

## TOP STORY



## Global FP VAN launched in Malawi and Nigeria

The last two months have seen the launch of Global FP VAN in two pilot countries, Malawi and Nigeria. Key partners in attendance at the launch events included UNFPA, USAID, GHSC-PSM, and DFID. Health officials from both countries have hailed the GFPVAN as critical to helping them achieve their FP2020 commitments to reduce stockouts. For more information, please contact GFPVAN Director Julia White on [jwhite@rhsupplies.org](mailto:jwhite@rhsupplies.org).

## IN THE NEWS

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### **Supply chain experts and advocates explore common ground**

A three-part series of webinars entitled “Data 4 Advocacy” took off this month with an engaged conversation around a key equation: The sum of data + human story + right messenger is always more effective than data alone. Elisha Dunn-Georgiou from PAI and Yoonjung Choi from PM2020 shared home truths:

- Advocates are not always interested in the methodology behind the data, as long as they are from a reputable, recognized source
- Too much data can be more confusing than it is helpful
- Simple and context-specific data are key

A full recording of “[Tell Me What You Need! Data is a Discussion](#)” is now online. For more information, please contact the Coalition’s Supply Chain Officer Greg Davidson at [gdavidson@rhsupplies.org](mailto:g davidson@rhsupplies.org).

### **Menstrual hygiene campaign sees arrival of new member**

[Our mini-campaign](#) to mark Menstrual Hygiene Day (28th of May 2018) rallied voices from across the Coalition. Under the umbrella of a new [global campaign](#), the Coalition made a dent on social media and welcomed a new member into the RHSC fold: the German non-profit [WASH United](#). WASH United initiated Menstrual Hygiene Day in 2013 to build awareness around the need for good menstrual hygiene management. They, alongside other partners, have been instrumental in removing VAT on sanitary pads in Tanzania.

### **Donation of ShangRing® reaches 10 countries**

Following on from [a landmark announcement](#) made at the Coalition’s General Membership Meeting earlier this year, Coalition member [WuHu Snnda](#) has signed an agreement to donate 10,000 units of novel male circumcision device ShangRing® to 10 African countries. [Read more](#).

### **Mylan’s injectable contraceptive gets ERP Category 1**

Coalition member [Mylan Laboratories Limited](#) has received a risk category 1 ranking from the WHO Expert Review Panel for its generic injectable, medroxyprogesterone acetate depot 150mg/ml. This rating renders the product eligible for procurement by UNFPA and partners. Mylan is a founding member of the GEMS Caucus and one of four pharmaceutical manufacturers in the new Global FP VAN initiative.

## **New hypertension sub-group welcomes interested members**

The MHS Caucus welcomes individuals interested in a new sub-group aimed at increasing access to oral antihypertensive medications, blood pressure devices, and other supplies needed to address gestational hypertension, one of the most common disorders associated with childbirth. USAID and the William Davidson Institute will co-lead the sub-group, which also includes representation from Gynuity Health Projects, CHAI, Population Council, and MSH. Those wishing to join this sub-group may do so by clicking [here](#). For more information, please contact Alexandra McDevitt at [amcdevitt@rhsupplies.org](mailto:amcdevitt@rhsupplies.org).

## **NEW MEMBERS**

[Women's Global Health Innovations](#) is a Canadian firm that develops products for menstrual hygiene management, contraception, and HIV prevention aimed at adolescent girls and young women in LMICs.

German NGO [WASH United](#) initiated Menstrual Hygiene Day in 2013. (See story above)

[MatCH Research Unit](#) in South Africa conducts research to help increase access to contraceptives, HIV prevention and related health technologies and services.

[Women-Concern](#) in Liberia advocates for girls' and women's health, rights and well-being, including greater access to modern contraceptives.

In Belgium, [The Synergist](#) is a technical agency that builds partnerships around

issues such as maternal health.

[KynderMed, Inc.](#) is a US-based company that focuses on reducing the risk of preterm labor and birth.

[Association Mauritanienne SOS Femme Rurale](#) is a CSO in Mauritania that promotes access to family planning and contraceptive supplies.

RAES or [Réseau Africain d'Education pour la Santé et la citoyenneté](#) is a Senegalese agency, specializing in communications for development. RAES manages the Coalition's collaboration with the regional telenovela [C'est La Vie](#).

[Two Hands One Life](#) is a Ugandan NGO that delivers reproductive health information and complementary care services to disadvantaged schools and communities.

[IQVIA](#) is a US-based global provider of information, innovative technology solutions, and contract research services. IQVIA has one of the world's largest and most comprehensive collections of healthcare information and it was the key contributor of private sector data to the Coalition's recent 2018 Commodity Gap Analysis.

## 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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