

# Implant Access Initiative: Update on Progress

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# MD2020 Aims

- Ensure the choice of methods women and men want
- Secure the availability of SRA supplies needed to reach 120M new users by 2020
- Guarantee the effective, timely delivery of contraceptive supplies through appropriate data sharing and coordination

# Meeting the Challenge

- Delivering increased volumes of supplies to meet growing demand
- Ensuring quality services are in place to deliver higher volumes
- Making sure new opportunities are within the reach of those who will make a difference

# Delivering increased volumes

- Bayer has increased its manufacturing capacity, while Merck uses more of the capacity it increased in 2011
- New product registrations in place for Jadelle, Implanon and Implanon NXT (which will soon replace Implanon, starting in 2014).
- Efforts underway to balance country needs with the demands of global procurement processes
- RH community is getting on board, and bringing with them tools, new partnerships and expanded efforts at information sharing.

# The Implants TRT: its aims

- Secure supply of affordable implants
- Increase demand/adoption of implants
- Ensure a dynamic and sustainable market for implants
- Strengthen systems and capacity for delivering quality services
- Ensure providers that are trained in the safe insertion and removal.
- Foster technical improvements to implants

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## Global Conveners Group

Commodity: Contraceptive Implants

### Background

The UN Commission on Life-Saving Commodities for Women and Children (the Commission) was formed in 2012 by the UN Secretary-General as part of the global Every Woman Every Child (EWEC) movement. EWEC challenges the global community to increase access to, and appropriate use of, essential medicines, medical devices, and health supplies that effectively address the leading preventable causes of death during pregnancy, childbirth, and childhood.

Led by a wide range of high-level leaders from around the world, the Commission developed a framework for action on Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (RMNCH) products that can be applied nationally and utilized in global RMNCH initiatives. The framework outlines a priority list of 13 commodities, key barriers to access and use, and 10 cross-cutting recommendations to rapidly increase both access and use. By increasing access to, and use of, these 13 commodities, it is estimated that the lives of 6M women and children can be saved by 2017.

### Moving forward

To help carry forward the Commission's recommendations at the global and national levels, 24 Global Conveners Groups were established. One group was formed for each of the 13 commodities and 10 recommendations, and an advocacy working group is dedicated to advancing cross-cutting goals. The groups carry out their work through a variety of mechanisms, including guidance documents and tools to support countries in their efforts to implement recommendations and address global and regional bottlenecks. These global conveners are governed by a Strategy and Coordination Team hosted by UNICEF.

### Contraceptive Implants Technical Reference Team

Contraceptives are an important and cost-effective component of good maternal health care, supporting safe pregnancy, labor, and childbirth. Yet, an estimated



A woman receives a contraceptive implant, which is inserted into the upper arm, at a health facility in Senegal.

222 million women in developing countries want to use modern contraceptives but do not have access.

The Contraceptive Implants Technical Reference Team (TRT) is working to provide women and couples with a wider range of contraceptive choices. The specific goals and objectives of the Contraceptive Implants TRT are:

- Secure supply of affordable contraceptive implants available to women in low and middle-income countries.
- Increase demand for and adoption of implants by women for whom they are the method of choice.
- Ensure a dynamic and sustainable market for affordable, high-quality implants as part of a broad range of contraceptive choices.
- Strengthen systems and capacity for delivering quality services through appropriate human resources and effective supply chains.
- Ensure providers that are trained in the safe insertion and removal of contraceptive implants.
- Foster technical improvements to implants and related products/services.

