



Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition

Systems Strengthening Working Group

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Purpose:

- To strengthen the global, regional, and country systems that are needed for effective and efficient delivery of quality RH supplies and equipment.

SSWG Activities/Initiatives



• Innovation Funds

- Forecasting for new/underutilized methods
- Learning and Professional Training Opportunities (LAPTOP)
- Hormonal contraceptives database
- Accessing RH supplies in emergency settings
- Supply chain management for CBD programs

• Workstreams

- ✓ Stockout Indicator
- Supply Chain Options
- Coordinated Supply Planning
- AccessRH/RHInterchange
- Coordinated Assistance for RH Supplies group (CARhs)
- ✓ Pledge Guarantee for Health (PGH)
- Quality of RH Medicines (QuRHM) with MDAWG
- People that Deliver (PtD)



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SSWG Agenda



- Working across the Coalition to improve access
- From the Secretariat
- Coffee break
- Panel: Improving access through supply chain integration
- Lunch
- Workstream highlights
- Panel: Human resources challenges
- Coffee break
- Joint meeting with A&A Working Group

Improving Access through SC Integration



“Much of the (world’s) burden of disease can be prevented or cured with known, affordable technologies. The problem is getting drugs, vaccines, information and other forms of prevention, care or treatment – on time, reliably, in sufficient quantity and at reasonable cost – to those who need them.” (WHO)



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Working Together: Advocates and Supply Chain Experts



“Contraceptive availability is increasingly less about technical fixes than matters of commitment and caring.”



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How Can Advocacy Support Supply Chain Goals?



SSWG Survey Responses:

1. Identify who the main stakeholders are for advocacy action.
2. Convene stakeholders (e.g. political and ministry-level champions) regularly.
3. Promote consensus on vocabulary and priorities.
4. Use evidence, data, and accurate portrayal of key issues.
 - Understand upstream and downstream causes of stockouts.
5. Frame issues in ways that resonate with policymakers.
 - Raise awareness about importance of supply chain strengthening to health goals.
 - Highlight high cost of a weak supply chain.
6. Mobilize resources for supplies AND supply chains.
7. Advocate/lobby for specific tools/resources or regarding specific policies (e.g. regulatory, import fees, etc.).

