



This Valentines Day...

As Valentine's Day approaches, don't be surprised if a young mother-to-be pops up on your screen asking for help to safely deliver the new love of her life. The campaign, "One Mama at a Time", is the work of [Kangu](#), an innovative crowdfunding agency that seeks to improve access to quality maternal care and family planning services in Latin America and the Caribbean. With support from the Innovation Fund, Kangu and [Financing for Development](#) have teamed up with three not-for-profit partners in Guatemala, Bolivia, and México to post 29 profiles of women in need of prenatal and natal care. Check out this campaign [online](#).

AccessRH engages global partners

Nearly 100 procurers and supply chain managers from around the world have joined at least one of three webinars held this month to showcase AccessRH—its successes, its challenges and its impact. Since 2011, AccessRH has served clients from over 87 countries, providing information and delivering \$92M worth of RH commodities. Initially conceived within the Coalition's Systems Strengthening Working Group (SSWG), AccessRH has been managed by UNFPA since 2011. This month's webinars, presented by UNFPA staff in [English](#), [French](#), and [Spanish](#), were part of a SSWG effort to increase awareness of Coalition tools and resources—but also part of AccessRH's efforts to strengthen the uptake of generic medicines.

New study calls for better understanding of stockouts

A new study, commissioned by the Coalition, reveals that despite widespread consensus on the need to resolve contraceptive stockouts, the literature itself actually has little to say about the consequences of them—either on women's health or the service delivery system. The [study](#), prepared by [Ibis Reproductive Health](#), found that most of the current literature, whether published or grey, has traditionally focused on measuring the problem, leaving the likely consequences, such as method discontinuation or reduced demand, to speculation. The study, now available through [SID](#), was designed to identify gaps in the existing literature as a guide to shaping future research and advocacy needs. Plans are now underway to conduct a qualitative study among focus groups in two districts of Uganda. Contact Stockouts Officer [Ellen T. Tompsett](#) for more information.

I+Solutions launches RHM+

Coalition partner I+Solutions has just launched a new web-based portal, [RHM+](#), with market- and product-related information on a range of reproductive health (RH) commodities. The tool is designed to help decision-makers at country level choose and introduce RH commodities into national health systems. It will also assist national RH programs to procure and better manage the distribution of products throughout the supply chain. Check out RHM+ for an up-to-date list of WHO-prequalified RH products, their manufacturers, international price references and guidelines, and market intelligence.

Farewell and thanks

The Coalition's Global Commitments Officer, Lou Compernelle, has returned to her former career in consulting. In her four years at the Coalition, Lou played key roles in the development of SECONAF, the 2011 Addis Call to Action, and the Coalition's [Commitments Compendium](#). She was also the Coalition's point person on global initiatives such as FP2020, the UN Commodities Commission and the Global Financing Facility. Lou reinvigorated and coordinated the A&A Working Group to become the effective and strongly-connected group it is today, and she remains passionate about providing technical assistance to country partners. Lou's last day at the Coalition was 31 January. She will be sorely missed and we wish her all the very best for the future!

Kenya kicks off GFF country consultations; focus now on DRC and Ethiopia

This month saw Kenya host the first of four country consultations to take place in the lead-up to the Global Financing Facility. Kenya was also noteworthy in that it served as a testament to the networking and intelligence-gathering abilities of the Coalition's GFF Advisory Group. Thanks to outreach by AFP's local partner JHPIEGO, high-level civil society experts and FP champions were invited to the table, helping ensure a high profile for SRHR/FP.

The success of the Kenya experience has made it a template for the next two GFF country consultations, scheduled to take place in Ethiopia and the Democratic Republic of Congo. AFP and MSI will support the adaptation of the [technical brief](#)—initially prepared for civil society partners in Kenya—for use in Ethiopia and the DRC.

Finally, the World Bank is planning another consultation to solicit input from the private sector into the design of the GFF. Tentatively scheduled for March 11, the consultation will take place in the form of a 90-minute webinar. Interested participants are encouraged to contact [Anita Deshpande](#) (RHSC). All GFF news and archives can be found [online](#).



Aspen Institute becomes Coalition's 325th member

[The Aspen Institute](#) is a Washington, DC-based educational and policy studies organization. It works to foster leadership based on enduring values and provide a nonpartisan venue for dealing with critical issues. It does this primarily through seminars, young-leader fellowships around the globe, policy programs, and public conferences and events.

IN THE CALENDAR



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| 12-21 February | 1st Meeting of the Fertility Control Club (FCC)- Hormonal contraception methods: From basic research to clinical practice , Barcelona, Spain |
| 4-6 March | Global Financing Facility Ethiopia Consultation, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia |
| 16-17 April | International Parliamentarians' Conference on Population and Development, Berlin, Germany |
| 27 - 29 April | Reproductive Health Medicines Program - Hormonal Contraception and Essential Medicines meeting, New York, USA |
| 11-15 May | RHSC Executive Committee Meeting, Beijing, China |
| 5-9 October | RHSC 16th General Membership Meeting, Oslo, Norway |
| 18-21 October | Global Maternal Health Conference , Mexico City, Mexico |
| 4-9 October | 21st FIGO World Congress , Vancouver, Canada |



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