG—Climate change & supply chains

- **January 2023**—held first meeting. Shared PFSCM’s sustainability strategy and packaging innovations activity undertaken by USAID and UNFPA.
- **April 2023**—distributed survey to SSWG membership to gauge and understand interest.
- **September 2023**—held another meeting to explore SSWG members’ interest.
- A few findings:
 - While many members are interested, they lack donor funding to do related work and to volunteer to lead on this for SSWG.
 - Climate change cannot be siloed from other supply chain stressors or threats to resilience, such as pandemics, humanitarian crises, or more routine supply chain challenges.
 - Increasing supply chain resilience brings greater efficiencies, which is beneficial for all supply chain actors.
- **Potential Call to Action**—first draft of call to action was drafted. Would be refined, and with partner engagement, if to move forward.
- **What else????**

SSWG Future Planning

Existing Goal & Objectives (SSWG Workplan):

Goal: Promote a favorable environment for scaling up availability of and equitable access to a wide range of affordable and high-quality RH supplies

- **Objective 1:** To advance best practices and explore new ideas related to supply chain visibility and analytics at the country level
- **Objective 2:** Continue gathering data and share out lessons learned regarding the long-term impact of COVID-19 pandemic
- **Objective 3:** Tap RHSC member and external partner expertise in key learning agenda priority areas and share with SSWG members through various channels

SSWG Future Planning - Activity

Now, you will:

- Choose one of the three current objectives, as we present each
- Move to the area of the room where this objective is being discussed
- Discuss with colleagues your objective and if/how it should be modified
- Consider modifying the objective, aligning with technical priorities of USAID and UNFPA
- On large sticky-notes, write out re-worded versions of the workplan objective on the flip chart.
- Also, write out possible sub-objectives on the large sticky-notes.
- Discuss and identify activities being done by your organization or other RHSC members, under this objective. Focus on activities that might benefit from assistance, contributions, and collaboration.
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- Identify one spokesperson from group. After flip chart activity, the spokespersons will report out. We will keep your flip charts!

SSWG Future Planning—Objective 1

- Objective 1: To advance best practices and explore new ideas related to supply chain visibility and analytics at the country level
- For Objective 1, consider more broadly best practices and new ideas for supply chain visibility, analytics, and supply chain performance data monitoring (e.g., metrics for stockouts, inventory turnover,...)

SSWG Future Planning—Objective 2

- Objective 2: Continue gathering data and share out lessons learned regarding the long-term impact of COVID-19 pandemic
- For Objective 2, consider more broadly how to approach supply chain resilience in the face of various stressors (e.g., pandemics, humanitarian crises, climate change,...)

SSWG Future Planning—Objective 3

- Objective 3: Tap RHSC member and external partner expertise in key learning agenda priority areas and share with SSWG members through various channels
 - Sub-objective: Humanitarian supply chains—harness the energy behind work being done in this area
 - Sub-objective: Workforce development—create opportunities for People that Deliver and IAPHL to share activities with SSWG members
 - Sub-objective: Last Mile—keep members up to date on best practices for this topic
 - Sub-objective: Provide data to drive supply chain decisions
 - Sub-objective: Sharing strategic plans for supply chains, RH systems strengthening, and other related innovations
- Narrow the focus? And/or add another sub-objective?

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SSWG—Near-term outlook

- Start Chair election cycle November 2023
- Welcome your ideas for webinars and meeting agenda items
- Compile your outputs from the strategic planning exercise
- Hold an SSWG call in January 2024 for workplanning
- Look toward next steps on supply chain resilience/climate change

Thank You

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