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## THE MONTH IN NUMBERS

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**30**

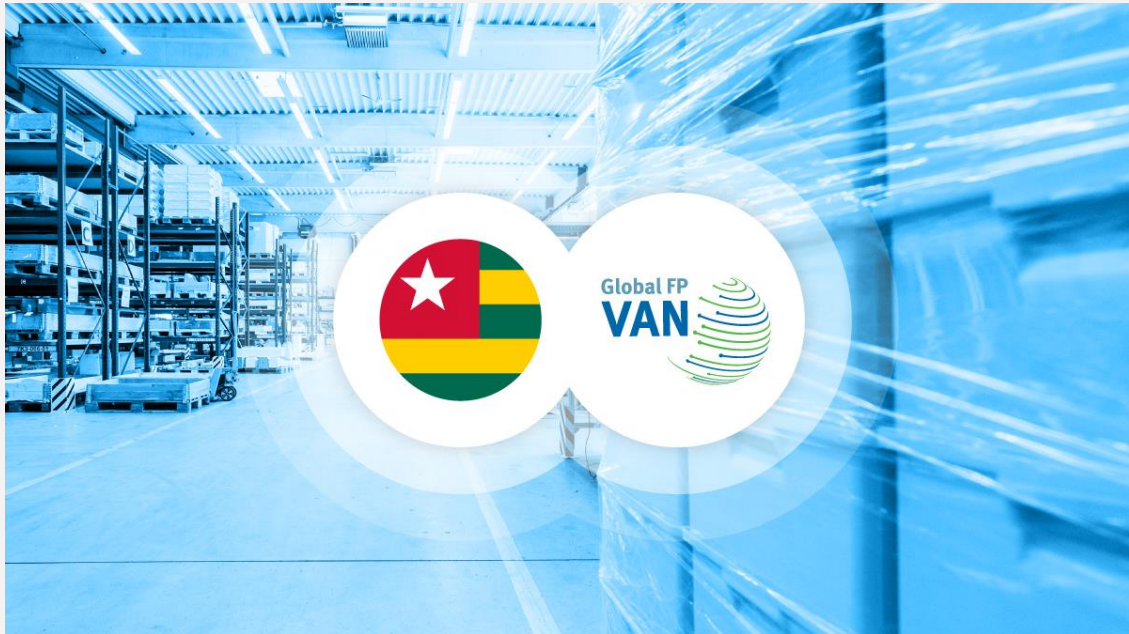
videos of partners and RHSC staff celebrated choice, the main theme of this year's World Contraception Day.

**600+**

more than 600 members registered for our online webinars this month.

## THE LATEST

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### **Togo government pioneers major VAN milestone**

RHSC is thrilled to announce that Togo has become the first country government to pay for their VAN premium membership subscription directly from the government's own budget. This monumental milestone marks the first time a country government has invested directly in the VAN with funding from their government's own resources – a true testament to the value they see in the VAN to strengthen their family planning supply chain. Led by the Togo Ministry of Health, this milestone was the product of many stakeholders' coordination and advocacy including RHSC and the USAID Global Health Supply Chain Technical Assistance Francophone Task Order. [Read more.](#)



### **RHSC Director takes stock of third quarter of 2024**

Martyn Smith has written to members, summing up RHSC's achievements and aspirations in a spectacular third quarter. [Read his message here](#), available in English, Spanish, French, and Mandarin.



### **LEAP webinar on safe abortion supplies hosts timely discussion**

The latest webinar on LEAP has used Mentimeter polling software to draw perspectives on the cost and use of safe abortion supplies (SAS),

and on plans to use the [LEAP](#) tool. When asked 'How do you think you might use the LEAP report in the future?', top responses included market sizing for budgeting and planning, and understanding regional patterns of use. Advocacy for increased investments in safe abortion was a close third. Participants also thought legal restrictions and limiting policies, exacerbated by stigma, might explain the variation in use and cost of SAS between regions and income groups. Catch this webinar recording [here](#). Yet another LEAP-themed webinar in September offered a [deep dive into the contraceptive market data](#) in the report.