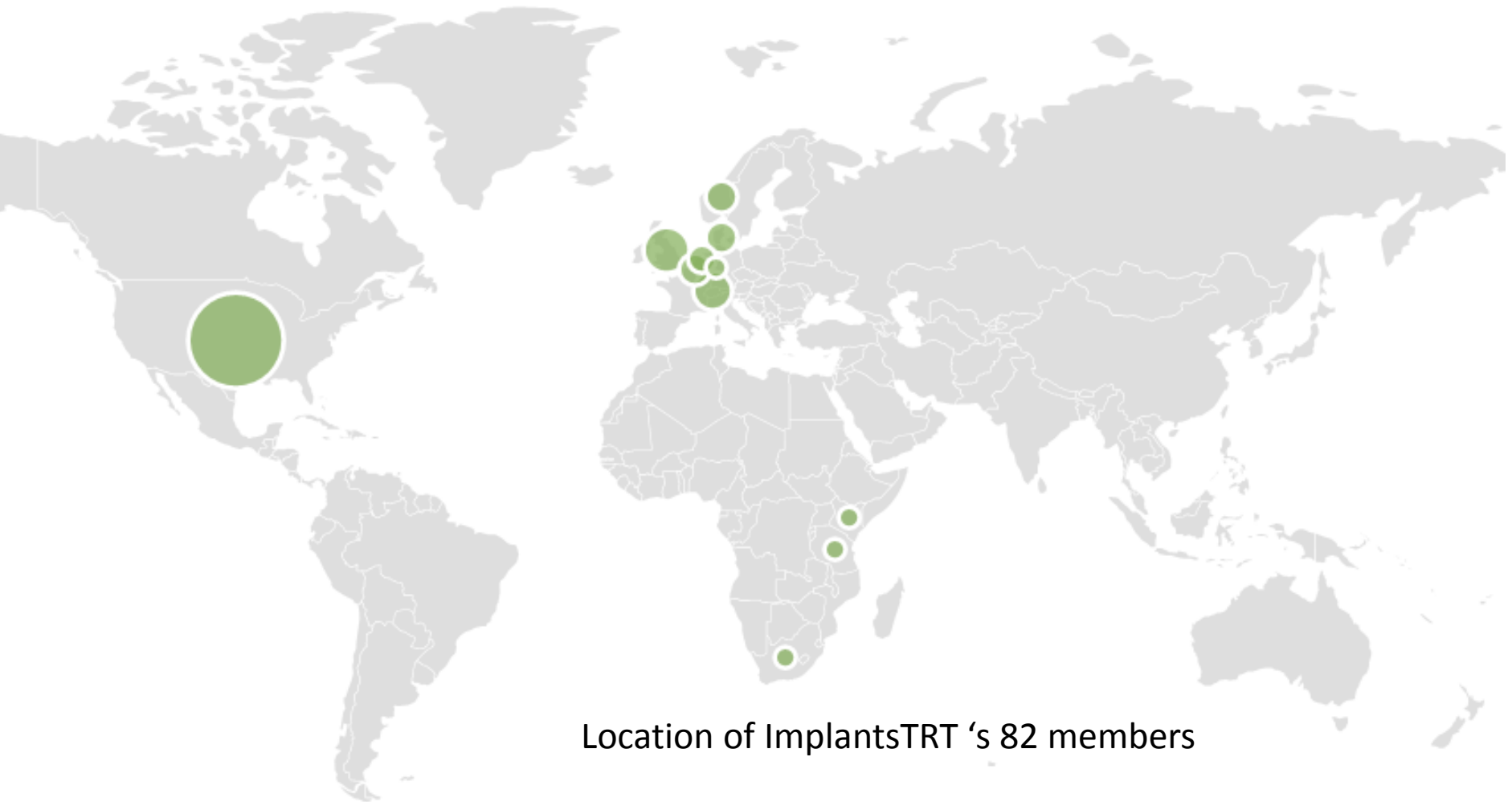
# Expanding services

- Efforts are underway within SMO sector to train public and private sector providers on implant insertion and removal, infection prevention and counseling.
- Standardized training materials are being developed.
- Country based trainings are ongoing with more being planned, also within the context of LARCS more broadly.
- Efforts are still needed to better integrate training into country plans and strategically pursue options for international financing

# Knowing where to turn for help

- Implements TRT of the UN Commission assembles 82 stakeholders with expertise in increasing access to implants.
- FP2020 Working Groups positioned to address critical issues such as training/service delivery, forecasting and supply planning, and performance monitoring.
- Possible interest platform that could serve as a one-stop-shop for information dissemination and a portal for others to seek support need to increase access to implants.

# The road ahead, heads South



Location of ImplantsTRT 's 82 members