Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition

New and Underused RH Technologies Caucus

Background and 2013 Update

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Background
What is the NURHT Caucus?

• Community of Practice.
• Purpose: To contribute to country-level efforts to achieve MDG 5.
• Approaches:
  – Broaden discussion within Coalition on NURHTs.
  – Collaborate with Coalition Implementing Mechanisms.
What do we mean by “new?”

- **New** RH technologies are those that are new to a global or country market and are currently available for procurement.
What do we mean by “underused?”

• **Underused** RH technologies are those that are not routinely available in the public, private, or social marketing sectors, as well as those technologies not routinely procured by the major procurers.
The technologies discussed by the Caucus are those that:

• Can expand choice in a reproductive health program focused on family planning and/or maternal health;
• Add value to the method mix or medical response; and
• Respond to the needs of the clients.
Coalition Structure

• 1 Executive Committee
• 1 Secretariat
• 3 Working Groups
• 2 Regional Forums
• 2 Caucuses
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Implementing Mechanisms
Coalition Structure (cont’d)

• Implementing mechanism but not a Working Group.

• Operates *through* the Working Groups.
  – Include Regional Forums in the future.
  – Liaisons to each WG.

• All Caucus members also belong to at least one WG or Forum.
Updates
January – October 2013
RHSC Updates

• Bonnie Keith’s replacement on the Caucus: RHSC will decide how this role will operate moving forward likely by end of year; Heather Clark is serving as Interim Chair.

• A small advisory group met in Brussels and in DC to take part in the RHSC strategic refresh; plan will be launched at the Annual Membership Meeting (AMM).

• Innovation Fund has been replenished and will be re-launched later this fall.

• A new caucus was launched in May: Generic Manufacturers Caucus for RH (GEMs).
Caucus Updates

- All 13 briefs have been posted to the RHSC website.
- Editorial for journal *Contraception* drafted.
- Small group within the Caucus has been exploring how to take the EML project forward.
Outstanding Activities

• Finalize and publish editorial in journal *Contraception*.

• Ensuring NURHTs on WHO Essential Medicines List.
Challenges

• Leadership change mid-year (Chair).
• Liaison system not functioning as actively as in the past.
• Little progress in identifying new activities.
• Need to engage A&A WG.
Opportunities

• New WG activities with NURHT potential.
• UNCoLSC implementation of recommendations.
• Partnership with MHS Caucus and A&A WG.
Information

• Upcoming teleconferences:
  – October 22, 2013
  – February 11, 2013

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