New and Underused Reproductive Health Technologies Caucus

Background and Update

Heather Clark, Caucus Chair
Sophia DeLevie Orey, Senior Program Assistant, RHSC
Agenda

16:00 - 16:15  Welcome, introductions, NURHT Update
Heather Clark, NURHT Caucus Chair

16:15 - 16:45  New NURHT Initiatives
Introduction: Sophia DeLevie-Orey, RHSC
Speakers: Laura Hytti, Womena; Briton Bieze, Ipas; Jennifer Blum, Gynuity; Milka Dinev, RHSC on behalf of CLACAI; Heather Clark, Population Council
16:45 - 17:15  **NURHT Metrics discussion**
Facilitation: Kate Rademacher, FHI360 and Elizabeth Westley, MSH

Heat-stable carbetocin - Hans Vemer, Concept Foundation
Post-partum IUD - Mukul Taparia, Pregna

17:15 - 17:30  **FP TRT Update and Merger**
Heather Clark, NURHT Caucus Chair

17:30 - 18:30  **Workplan brainstorm**
Facilitators: Heather Clark, NURHT Caucus Chair and Sophia DeLevie-Orey, RHSC
Coalition Updates

Focus on FP2020

New initiatives
- Youth and adolescents
- Safe abortion

Reinvigoration of regional initiatives
- ForoLAC
- SECONAF
RHSC Governance and Administration

- Executive Committee
- Secretariat
- Advocacy & Accountability Working Group
- Market Development Approaches Working Group
- Systems Strengthening Working Group
- Forums and Caucus

Support
Authority
What is the NURHT Caucus?

• Community of practice

• Cross-cutting body

• One of the Coalition’s eight implementing mechanisms (IMs)

• Approaches:
  Broaden discussion within the Coalition on NURHTs
  Collaborate with other Coalition IMs
What do we mean by “new” and “underused”?  

**New** RH technologies are those that are new to a global or country market and are currently available for procurement.

**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 Caucus is not method-specific, but rather it focuses on the common challenges and barriers facing regular uptake of these commodities in developing country markets.*
Commodities

1. Contraceptive implants
2. CycleBeads
3. Diaphragm
4. Emergency contraceptive pills
5. Female condom
6. Levonorgestrel intrauterine system
7. Magnesium sulfate
8. Manual vacuum aspiration
9. Mifepristone and misoprostol for medical abortion
10. Misoprostol for maternal health
11. Oxytocin
12. Pregnancy tests
13. Progesterone vaginal ring
14. Sub-cutaneous DMPA
NURHT Caucus Highlights 2016

• New NURHT awards
  • 5 in 2016!

• Linking with MDAWG
  • Pregnancy tests webinar
  • Product Introduction meeting Seattle

• Inclusion/graduation of products
  • Process developed and put into practice

• Coordination of UNCoLSC FP Technical Resource Team

• Technical briefs update (in progress)
Enable women and men to choose from among a wider range of contraceptive and other RH supply options than currently available in the global marketplace.
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Safe abortion supplies landscaping

**GOAL** is to improve access to safe abortion supplies by better understanding where the gaps and challenges are along the supply chain.
Project phases

**Phase I** includes a systematic literature review on safe abortion supplies globally.

**Phase II** includes consultations with key experts to vet findings from the literature review, and highlight case studies and innovative solutions via phone interviews and in-person meeting.

**Phase III** is the development of a final report on the literature review including case studies and recommendations for the field.
Outcome

Safe abortion supplies landscape analysis document

- Serve as a framework for global policy and decision-makers
- Provide the rationale for the global communities’ future investment in increasing access to safe abortions supplies.
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UNCoLSC FP TRT Update and Merger

Heather Clark, Caucus Chair
Background on UNCoLSC FP TRT

• The UN Secretary-General's Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health (2010) called on the global community to work together to save 16 million lives by 2015

• Challenge was taken up by the UN Commission on Life-Saving Commodities for Women and Children

• 9 Technical Resource Teams carried out this work

Emergency Contraception
Female Condoms
Implants

FP TRT
Why the Coalition and the NURHT Caucus?

- NURHT Caucus was instrumental in getting EC, FC, and Implants on the UN Commission's list of life-saving commodities.

- Participants in the former EC, Implants and Female Condoms TRTs were already members of the NURHT Caucus.

- Given the Coalition’s and Commission’s primary focus on supplies, the Coalition can ensure the commodity angle of these products will remain at the forefront.
FP TRT Goals

- Strengthen public awareness and demand
- Increase availability, accessibility and utilization
- Strengthen systems and capacity of national officers to deliver quality programs
- Strengthen providers/pharmacists capacity to deliver these commodities
- Update existing and develop new tools and guidelines that expand accessibility and use.
FP TRT Select Highlights

Provide TA to country-level efforts related to underutilized FP commodities

- Input on country-level plans
- EC training modules developed and piloted
- Policy and stakeholder landscaping conducted to inform in-country advocacy plans
- Sharing lessons learned on FC: stakeholder meeting (Zambia)

Greater awareness raised for increased access to underutilized FP commodities globally and in selected RMNCH initiative countries

- Media engaged on FC issues (London)
- National dissemination of tools and results
  - Implants, EC and FC tool dissemination and capacity building (December 2014; Nigeria and Senegal)
  - EC materials dissemination (March 2015, DRC; April, Malawi)
- Publications
Unfinished Agenda

- Dissemination of tools and documents
- Following up on outcome of and disseminating results of certain activities
- Commodity specific activities

How can the NURHT Caucus facilitate?
Life-Saving Commodities Practitioners’ Network

Goal: **translate the global learning and knowhow** that the experts have developed into **country-level action** under the banner of the new Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents Health.

Features:

- Community of practice (member only)
- Ask-the-expert web feature (public)
- Knowledge library (public)
Life-Saving Commodities Practitioners’ Network (continued)

Who can join?
Professionals at the sub-national, national, regional and global levels, experienced in RH, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health programs.

How to join?
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1. What **new approaches** to existing supply chain barriers facing NURHTs should we be considering?

2. What **emerging topics** around improving the supply chain of NURHT products do we need to be looking at?

3. How can the NURHT Caucus **broaden the scope of the Implementing Mechanisms** to include workstreams that focus on improved choice through improved supply of NURHTs?