

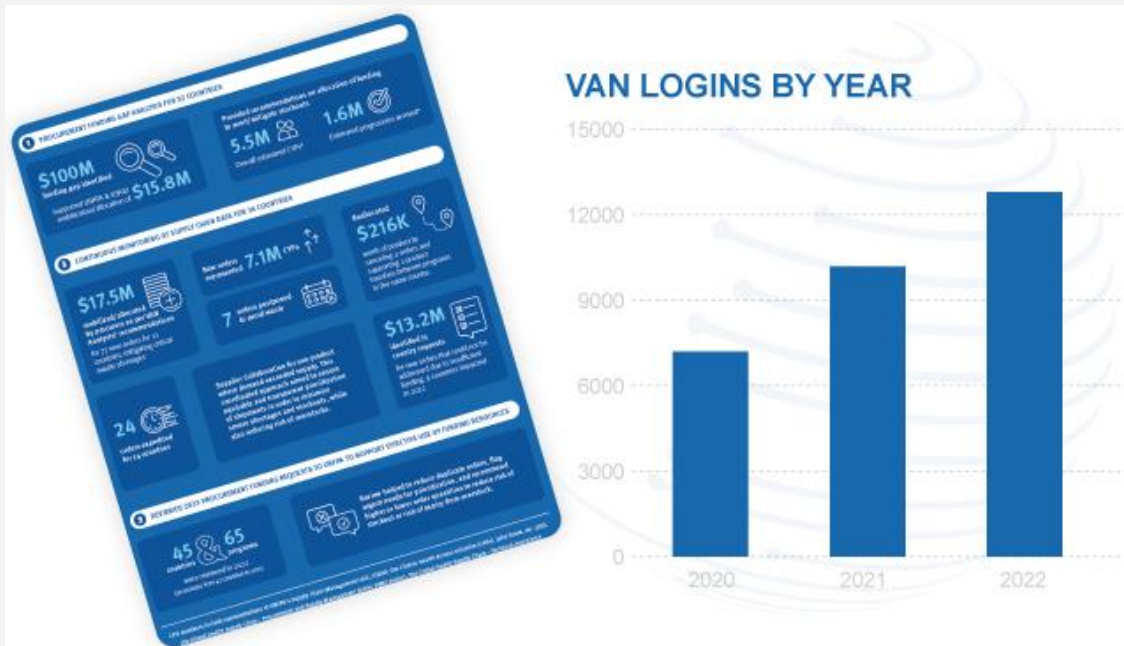
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AT A GLANCE

The VAN has a [showstopping year](#), LAPTOP videos pull [13,000 young viewers](#), and a Ukraine distributor talks about [stocking shelves in the war](#).

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A watershed year for the VAN

2022 was a record year for the [VAN](#), with a historically high number of people benefitting from its services. More than 100 member organizations with almost 600 individual users tracked in real time over 7,500 shipments of 71 products across 145 countries, and for the first time, the majority of country partners using the VAN were government stakeholders —from 35 different countries. The VAN’s improved visibility into product movement is helping the community to act more quickly than ever before. Over the last three years, the VAN helped mobilize more than \$70 million in new orders for member countries, avoided waste by supporting product reallocation worth \$4.67 million in cancelled and transferred orders, and expedited 86 orders to mitigate supply shortages. In 2022 alone, the VAN identified a critical procurement funding gap of \$100 million for member countries and helped mobilize and allocate \$33.3 million in new product procurements worth an estimated 12.6 million couple-years of protection. Read more about the VAN’s 2022 impact in its [scorecard](#) and [infographic](#), just released.

NUMBER OF THE MONTH

12.6M

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LAPTOP – an initiative worth supporting

Since its launch over a decade ago, LAPTOP has attracted widespread attention, exceptional talent, and global recognition. LAPTOP is an initiative to cultivate tomorrow’s supply chain leaders, especially women in low- and middle-income countries, and the [LAPTOP hub](#) remains by far the most visited spot on the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition website, with 38,500 page views in 2022 alone. And in the same year, four LAPTOP video episodes attracted nearly 13,000 viewers aged 18-34. To learn more about LAPTOP’s spectacular success and to support this initiative, [read on](#).

LEAP continues to serve as go-to resource

The LEAP Analysis continues to support partners in their efforts to build healthy, equitable, and resilient markets. The [RHSC LEAP Report](#) informed the analyses shared in the recent webinar [Modeling the Case for Injectable Contraceptives Manufacturing in Sub-Saharan Africa](#), and results from LEAP have also been featured in a [recent analysis](#) by SEMA on key challenges and opportunities for resilient sexual and reproductive health procurement and financing and in an analysis developed by IQVIA under the USAID Global Health Supply Chain Program-Procurement and Supply Management (GHSC-PSM) project to [assess the profitability](#) of hormonal contraceptive manufacturing in sub-Saharan Africa. LEAP provides market insights on family planning commodities, safe abortion and post-abortion care supplies, menstrual hygiene products, and key maternal health drugs. [Read more.](#)

ONE YEAR ON: HOW A UKRAINIAN DISTRIBUTOR MITIGATED RISK IN A WAR ZONE



Stocking shelves in Ukraine: a story of hope

Our guest blog by DKT International tells a tale of grit and optimism in the face of war and decimation in Ukraine. With Russian forces shelling all around, a medical supply distribution company struggled to protect its staff, its inventory, and its future. One year on, [Kleemed's](#) owner Roman Gladkyi shares four crucial tips on how they kept shelves stocked when

pharmacies were being reduced to rubble, and doctors were closing their practices. [Read this inspiring blog here.](#)



VAN Ambassador says: “I would go on”

Claudette Diogo – Ambassador to the [VAN](#) – is Family Planning and Logistics Officer at the Ghana Health Service, Acting National Family Planning Programme Manager, and responsible for ensuring adequate stocks for all public health programs in Ghana. [In this interview](#), she explains how the VAN is resolving her country’s stock issues, and why she would continue serving as the platform’s Ambassador, whatever her professional circumstances.



A tribute to RHSC champion Ellen Starbird

“I could never have imagined how the RHSC’s history ... would be so influenced by Ellen’s presence, and in particular by the stability she provided,” writes former RHSC director John Skibiak in a guest tribute. Marking Ms. Starbird’s recent retirement following her 30-year career at USAID, Mr. Skibiak traces her involvement in the forging of the RHSC strategic plan and remembers her guiding light through turbulent times. [Read the full tribute here.](#)

There’s still time to apply for a LAC LAPTOP Scholarship

Are you from the LAC region and wish to study supply chain management in Spanish, French or English? Apply for a LAPTOP scholarship for up to US\$3,000 toward the costs of your studies. Check out the [guidelines and instructions here](#) and share them widely. Deadline 28th February 2023.

RHSC’s humanitarian engagement reinforced

The RHSC and IAWG strengthened their working relationship recently as Deputy Director Brian McKenna was elected as co-Chair of [IAWG’s](#)

Supplies Sub-Working Group, which is a broad-based coalition that aims to help improve the availability of sexual and reproductive health supplies in crisis-affected settings, from preparedness, to acute response, to protracted response and recovery. For more information, please contact Brian at bmckenna@rhsupplies.org.

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