#WCD2024 BLOG SERIES

**The Way Forward**

Gender, Equity, and Social Inclusion (GESI) for client-centered supply chains

**The Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition**

rhsupplies.org

**World Contraception Day**

### **Blog calls for client-centered supply chains**

“How can a supply chain best serve a rich and complex client base and fulfil individual needs?” asks a recent blog we hosted in September. [‘The Way Forward: GESI for client-centered supply chains’](#) calls for gender equity and social inclusion in reproductive health supply chains and continues the conversation between three of the co-writers in Accra at RHSC’s General Membership last October. This is part of joint blog series with Population Council, Population Services International, and Pathfinder to mark the YourLife World Contraception Day campaign (see story below).



### **RHSC members & staff make social media splash for #WCD2024**

21K impressions on LinkedIn and six hours of viewing time on YouTube are just a part of the warm reception RHSC's recent video campaign has enjoyed. Thirty video testimonials went out in September on the 'perfect' contraceptive, common contraceptive myths, and partners' motivation to work in increasing contraceptive access. Catch the two-minute [wrap-up here](#). The series is part of RHSC's contribution to the YourLife World Contraception Day campaign – [Empowering Choices](#).

## VOCES DE LA COALICIÓN ForoLAC y Salud Menstrual

### UNA SERIE DE 3 WEBINARS

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| 1 | Panorama de la salud menstrual en Latinoamérica y el Caribe              | 📅 | 10 OCT |
| 2 | Enfoques de mercado en insumos de salud menstrual en LAC                 | 📅 | 17 OCT |
| 3 | WASH e iniciativas para promover la higiene y salud menstrual. Caso Perú | 📅 | 24 OCT |



### New webinar series on menstrual health in LAC kicks off

ForoLAC and the RHSC Menstrual Health Supplies Workstream invite you to participate in a webinar series ‘Voices of the Coalition: ForoLAC and Menstrual Health’ aimed at identifying initiatives in the region to promote access, free choice and education on menstrual supplies, health and hygiene. The first instalment, offering an overview of menstrual health in the region, can be [viewed here](#). You can register for the next webinars in the series [at this link](#).

### OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

[Global Health Research & Medical Interventions for Development](#) in Nepal is a consortium of medical professionals and institutions committed to advancing global health and improving patient care and health outcomes in low-resource settings.

In India, [Montage Laboratories Pvt. Ltd.](#) is a company manufacturing reproductive health products, and contraceptives in particular.

In the US, [KKM Global Healthcare Group](#) is the parent company of divisions which, among other activities, distribute a point-of-care test for bacterial vaginosis across Africa and developed AI-driven technology to

predict women's delivery dates as early as eight weeks into gestation, allowing for identification of the risk of preterm delivery, and for better management of obstetric care.

[Margaret Pyke Trust](#) is a UK-based global NGO transforming climate and biodiversity policy to support reproductive choice; establishing new partnerships with health, conservation and climate organizations to integrate reproductive health, livelihood and environmental action; and training healthcare professionals in Uganda and the UK in sexual and reproductive health. Approximately one in 25 General Practitioners and practice nurses in the UK has attended a Margaret Pyke training course in the last three years.

## UPCOMING WEBINARS

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10-24 October

[Webinar series: Voices of the Coalition - ForoLAC and Menstrual Health](#)

## LATEST WEBINARS RECORDINGS

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[Reproductive Choice in National Biodiversity Policy: Advocacy Opportunities to Integrate Climate Change & Rights-Based Family Planning](#)



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



[Rapid response strategies for post-partum hemorrhage](#)



[#LEAP2024 Report: Deep Dive into the Contraceptive Market Data](#)



[Voices of the Coalition \(Part 1\) - Overview of Menstrual Health in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

## IN THE CALENDAR

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3-6 Nov 2025 | Bogota, Colombia

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

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