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IN THE NEWS

LAC Forum helps advance Sayana® Press registrations

The ForoLAC's efforts to expand access to Sayana® Press in Latin America have paid off in the product's successful registration in three countries: Bolivia, Peru and Chile. In Bolivia, the Coalition member PROSALUD will distribute Sayana® Press through social marketing channels. In Peru, the LAC Forum supported the introduction of Sayana® Press through sustained communications between Pfizer, the MOH, and the national regulatory authority. For more information, please contact Regional Advisor Milka Dinev at mdinev@rhsupplies.org.

Survey reflects enthusiasm for inaugural buddy scheme

Twelve seasoned RH supplies professionals were paired off with 12 younger community members at the recently-ended RHSC General Membership Meeting in Brussels, with a view to encouraging intergenerational learning. [A recent survey](#) of participants showed that they received career guidance, future opportunities and key introductions. All respondents reported looking forward to taking part in the next Supply Fellows Initiative. Read more about the scheme [here](#).

FBO health facilities struggle to maintain RH supply stocks

The [latest addition](#) to our online publications database examines RH supply chain challenges in 46 faith-based facilities in 13 African countries. Funded by the Coalition and conducted by Christian Connections for International Health (CCIH), the study found that

more than half of the facilities studied had faced stockouts in the three months prior to the survey.

Upcoming Webinar: New Innovation Fund Round

A new round of the Innovation Fund (IF) will be launched in June. In preparation, join IF manager Sophia DeLevie-Orey in a webinar on May 15, 10am EST/ 4pm CET outlining the application process and addressing the challenges that often come from figuring out what makes for a good supplies proposal. RHSC Director John Skibiak will provide helpful tips and guidance for idea development. Register to join [here](#).

Two advocacy resources now available in translation

The Maternal Health Supplies Caucus's advocacy messaging framework "[Buy Quality Oxytocin; Keep it Cold](#)" is now available in [Spanish](#) and [French](#). The Youth Caucus's Handbook on Young People and Contraceptive Access, which explains how to use 18 evidence-based policy recommendations or "Key Messages", was also recently translated into [Spanish](#).

Secretariat welcomes two new team members

The Coalition Secretariat recently welcomed two new staff to its Washington, DC, office. Alexandra McDevitt joins as Program Assistant responsible for overseeing the Innovation Fund. She graduated from Connecticut College and is proficient in Chinese. Our new Supply Chain Officer, Greg Davidson, joins us from GHSC-PSM, where he oversaw efforts to strengthen the project's integrated supply chain through improved in-country data. Please join us in welcoming Alex and Greg on board.

NEW MEMBERS

UK-based NGO [CHASE Africa](#) (Community Health and Sustainable Environment) helps women in East Africa to choose the timing, number and spacing of children

they want in order to contribute to a more sustainable environment.

The [Access-To-Medicines Research Centre](#) at the Belgian Catholic University of Leuven works on end-to-end supply chains, last mile, and systems modelling, and strengthens South-North collaboration in the Access-To-Medicines field.

IN THE CALENDAR

10th Annual Conference on Health and Humanitarian Logistics

25-27 July
Dubai, UAE

Medicine Quality & Public Health Conference 2018

23-28 September
Oxford, UK

Joint WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA meeting with pharmaceutical, condom, IUD, vaccine and diagnostics manufacturers and suppliers

24 September
Copenhagen, Denmark

[XXII FIGO World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics](#)

14-19 October
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

[5th International Conference on Family Planning](#)

12-15 November
Kigali, Rwanda

[PMNCH Partner Forum](#)

5-6 December
New Delhi, India

[Women Deliver 2019 Conference](#)

3-6 June 2019
Vancouver, Canada



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