



Liberia work leads to \$800K scale-up

In 2015, [Pharmaceutical Systems Africa](#) (PSA), supported by the Innovation Fund, helped Liberia tackle supply chain weakness in the wake of the Ebola crisis. The Liberian government adopted a new roadmap developed by PSA to help shape a new post-Ebola strategy for strengthening supply chains and the capacities of those who manage them. The government of Liberia subsequently placed supply chain human resource and development issues among the top of post-Ebola intervention priorities. In response to this prioritization, the World Bank has pledged US\$800K for capacity development in Liberia, including addressing supply chain capacity gaps. Another partner, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is working to build the capacity to shift from routine supply chain operations to “emergency response” supply chain operations at the hospital and clinic level. For more information, please contact Dr. Lloyd Matowe at lmatowe@pharmasystafrica.com.

Coordinated efforts produce new forecast methodologies

Two new documents explain the forecast methodologies for implants and DMPA IM that have been developed by the Coalition’s [Coordinated Supply Planning](#) (CSP) group. There is a growing need within our field to better understand both global demand for contraceptives and the ability of the market to fill that demand. The [CSP forecast methodology](#) is a pioneering effort to close that gap by combining within a single calculus, detailed consumption data for certain countries along with supplier provided shipment data. The April 2016 CSP forecast shows the annual demand for implants increasing to 21-25 million by 2022.

The [DMPA IM forecast](#), by contrast, is a direct comparison of two different forecast methodologies, one developed by Concept Foundation and The William Davidson Institute, and the other by the CSP. Although each group of organizations took different approaches to estimating growth rates, they ended up with similar results. They estimate that demand will grow to between 170-180 million vials by 2021.

Youth-focused work gathers momentum

Funding opportunities, webinars, fact-files, and plans to make an unforgettable impact at the upcoming Women Deliver conference are all part of the Coalition's ever-increasing focus on meeting the RH supplies needs of young people. A special youth round of the Innovation Fund was announced recently with a deadline for applications of [17 June 2016](#). A webinar on access to menstrual products for young women took place on 11 May, the first of an upcoming series. Meanwhile, in-country youth organizations are busy developing national fact sheets on young people's access to reproductive health supplies in their countries. And young Coalition partners are planning a dramatic presence at Women Deliver, on Thursday 19 May, in the conference centre's Youth Zone. We cannot spoil the surprise by divulging too much, but to learn more, and receive an update on youth activities, contact Emilie Peeters at epeeters@rhsupplies.org.

RHTargetMarket makes waves

The Coalition's launch of [RHTargetMarket](#) has been met by an enthusiastic response from across the community. The tool has had nearly 200 users, including 11 manufacturers. In addition, PATH's new blog series [#MarketsMatter](#) has hosted a Coalition blog on the tool. To keep RHTargetMarket in the news and to encourage partners to make full use of it, a communications kits with pre-written social media messaging is available [here](#). Please make use of it freely.

Colombia's MoH to co-host LAC Summit on Family Planning

Preparations are underway for the Latin America and Caribbean Conference "Reducing Inequities in Sexual and Reproductive Health", organized by ForoLAC and key partners: Profamilia Colombia as Secretariat, IDB/Salud Mesoamérica 2015, USAID, UNFPA, FP2020, PAHO, IBP Initiative, JSI, MSH, PAI and Jhpiego. The Conference will take place in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, 6-8 September and will be linked to the [XV Iberoamerican Conference of Ministers of Health](#), 5-6 September. The summit will focus attention on marginalized populations and their limited access to reproductive health services and supplies across the region. For more information, contact LAC Regional Advisor, Milka Dinev at mdinev@rhsupplies.org.

Timely guide to navigating the GFF information maze

Searching for information on the Global Financing Facility (GFF) can be daunting, given the labyrinthine nature of the World Bank's own website and the growing number of other websites now repackaging GFF-related information for use by different constituencies. Senior health specialist Sangeeta Raja, who worked at the Bank for 13 years, provided a valuable guide to navigating the website in a recent [webinar](#) hosted on the Coalition [webinar hub](#). Thirty participants from partner organizations attended the session.

Third misoprostol formulation receives WHO prequalification

This month, misoprostol produced by Indian manufacturer (and Coalition member) [ACME Formulation Pvt Ltd](#) received WHO Prequalification, making this the third misoprostol formulation to do so. Misoprostol is a uterotonic which is administered to mothers post-partum to stop excessive bleeding at birth, the leading cause of maternal mortality. An up-to-date list of WHO prequalified medicinal drugs can be found [here](#).

Welcome to Inna Netreba

The Coalition is delighted to welcome a new Office Assistant to the Brussels Secretariat office. Inna Netreba holds a Master degree in Linguistics and Translation and prior to joining the Coalition, worked for ten years as an Administrative Assistant at the Permanent Representation of Estonia to the European Union in Brussels. We wish Inna a long and happy stay at the Coalition!

In the calendar

13-14 May	RHSC Executive Committee meeting, Copenhagen, Denmark
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, USA
10-12 Nov	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Conference , Wellington, New Zealand