

THE MONTH IN NUMBERS

100+

More than 100 programs from 71 LMICs reported their sales data in the latest [Contraceptive Social Marketing Statistics Report](#).

1 million

In Argentina, our newest member organization has served 1 million people to date with its gender-based, intersectional health programs.

800+

More than 800 people registered for our webinars in June. Catch recordings at links below!

THE LATEST



Contraceptive Social Marketing Statistics Report 2023 now live

Last year, the RHSC took over the development and publication of the Contraceptive Social Marketing Statistics Report from DKT International. The [first RHSC-produced CSM Report](#) is now live. More than 100 programs from 71 LMICs reported their sales data for contraceptives and safe abortion supplies, resulting in valuable market insights that complement public health data to create a more holistic understanding of RH markets and the contribution of social marketing organizations. Read the report here and join us for the [launch webinar](#) on 24th July. In the year ahead, RHSC—in partnership with a dedicated multisectoral Advisory Group— will continue to elicit feedback from the community around opportunities to expand the report’s utility. We want to hear from you! Submit your feedback on the future of the CSM Report [here](#).



WAHO meeting strengthens regional supply chain decision making

In June 2024, the West African Health Organization (WAHO) convened its Fifth Annual Workshop on the Early Warning System to bring together country representatives and [VAN](#) users from 15 Economic Community of West African State (ECOWAS) and neighboring countries to focus on developing a more resilient supply chain. Participants reached consensus on expanding the Regional Committee to include directors of FP/RH from health ministries in 15 ECOWAS countries. They also agreed to engage in joint supply planning across the region for the first time. VAN Ambassadors from Bénin and Togo also shared critical advocacy wins in mobilizing domestic resources to pay for VAN membership subscription fees. Please stay tuned for more information. Lessons learned during this process promise to serve as crucial resources for other countries.



LEAP Webinar

If you haven't yet explored LEAP 2024, launched in May, and you missed the introductory webinar, you can [catch the recording here](#). The report offers insights into the services and supplies women use across contraception, menstrual health, abortion and postabortion care, and maternal health, and allows projections up to 2035. The webinar has LEAP's creators walk through the four health areas and highlight new features in this latest iteration, and Tanya Dargan Mahajan, co-chair of the Menstrual Health Supplies Workstream, illustrates how LEAP has informed her advocacy work.



Message from the Director

Our Director Martyn Smith writes about the evolution of the RHSC, the upcoming launch of our Strategy 2025-2035, and the ‘joined-up thinking’ which will inform our future. Read his second quarterly message of the year [here](#).



Compass report presented in Kenya

Earlier this year, under the RHSC’s [Compass](#) initiative, we released [Manufacturing Landscape Assessment for Maternal Health Supplies in Sub-Saharan Africa](#)—a report co-produced with [US Pharmacopeia](#) (USP) assessing the demand for—and manufacturing capacity of—five essential maternal health commodities in eight Sub-

Saharan African countries. Project contributor Juliet Konje recently presented a poster overview at the International Scientific Conference 2024 in Mombasa, Kenya, jointly organized by the Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya and [ISPE](#). The presentation's unique focus on manufacturing was well-received; the poster can be downloaded [here](#).



New York Times references VAN

More women in Africa are using long-acting contraception, and methods such as hormonal implants and injections are reaching remote areas, providing more discretion and autonomy, the New York Times reported recently. [The article](#) mentioned new efforts to track data on contraceptive manufacturing, procurement and delivery, and linked to the [VAN's online presence](#).



RHSC welcomes VAN's new Head of Outreach

Molly Siwula Smith has joined RHSC to lead VAN outreach, a role in which she will support potential VAN members, develop and manage membership and knowledge content, and oversee the growth of VAN membership. Molly joins us with 10 years' experience at PSI where she was technical advisor on a large women's health initiative. We wish Molly a long and happy career at RHSC!

Save the date

We are looking forward to launching the [Compass Initiative's](#) latest report exploring the potential for joint supply planning in West Africa. Save the date for a webinar in which a team of experts will speak on key findings. The webinar will take place on 5 September at 09:00 EDT.

NEW MEMBERS

[Proyecto Surcos para la Promoción de la Salud Asociación Civil](#) is a non-profit organization in Argentina developing community health programs from a gender- and intersectional-based perspective, reaching more than 1 million people and receiving more than 35 awards and recognitions to date.

[Impact for Health International Ltd.](#) is a woman-owned boutique public-health consulting firm based in Kenya, Scotland, and Canada offering technical analysis, strategic facilitation, information design, and coalition building, with over 30 years of expertise in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights, market systems development and consumer marketing.

Colmena Consultoras is a Mexico City-based team of public health and academic professionals specialized in sexual and reproductive health and gender equality. The all-women led organization manages public health initiatives catalyzing strategic legal and public policy changes.

[Ceciliafor Empowerment Foundation](#) is a community-based nonprofit organization in Nigeria that advocates for menstrual health, period poverty, and maternal health and has provided sanitary pads for 2,000 girls and women to date.

NEW WEBINARS



[LEAP 2024 – Deep dive into the newest version of the LEAP report!](#)



[Atlas of Contraception Policies in Latin America](#)



[Non-pneumatic Anti-Shock Garment \(NASG\) implementation experience in Zambia](#)

IN THE CALENDAR

20-22 August | Lusaka, Zambia

[PharmaConnect Africa Conference 2024](#)

3-6 Nov 2025 | Bogota, Columbia

[The International Conference on Family Planning 2025](#)
