

## SUPPLYINSIDER

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### Seattle to host 17th General Membership Meeting

**When:** 10-14 October 2016

**Where:** Westin Hotel, Seattle, USA

**What:** The reproductive health community stands at a crossroads. An ambitious objective was agreed at the 2012 London Family Planning Summit: reach 120 million additional women and girls with FP by 2020. They depend on us and they expect us to deliver, but they are growing impatient.

They also need—and have the right to—a full range of quality reproductive health supplies. How can we, as a community, ensure they do? Now is the time to come together, to look at what is working and what is not, to think creatively about solutions, and agree on a way forward. The 17th General Membership Meeting of the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition will focus squarely on answering questions and discussing solutions. Don't miss this opportunity to contribute to the conversation at this pivotal moment. Registration will open mid-April; updates can be found [here](#).

### Effective advocacy delivers real change in Nigeria

Nigeria's first lady, Aisha Buhari, has called for increased support to overcome the challenges that impede access to family planning services in Nigeria. Thanks to an effective advocacy effort by Innovation Fund recipient, [Civil Society for Family Planning \(CiSFP\)](#), we are seeing a growing movement for change. The country's National Primary Health Care Development Agency has pledged to create a RH/FP unit to increase the

focus on RH financing. In addition, 20 national and international NGOs have signed on to a press release urging the president-elect and national assembly members to increase funding for RH procurement. For more information on this ongoing project, please contact contact Wale Adeleye at CiSFP at [waylextelecom@yahoo.com](mailto:waylextelecom@yahoo.com).

## Faith-based alliance readies two-year forecast for Cameroon

Cameroon's faith based organizations (FBO) are now better equipped than ever to press their supply demands with government. An Innovation Fund sub-grant to Coalition partner CCIH has enabled the Association for Faith and Family Planning to complete a two-year forecast that provides them with the hard numbers to back up their advocacy. The Association has also produced new briefs in [English](#) and [French](#) that call upon the Ministry of Health to include FBOs in the National Supply Planning and Supply Chain of Family Planning Commodities, provide them with overstocked oral and injectable contraceptives, and include FBOs in relevant training efforts. For more information please contact Senior Program Officer for Stockouts, [Ellen T. Tompsett](#).

## COPE CS reduces need for emergency orders of supplies

The application of EngenderHealth's COPE CS methodology has yielded a dramatic decline in the number of emergency orders for RH supplies across 10 districts in Malawi. With funding from the Innovation Fund, a 9-month intervention mobilized staff at 60 health facilities to address RH supplies bottlenecks. As a result of the effort, the percentage of facilities placing emergency orders dropped from 60 percent prior to the intervention to 42 percent afterwards. It also resulted in improved team work, better adherence to storage guidelines and ordering schedules, and enhanced coordination. Read more about COPE [here](#).

## Two female condoms gain WHO/UNFPA prequalification

Last month we reported on some of the challenges facing [Shanghai Dahua's](#) O' Lavia Woman's Condom. This month, we all celebrate UNFPA's announcement that O'Lavia, along with [HLL Lifecare's](#) Velvet Female Condom, has been awarded WHO/UNFPA prequalification. This status now allows the UN and other international purchasers to procure the products for public-sector distribution. The addition of these two products brings the total number of prequalified female condoms to four.

## 27 webinars are now available online...

...the latest addition being a [webinar](#) titled "Progress and Challenges in Contraceptive Security in LAC". The event shared the results of contraceptive security surveys

conducted in 2015 by USAID | DELIVER's "Regional Initiative for Contraceptive Security" (DAIA). The webinar compared budgets, purchases, and stockouts for 2014 and 2015 in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Perú, Paraguay and the Dominican Republic.

## Coalition membership reaches 364 with arrival of CIPESA

This month we welcome our 364th member, Circulo de Periodistas de la Salud República Dominicana (CIPESA). Based in the Dominican Republic, CIPESA is a non-profit organization that provides training and support for health journalists.

## In the calendar

- 14-24 Mar**      [60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women](#), New York
- 23-25 Mar**      [5th Eastern Europe and Central Asia AIDS Conference](#), Moscow, Russia
- 30 Mar-1 Apr**    [3rd Meeting of the Interagency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators](#), Mexico City, Mexico
- 11-15 Apr**      [49th Session of the Commission on Population and Development](#), UN, New York
- 21-22 Apr**      [Systems Strengthening Working Group meeting](#), Washington, DC
- 13-14 May**      RHSC Executive Committee meeting, Brussels, Belgium
- 16-19 May**      [4th Women Deliver Global Conference](#), Copenhagen, Denmark
- 23-28 May**      [69th World Health Assembly](#), Geneva, Switzerland
- 18-22 July**      [International Aids Conference](#), Durban, South Africa
- 10-14 Oct**      [17th General Membership Meeting of the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition](#), Seattle, Washington

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