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THE MONTH IN NUMBERS

70%

of our successful applicants for the Latin-American LAPTOP scholarships are women

14

ECOWAS countries have been included in the latest research paper from the Compass series that explores Joint Supply Planning opportunities in West Africa

THE LATEST



RHSC attains top ranking once more for gender-equitable credentials

RHSC has been recognized as a Very High Performer, the highest available category in the [2024 Global Health 50/50 Gender and Health Index](#), which ranks global health organizations according to their gender-related policies and practices. RHSC's performance excelled in categories including public and workplace commitment to gender equality, workplace diversity and inclusion, executive committee diversity policy, and gender parity in senior management and the governing body. In addition, RHSC has been identified as a Consistently Strong Performer for having scored very highly since 2021.

REPORT | COMPASS INITIATIVE

Exploring the potential for joint supply planning in West Africa



New report explores potential for joint supply planning in West Africa

RHSC partnered with Chemonics International and the West African Health Organization (WAHO) to [explore the potential for joint supply planning \(JSP\) in West Africa](#). Focus group discussions in 14 [ECOWAS](#) countries shared in-depth knowledge of the interest and procedures necessary for JSP for FP commodities in the region and gather useful data and insights to inform future processes. A [webinar](#) to discuss the main findings of the report will take place on the 5th of September. The report is the latest offering under RHSC's Compass Initiative, launched to help the RH supply community navigate a post-Covid landscape.

LEAP advocacy skills-building session now online

AAWG members recently learned how to access data from the LEAP report and use it to build advocacy strategies, in a [group meeting](#) in July. Following this introduction to LEAP data, AAWG will continue to brainstorm virtually to explore the need for an advocacy guide to complement the report. All RHSC members are invited to join this brainstorm [via MURAL](#). Launched in May, LEAP helps users estimate future use and costs of contraceptive, menstrual hygiene, abortion and post-abortion care, and maternal health supplies. More webinars and other resources on the four health areas are upcoming.



VAN debuts training materials in Portuguese

The VAN recently developed new materials to introduce the network to users from Portuguese-speaking countries. In July, VAN leaders held a training of trainers workshop in Portuguese with representatives from Angola’s USAID Global Health Supply Chain - Procurement and Supply Management (GHSC-PSM). GHSC-PSM colleagues will now orient the Angola Ministry of Health on using the VAN to meet their supply information and analysis needs. The VAN and GHSC-PSM teams also identified next steps for reporting inventory and consumption data to the VAN to strengthen data reliability—a significant development in supporting family planning commodity security in Lusophone countries.



70% of new LAPTOP Scholars are women

[Fifteen young supply chain professionals](#) in the LAC region were recently informed of their successful applications for LAPTOP Scholarships to further studies in their field. Ten of the 15 successful applicants are women working in health ministries, pharmacies, and procurement. Meanwhile, the most recent global round of scholarships has attracted more than 200 applications from low- and middle-income countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. Adjudication has now concluded and offers are currently being made. We will announce successful applicants in our next issue of SupplyInsider.

WEBINAR

Contraceptive Social Marketing Statistics Report

22 August | 11:00 EDT



New date: webinar on CSM Report now in August

Last month, we announced our launch of the [Contraceptive Social Marketing Statistics Report](#). The introductory webinar has been rescheduled and will now take place on 22 August at 11:00 EST. [Register here](#) to join the webinar and hear from speakers including Deniz Kayabaş (MSI Reproductive Choices), Gibran Abidin (PT Tunggal Idaman Abdi), and Andrea Bare (USAID).

Supply Chain NOW

VILLAGE REACH.

Supply Chain Leadership Across Africa: Closing the Health Workforce Gender Gap

featuring Pamela Steele and Rebecca Alban

With Supply Chain Now hosts
Scott W. Luton and Jenny Froome

Women-in-supply-chain podcast recommends internships

A [recent podcast](#) explores women's natural affinity to supply chain management work and asks why the profession has traditionally been more welcoming to men. Pamela Steele from RHSC member agency Pamela Steele Associates referenced the RHSC-supported internship program [Girls on the Move](#), adding that 60% of the first batch of interns are currently employed in supply chain management. Rebecca Alban from Village Reach, also an RHSC member, speaks about the importance of bridging the education-employment gap through internships for aspiring young women.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

22 August

[What's Big? What's Ahead? The Contraceptive Social Marketing Statistics Report takes stock, and looks to the future](#)

5 September

[Exploring the potential for joint supply planning in West Africa](#)

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](#)



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