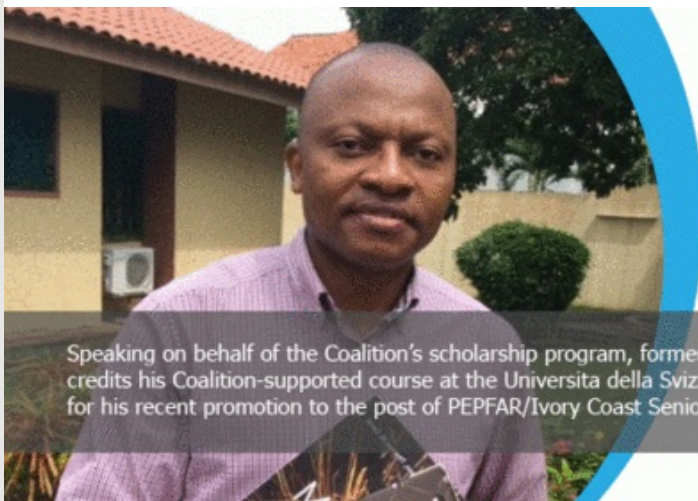


## SUPPLYINSIDER

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Speaking on behalf of the Coalition's scholarship program, former LAPTOP scholar, Simplice Kamdem, credits his Coalition-supported course at the Università della Svizzera Italiana in Lugano, Switzerland for his recent promotion to the post of PEPFAR/Ivory Coast Senior Supply Chain Advisor.



### Coalition to award new LAPTOP scholarships

The Coalition and [Bayer HealthCare](#) have teamed up to help health professionals and prospective students to secure the resources they need to pursue a course of study in supply chain management (SCM). Through Friday 3rd October 2014, the Coalition will be [accepting applications](#) for five LAPTOP scholarships, each valued at US\$2500. Eligible candidates must be from the [Global South](#) at the time of application and intend to use the scholarship to pursue a course of study listed in [LAPTOP](#), the Coalition's online course finder.

### New grants to support change in Mozambique and Peru

This month, three Coalition members joined the growing list of Innovation Fund recipients. In Belgium, Ghent University's International Centre for Reproductive Health (ICRH) secured funds to launch an [18-month initiative](#) aimed at understanding better the role of human factors at reducing supply stockouts. At health centres across Mozambique's Maputo Province, ICRH researchers and local partners will explore the impact and potential of both financial and non-financial rewards to prevent stockouts, improve service quality, and increase client satisfaction. Meanwhile, ForoLAC partners IPPF/WHR and Pathfinder Peru will be applying small grants from the region's own funding mechanism, the FondoLAC, to press for increased government and international donor support for commodity security.

### Jadelle stockouts averted in four countries

Major stockouts of the contraceptive implant, Jadelle, have been averted in four West African countries, thanks to the combined efforts of the CARHs and the SSWG's new Coordinated Supply Planning Workstream. The move was triggered earlier this year when data from the Procurement Planning and Monitoring Report (PPMR) showed that four countries: Cameroon, Sierra Leone, Côte D'Ivoire, and Gambia were at risk of exhausting Jadelle supplies before scheduled replacement stocks would arrive. Alarmed at the possibility of such a widespread stockout, the [Implant Access Program \(IAP\)](#) called on the CARHs group for help. Despite the fact none of the affected countries were traditional recipients of USAID support, USAID nonetheless stepped forward, and under the auspices of the CARHs, issued an emergency shipment of 54,000 units. For more information, contact Ellen Tompsett at [etompsett@rhsupplies.org](mailto:etompsett@rhsupplies.org).

### A&A to address budget tracking

In July, 40 A&A Working Group (WG) members from around the world, half from the Global South, gathered at IPPF's headquarters in London for their semi-annual meeting. The two-day event followed on the heels of a training workshop on finance tracking, hosted by PAI and JSI, and organized under the A&A's finance tracking workstream.

Emerging with new skills in hand, participants at the semi-annual meeting agreed to form a new community of practice, dedicated to tracking government expenditures on RH. Another outcome of the meeting was a joint statement, calling upon the UN Open Working Group on Sustainable Development to include sexual and reproductive health and family planning in its sustainable development goals. For more information contact Commitments Officer [Lou Compernelle](#).

## WAHO helps avert loss of needed supplies

Nearly 200K vials of the two-month injectable contraceptive, Noristerat, have been saved from possible expiry and non-use—a rescue that yielded \$250,000 in cost savings; and in human terms, an estimated 9,160 unwanted pregnancies averted. Much of the credit for this effort can be given to the West Africa Health Organization (WAHO), a founding member of the Coalition and one of the CARhs' most recent partners. Earlier this year, Burkina Faso's Ministry of Health turned to the CARhs for help in transferring its excess stock of Noristerat to countries in need. By fostering communication between key CARhs members and regional governments, WAHO was pivotal in the eventual shipment of Burkina's excess stock to Benin. In the words of Cletus Adohinzin, WAHO Program Officer, "this is a common victory for a common cause". For the full story, contact Stockouts Officer Ellen Tompsett at [etompsett@rhsupplies.org](mailto:etompsett@rhsupplies.org).

## LAC Forum hosts regional discussion on market shaping

Global interest in the benefits of market shaping is being felt across Latin America, where RH commodity prices still remain among the highest in the Global South. This month, the ForoLAC responded to that interest by hosting a webinar on regional price negotiations for more than 25 Spanish-speaking participants. Drawing on her experience as Director of Argentina's National Program on HIV, AIDS and STI, Dr. Gabriela Hamilton, used the example of recent price negotiations for ARVs to discuss the prospects for better regional pricing. She emphasised the importance of spearheading price negotiations by the highest ranks within national health ministries; and the need for providing market visibility, particularly estimates of future procurement. For a copy of Dr. Hamilton's presentation or for more information on ForoLAC's other webinars, please contact Milka Dinex, ForoLAC Regional Coordinator at [mdinev@rhsupplies.org](mailto:mdinev@rhsupplies.org).

## SSWG and MDA Working Groups re-elect leaders

Leslie Patykewich and Ian Askew have been re-elected for second terms as Chairs of the Systems Strengthening and Market Development Approaches Working Groups. Their re-election is a testament to the dedication, strategic vision, and hands-on support both have given to their groups.

## The Coalition goes social!

Did you know that the Coalition has a big social media presence online? Join us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) to get news on the Coalition and the RH supplies scene. Be part of our online community and help us raise awareness of our issues.

## Coalition membership reaches 295 with two new members

- **Lafia Matassa**. Established in 1999 in Niamey, Lafia Matassa is one of the first NGO's in Niger to make sexual and reproductive health services accessible to all young people and adolescents in the country.
- **Society for Family Health (SFH)** is an NGO in the Dominican Republic specialized in social marketing of condoms and the prevention of unwanted pregnancies among vulnerable populations. Formerly a member of the global PSI network, SFH became independent in 2014.

## IN THE CALENDAR



15-19 September	FLASOG Regional Meeting, Quito, Ecuador
26-30 September	7th China Reproductive Health Expo
20-24 October	<a href="#">15th RHSC General Membership Meeting</a> , Mexico City, Mexico
28-30 October	2nd PtD Human Resources for SCM Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark
17-19 November	7th Global Health Supply Chain Summit, Accra, Ghana
5 December	ICRH Meeting on "Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights", Ghent, Belgium



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