Chinese youth project triples planned number of hospital partners

An Innovation Fund-supported project in China set out to partner with two hospitals to train their doctors in providing young people with Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARCs), including implants and IUDs. But project leader MSI China, supported by a team of experts, surpassed the original plan and signed agreements with six pilot hospitals instead.
IN THE NEWS

New webinar: Emergency contraception in Latin America

How much of her weekly salary would a woman in Guatemala have to give up in order to afford emergency contraception? An interesting new webinar explores the figures and paradoxes around access to emergency contraception in the LAC Region.

Welcome to SECONAF’s new Chair

Intrahealth Senegal’s Mr Modibo Dicko has assumed leadership of the Coalition’s Francophone forum, SECONAF, of which he is a long-time member. He brings 40 years of experience in public and private sectors. Mr Dicko’s appointment was unanimously supported by SECONAF’s Executive Committee. More about his experience and vision can be found here.

New study on misoprostol & mifepristone registration in LAC

Professional health association support and prior registration for obstetric use were found to be critical factors in securing national regulatory approval of misoprostol and mifepristone for medical abortion in an Innovation Fund supported study funded by the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad). Read here about registration successes and failures in Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Peru, and Uruguay.

Pillar hero speaks about fighting unsafe sex in Uganda

What role has mwala (Ugandan millet beer) played in saving lives through increasing access to contraception? In our latest “Who’s Holding Up Our Pillars” profile, Martin Wanzala, co-founder of Allied Youth Initiative–Uganda (AYI-Uganda) explains how he helps young people sidestep taboo and learn about the lifesaving power of reproductive health supplies.

World governments, civil society, pledge EUR 181M to SRH
More than 45 government representatives and 400 parliamentarians and civil society participants gathered in Brussels on 2nd March to express their support for women’s rights and sexual and reproductive health and rights in particular. They raised in total 181 million euros for the global fundraising initiative ‘She Decides’. The Coalition applauds this joint community effort to put women’s health first, and is proud of its partnership with the governments of Sweden and Norway, co-organizers of the event along with Belgium and the Netherlands.

**Supply Chain Manager’s Handbook latest addition to SID**

Curious about best practices around supply chain management? Our Supplies Information Database (SID) recently added JSI’s latest offering, the Supply Chain Manager’s Handbook, a great starting point for learning about key principles and concepts of health supply chain management, including strategy and design, data visibility and use, financing, and risk management. SID currently carries more than 2700 titles, with 115 new additions this year alone.

**NEW MEMBERS**

**Coalition membership reaches 406 members with one new arrival**

Dev3.0 (Development Three Point O), with its headquarters in Sweden, works to provide new understanding, information, data and learning around the way the world delivers development outcomes. Their focus is on Research, Capacity Building and Advocacy, and they work to advance efforts in Public Health, Governance and Accountability.

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