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AT A GLANCE

Another [mifepristone-related first](#) in the LAC region, [webinar](#) unpacks the 2023 Family Planning Market Report, and the Ouagadougou Partnership meeting discusses [VAN's key role](#) in the region.

THE LATEST



Mifepristone included in Ecuador's Essential Medicines List

Ecuador's Ministry of Health has successfully included mifepristone in its National Essential Medicines List. The long process leading up to this moment was supported by RHSC/[ForoLAC](#) and partners from [CLACAI](#) and [IPAS](#), who provided up-to-date scientific evidence on the use and effectiveness of mifepristone as a safe abortion medication when used in combination with misoprostol. Ecuador's accomplishment has pushed forward the availability of this key obstetric medicine in the region, just weeks after Argentina's national laboratories [became the first LAC producer](#) of mifepristone.



Walk through 2023 with the RHSC

In a year beset with unexpected political and funding developments and an ever-shifting supplies landscape, the RHSC sought – and built on – the reproductive health supply community's resilience. Our interactive and accessible [end-of-year report](#) offers a glance at last year's achievements.

NUMBER OF THE MONTH

US\$257M

The 2023 Family Planning Market Report found that over 2018-22, the public-sector contraceptive market grew from US\$247 to US\$257M in low- and lower-middle income countries.

Ambitious targets drive Ouagadougou Partnership meeting

In December, RHSC representatives joined West African stakeholders in Abidjan at the Ouagadougou Partnership (OP) annual members meeting bringing together countries committed to reaching 13 million modern contraceptive method users by 2030. Participants discussed leveraging the VAN to further country contraceptive security goals, planning with WAHO to expand the reach of the West Africa Regional Committee for Reproductive Health Supply Chain Data Visibility in partnership with OP and FP2030, and providing direct supply chain support to existing VAN government members from Benin, Burkina Faso, Togo, Cote d'Ivoire, and Senegal.

Martyn Smith on the next 'pivotal decade'

In his closing message for 2023, RHSC Director Martyn Smith anticipates a year in which the community's common purpose and resolve will "continue to be tested by a myriad challenges in an era of VUCA (volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity)". But through its new strategy, the RHSC will provide a platform for our members to be bold and demonstrate sector-shaping leadership as we meet these challenges, he says. To read the message in full, which references new

staffing, new developments in data-related work, and diversity, equity and inclusion, click [here](#).



Webinar offers insights into FP Market Report

Last month, we announced the launch of the [2023 Family Planning Market Report](#) by the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) and the RHSC. The report found that over 2018-22, the public-sector contraceptive market grew from US\$247 to US\$257M in low- and lower-middle income countries, with long-acting methods comprising the majority of couple-years of protection over this period. During the webinar, a panel of experts — Marie Chantale Lepine and Zainab Saidu from CHAI, Ntindah Luembe (RHSC), and Jason Bremner (FP2030) — offered perspectives on the report. And the authors, Daksha Parmani and Musleehat Usman unpacked its findings. [Click here](#) to catch a recording of the webinar.



Welcome, Andile Handa

Andile Handa has joined the RHSC as Program Assistant. She comes to us from African Union ECOSOCC and holds a Bachelor of Business Administration, as well as a Master in Political Science and International Relations from the University of Lusaka. Andile will be based in Lusaka, Zambia. We wish her a long and happy stay at the RHSC.

Leadership updates

Both the Menstrual Health Supplies Workstream and the Safe Abortion Supplies Workstream welcomed news that their leaders were staying on for a second two-year term. We thank both Tanya Mahajan (The Pad Project) and Petra Procter (Concept Foundation) respectively for their continued dedication and service. We also thank Tanvi Pandit-Rajani (Zenysis Technologies) who concludes her tenure as the chair of the MDAWG. Tanvi's bold leadership and dedication have been instrumental in steering this group through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuring its continued success. Recruitment for the working group's next leader is underway.

NEW MEMBERS

The UK-based [Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply](#) is the world's largest professional body serving procurement in the world, with a global community of over 200,000 in 160 countries.

[Malaica](#) in Kenya is a digital health startup working on improving the pregnancy journey for African women. It is driven by a team of doctors, midwives, engineers and serial entrepreneurs using digital platforms to accelerate access to maternal health care (including supplies when needed).

In Malawi, [Pakachere Institute of Health and Development Communication](#) is a registered local NGOs working in HIV prevention and providing SRHR services for key populations, adolescents, and vulnerable populations.

[Shanghai Jinxiang Latex Products Co., Ltd.](#) is the first large-scale enterprise in China to develop medical latex products, manufacturing condoms, medical gloves, and rubber medical hoses.

In Nigeria, [Solina Centre for International Development and Research](#) is a consulting firm linking satellite pharmacies and medicine stores to manufacturers, wholesalers, and authorized distributors to access quality commodities. They are scaling a postpartum hemorrhage prevention program to increase access to quality uterotonics for the third trimester of pregnancy.

[Xiangjiu International Health Development \(Liaoning\) Co., Ltd.](#) manufactures sexual health products, with a sales network of more than 7,000 dealers covering over 300 cities and regions across China.

NEW WEBINARS



[2023 Family Planning Market Report](#)



[Addressing Climate Change and Global Health: Baselining greenhouse gas emissions in the global health supply chain](#)



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