

TOP STORY



Head in the Cloud: new tech partner to support Global FP VAN

[E2open](#) has been selected to provide the technology to support the [Global FP VAN](#) (Family Planning Visibility and Analytics Network) virtual collaborative platform. IT provider E2open is helping the largest and most complex supply chains to better plan, execute and collaborate. Using this platform, supply chain players, from procurers to national warehouse managers, will be able to see the same data and make supply chain decisions together.

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IN THE NEWS

WHO invites submissions for product evaluation

RH medicine manufacturers are invited to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for product evaluation by the WHO Expert Review Panel (ERP) for RH medicines. Products of interest are:

- Medroxyprogesterone acetate, depot injection 150 mg/ml, in 1-ml vial
- Depot-medroxyprogesterone acetate (DMPA-SC), subcutaneously administered injection 104mg/0.65mL.
- Mifepristone 200 mg tablet (only to be used in combination with misoprostol)
- Mifepristone 200 mg tablet co-packaged with 4 tablets of misoprostol 200 micrograms.
- Benzathine benzylpenicillin 2.4 million units per dose in vial for reconstitution and intramuscular injection.

The deadline for submission is 30 July 2018 at 17:00 CET. More information can be found [here](#).

CGA2018: What Next?

Demand for contraceptive supplies is growing, but will the financing required to sustain that growth keep pace? The [Global Contraceptive Commodity Gap Analysis \(CGA2018\)](#) uses multiple sources of data to improve our understanding of how much is currently spent on supplies, how the volume and cost of the supplies consumed by users will change between now and 2020, and the different roles of donors, governments, and the private sector.

A series of webinars entitled “Mind the Gap” will walk you through CGA2018, kicking off with a general overview of the data on Tuesday, 26 June. This will be followed by a closer look at data from Latin America (Tuesday, 10 July) and a review of the ways the CGA2018

findings can be used by advocates (Tuesday, 24 July). To register or learn more, [visit our website](#).

COMISCA signs MoU with Coalition

COMISCA (the Council of Ministers of Health in Central America and the Dominican Republic) has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Coalition to improve RH access in the LAC region: to promote inter-sectoral cooperation, actively encourage political dialogue in favour of increasing RH supply access, disseminate examples of best practice, and support resource mobilization for SRH. COMISCA was a co-organizer of the [Encuentros](#) held in Lima and Panama and has agreed to provide all countries in Latin America and the Caribbean with access to specially negotiated prices. “We welcome this public commitment of key policymakers in a troubled region rife with inequities,” said Regional Advisor Milka Dinev, who can be contacted for more information on mdinev@rhsupplies.org.

Global FP VAN video now available with French subtitles

An animated video on the Global FP VAN has been released with full subtitles in French. To watch it, please visit the Coalition’s YouTube channel [here](#). For guidance on how to apply the video for advocacy purposes, please contact Regional Advisor Aminata Lenormand at alenormand@rhsupplies.org.

Blog post: how markets can be put to work for health

Market-shaping tools can reduce uncertainty, align incentives, and accelerate access to health products, writes active MDA Working Group member Amy Lin in her [blog](#) in the Stanford Social Innovation Review. The article notes that in an environment of declining aid budgets, some donor organizations are turning to market-based tools such as [Market Bookshelf](#) and Coalition’s report on [Market Shaping for Family Planning](#).

Saumya RamaRao to lead NURHT Caucus

Longtime NURHT member, Saumya RamaRao of the Population Council, is the NURHT Caucus’ new Chair. She brings with her insights into product introduction and the engagement of key stakeholders—from manufacturers, distributors, procurers and policy makers to consumers. Saumya plans on furthering the NURHT Caucus’ interests by

expanding choice and enhancing the availability of innovative products to consumers. She hopes to link more effectively the Coalition's implementing mechanisms, and identify product introduction strategies that are culturally relevant and rooted in local realities.

NEW MEMBERS

The [Shifo Foundation](#) is a technical support agency in Sweden that supports data visibility for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health supply chains.

Based in Argentina, the [Foundation for Studies and Research on Women](#) is a civil society organization promote sexual and reproductive health and rights with a gender perspective

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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