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THE MONTH IN NUMBERS

50%

of our new LAPTOP Scholarship recipients are women

38

three new countries have joined the VAN and brought up the [total governments membership](#) to 38

4

Catalytic Opportunity Fund grants have been awarded to four African countries: Kenya, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and Uganda

7

you can now use the LEAP report in seven different languages

THE LATEST



Four grantees of Catalytic Opportunity Fund announced

The Catalytic Opportunity Fund for Introduction and Scale-Up of New and Lesser-Used Postpartum Hemorrhage Medicines (NLUM-PPH COF) has awarded its first four grantees:

- [International Centre for Reproductive Health](#)
- [Mama-Pikin Foundation](#) (Phase 1 and 2)
- [Rwenzori Centre for Research and Advocacy](#)
- [Solina Centre for International Development and Research](#)

The COF is managed by RHSC and the Clinton Health Access Initiative and funded by MSD for Mothers* and FCDO. Grantees will conduct preparatory activities that drive scale up of the use of heat-stable carbetocin (HSC) and tranexamic acid (TXA) by training master trainers on the use of both medicines and then rolling out facility-based trainings to health care workers, as well as providing mentorship and supportive supervision. These activities will be implemented in health facilities across... [read more](#)

*MSD for Mothers is an initiative of Merck & Co., Inc., Rahway, NJ, USA.



Kenya invests in VAN Premium leadership

A cheer went round the room this month as health ministry officials from Kenya entered their first inventory data into the [VAN](#) in their new capacity as the data network's newest Premium member. Premium member countries are better able to work with partners to move supplies around in the face of challenges, through expediting and inter-country transfers, due to the enhanced data visibility offered through Premium. The VAN has also welcomed the governments of Angola and Cameroon to its [growing list of members](#), bringing the number of country governments to 38. The growth in country membership speaks to the value Ministries of Health see in using the VAN to improve visibility and decision making along the family planning supply chain.



New LAPTOP Scholars represent 3 continents

Eighteen young people from 10 countries in three continents are the RHSC's newest LAPTOP scholars. In the latest round of scholarships, nine women and nine men from Benin, Ethiopia, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Syrian Arab Republic, Zambia, and Zimbabwe have received funds towards furthering their studies in supply chain management. This round was adjudicated by Deborah Dull, supply chain expert and founder of [Circular Supply Chain Network](#), to whom we extend our deep gratitude.



LEAP upgraded

New LEAP features
make data more
widely accessible.



Data report LEAPS from strength to strength

In May, we announced the launch of [LEAP 2024](#), an online resource offering insights into the services or supplies women currently use in four reproductive health areas, the quantity of supplies needed, and the cost of these supplies up to 10 years into the future. Now, you can access LEAP in seven languages, and new Data Explorer tools allow you to compare results across countries or regions and explore the use and cost of a single product. Also check out a [recent webinar](#) deep diving into menstrual health commodities, and register for an upcoming webinar on [LEAP and safe abortion supplies](#) on 25 September.



#WCD2024 campaign videos appearing daily in September

Watch a new video a day through the whole month of September as part of RHSC's participation in the global YourLife campaign to mark World Contraception Day 2024. RHSC partners talk about their dream contraceptives, common contraceptive myths, the future of contraception ... and more! Catch our [growing collection of faces and voices here](#).

New Manufacturer Rep joins Executive Committee

Join us in welcoming Frank Strelow of Bayer AG as the RHSC's new Manufacturer Representative on the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition's Executive Committee. Mr. Strelow takes the role on from his predecessor Ashish Das of Viatrix whose two-year term ended recently. We thank Mr. Das for his leadership and wish Mr. Strelow a successful and rewarding term ahead.

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

[The International Rescue Committee](#) (IRC) is a global NGO providing sexual and reproductive healthcare, advocates for women's rights, and advances supply chains in 27 countries, focusing on contraception, maternal care, and gender-based violence prevention in crisis settings.

[The Period Company](#) is a US-based company producing affordable, reusable period underwear, committed to making period products accessible worldwide through retail partnerships.

[Empowerment for Sustainable Livelihood](#) (ESL) is an NGO in Ghana advocating for sexual and reproductive health and rights through education, advocacy, and health services, aiming to reduce gender inequality, improve health outcomes, and support sustainable livelihoods, particularly for women and youth.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

17 September

[Strengthening medical waste management systems to reduce the environmental](#)

25 September

[#LEAP2024 Report: Abortion & PAC Supplies: Deep-Dive & Skills-Building](#)

LATEST WEBINARS RECORDINGS



[What's Big? What's Ahead? The Contraceptive Social Marketing Statistics Report](#)



[#LEAP2024 Report: Menstrual Health Supplies Deep-Dive & Skills-Building](#)



[Preeclampsia/Eclampsia: Tools, Medicines and Supplies, New Developments, and Quality Studies](#)


IN THE CALENDAR


10 Sep | Online
[ForoLAC - 2024 Regional Meeting](#)


10-24 Sep | New York, USA
[79th Session of the UN General Assembly \(UNGA 79\)](#)


3-6 Nov 2025 | Bogota, Colombia
[The International Conference on Family Planning 2025](#)

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