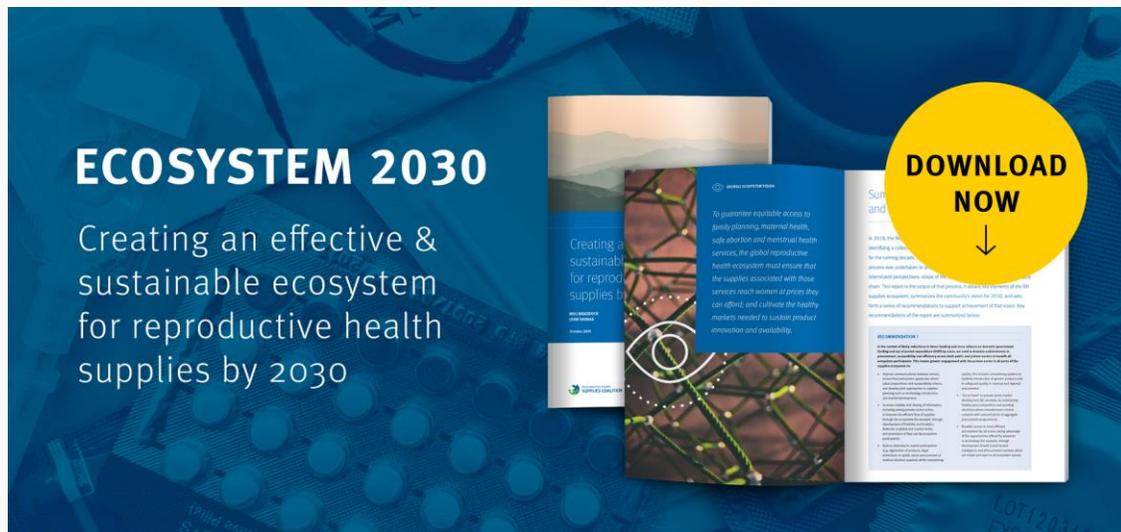


## TOP STORY



This month we released the results of a year-long, community-wide effort to visualize an effective ecosystem for reproductive health supplies by 2030. Now available for download, [Ecosystem 2030](#) identifies trends in the current landscape that promise to shape the next decade; assesses the relative effectiveness of efforts to address supply challenges; and offers strategies for shaping a future supplies ecosystem. The report addresses the growing role of the private sector in commodity procurement; the very real threats to product choice; the need to foster a healthy market; strategies for bringing order to supply chain fragmentation; and approaches to optimize equity through universal health care. Please contact co-authors [Meg Braddock](#) and Coalition Director [John Skibiak](#) with your questions.

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## IN THE NEWS

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### **Civil society has the back of health authorities in Peru and Bolivia**

In 2010, we adopted the phrase “Power of Partnership” to describe our role in helping institutions achieve together what no single agency could do on its own. This month we saw the power of partnership hard at work as three rural health authorities in Peru and Bolivia secured budget increases of up to 60 percent to deliver needed supplies to women living at the last mile. Under the umbrella of **ForoLAC**, the initiative brought together two sets of unlikely collaborators – public sector authorities with newly gathered data on supply chain costs, and three civil society (CSO) partners: Peru’s **Red Nacional de Promoción de la Mujer** and **Asociación Igualdad y Desarrollo de la Región**; and IPPF member association of Bolivia, **CIES**. The three CSO partners turned the financial data into powerful advocacy “asks” -- but even more importantly, they stuck with the rural authorities throughout the lengthy budgeting cycle. For more information, contact Regional Director Milka Dinev at [mdinev@rhsupplies.org](mailto:mdinev@rhsupplies.org).

### **Call to Action seeks to position supplies in ICPD25 discourse**

In a **Call to Action** released at the ICPD25 Summit in Nairobi, the RHSC’s Advocacy & Accountability Working Group (AAWG) will call on the RH community to prioritize four actions to help ensure contraceptive supplies are accessible to the millions of women and girls who need them. Referencing the RHSC’s recent **forecast** of a \$266 million contraceptive supply funding gap in 2025, the Call to Action calls for: increased financing for commodity procurement, the integration of RH supplies into Universal Health Coverage reforms, and the strengthening of supply chains including those serving people affected by humanitarian crises. AAWG members will use the Call to Action in various presentations and events across the Summit. The statement is also available in **French** and **Spanish**.

### **Making It: new blog series by manufacturers**

In an **interview published this month**, the Executive Committee’s manufacturers’ representative, Mukul Taparia of Pregna International, discusses how private sector players can transcend their personal interests and work together towards their shared mission of increasing contraceptive access. Mr. Taparia gives a shout out to the Coalition’s Manufacturers’ Group and introduces Making It, a new series of blogs about the critical issues facing the manufacturing sector. In the **first blog of the series**, he discusses the term “commodity” and why it presents a red flag to many in his community. Making It has received interest and engagement on social media and the blog has been **reposted** on a partner agency’s site.

## LILETTA™ now longest-lasting hormonal IUD on the market

Four years ago, when LILETTA™ received FDA approval, the Coalition's Innovation Fund supported the development of a market assessment for the method the Kenyan market. Medicines360's levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine system (LNG-IUS) 52mg has since gone from strength to strength: in 2017 it was FDA-approved for use for up to four years, in 2018 for five, and this month, LILETTA™ has been **approved for use for up to six years**, making it the longest-lasting hormonal IUD on the market. We congratulate our member agency for their consistent work in increasing contraceptive choice and access. [Read more](#).

## ForoLAC launches its new Strategic Plan for 2020-2025

This month, the Executive Committee of ForoLAC approved and released its new Strategic Plan for 2020-2025. This work, which builds on the commitment of Committee members and other volunteers from across the region, replaces the strategy which guided the regional forum's work from 2012. The strategy promises to inform the forum's work over the next five years, shape the content of new funding proposals, and demonstrate to the world at large the issues and priorities that shape thinking on sexual reproductive health and rights in Latin America and the Caribbean. For more information on the strategy, please contact ForoLAC Chair, Nora Quesada, at [nora\\_quesada@jsi.com](mailto:nora_quesada@jsi.com) or the Coalition's Regional Advisor for Latin America and the Caribbean, Milka Dinev, at [mdinev@rhsupplies.org](mailto:mdinev@rhsupplies.org).

## This month's webinars

- [Child Marriage and Early Unions in Dominican Republic](#) (in Spanish)
- [She Makes Her Safe Choice: A global programme to combat unsafe abortions](#)

## NEW MEMBERS

Founded by the Global Health Investment Fund and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, [Adjuvant Capital](#) in the US is a life sciences investment fund with a double bottom-line investment model committed to both social and financial objectives.

The Global FP VAN's technology partner, US-based [E2open](#) is a business-to-business provider of cloud-based, on-demand software for supply chains for computer, telecom and electronics systems, components and services.

**Balanced Stewardship Development Association** in Nigeria uses evidence-based policy analysis and development to advocate for reproductive health improvement within the health sector.

In Peru, **Easymeds** is a startup managing an innovative digital platform offering monthly mail-order subscriptions to oral contraceptives.

**Iniciativas Sanitarias** is a Uruguayan civil society organization representing SRH professionals including gynaecologists, midwives, nurses, and social workers, and advocates for comprehensive SRH access.

**Mujer y Salud en Uruguay** is an NGO campaigning for SRH services and the decriminalization of abortion.



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