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THE MONTH IN NUMBERS

9,000

More than 9,000 voluntary hours are contributed to RHSC's work every year by our members

224,700

Read the VAN's [Ghana case study](#) to see how new orders generated 224,700 couple-years of protection

8

Participants from 8 national health ministries in the Caribbean have learned how to improve forecasting methods and make quantification more accurate

THE LATEST



VAN Steering Committee welcomes first country representative

The VAN Steering Committee has welcomed Dr. Claudette Diogo, Programme Head, Family Planning Division at the Ghana Health Service and [Ghana's VAN Ambassador](#), as the first Country Representative member during its annual meeting in December. The VAN Steering Committee is the cross-organizational governing body responsible for setting the strategic direction and scope of the VAN. This new membership role ensures country perspectives are elevated and represented in the governance and strategic decision-making of the VAN. Dr. Diogo will serve as the first of two Country Representatives on the VAN Steering Committee; the second will be welcomed in mid-2025.



Media advocacy in Benin helps secure contraceptive security victories

Through advocacy workshops and digital advocacy campaigns, the Groupe de Recherche, d'Action, de Formation en Épidémiologie et en Développement (GRAFED) built a strategic alliance between local advocates, journalists, and government officials to promote family planning (FP) commodity financing in Benin. These efforts encouraged the Ministry of Finance to double its financial allocation for contraceptive commodities between 2019 and 2025, from \$403,000 to \$806,000, repositioning the Beninese government on track to meet its commitments to FP2030 and the Ouagadougou Partnership. By 2024, the government has already executed 84% of the planned budget allocation for contraceptive procurement. GRAFED received one of the Advocacy and Accountability Working Group's Domestic Resource Mobilization and Expenditure awards in 2022, and over the past two years, has implemented an innovative media advocacy approach to strengthen financing for family planning commodities, improve the tracking of financial commitments, and ensure their transparency. The project leaves in its wake an increasingly favorable environment for FP financing in

Benin and the commitment of the government and journalists to continue the collaboration.



The infographic features a large blue clock face on the right side, with a red second hand pointing to the 9 o'clock position. To the left of the clock, the text "9,000 HOURS" is written in large, bold, blue letters, with "A YEAR" in white letters inside a dark blue banner below it. At the bottom left, there is a logo for the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition, which consists of a stylized globe with a blue and green color scheme. To the right of the logo, the text "Reproductive Health SUPPLIES COALITION" is written in blue, and the hashtag "#InternationalVolunteerDay" is written in dark blue.

More than 9,000 voluntary hours help power RHSC's work

In the leadup to the International Day of the Volunteer in December, it has been revealed that members give the RHSC more than 9,000 voluntary hours of their time in the form of chairing working groups and workstreams, addressing and attending meetings and webinars, serving on our committees, and acting as ambassadors. The RHSC extends its sincere gratitude to our volunteers who give so generously of their precious time to drive the global reproductive health supplies agenda.



Quantification & forecasting training for Caribbean officials

A three-day training on quantification and forecasting in St. Lucia brought 25 participants—including health ministry representatives from eight [OECS](#) countries—together to improve forecasting methods and leverage tools for accurate quantification. Co-organized by RHSC’s ForoLAC, UNFPA Caribbean Sub-Regional Office, and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), and conducted by Pamela Steele, of [Pamela Steele Associates](#), the workshop trained health officials to assess their ministry standards against international standards for quantification, forecasting, and supply chain management. Participants then learned to apply lessons to unique regional and national supply issues.



“I decided I won’t give birth again.
It is very risky having hyperemesis
and giving birth in succession like that,
so I decided then that I’ll use family planning.”

— Leticia Mensah

New Ghana VAN case study tells success story

Learn how Ghana is using the VAN to achieve end-to-end supply chain visibility and efficiency in a [new case study](#) and accompanying [human interest story](#). The resource traces Ghana’s integration of its Ghana Integrated Logistics Management Information System (GhiLMIS) with the VAN, resulting in more streamlined quantification and supply planning, reduced manual data errors, and empowered stakeholders with real-time, data-driven insights. The case study is the collaborative effort of Ghana’s Ministry of Health, [USAID](#), RHSC, and [GHSC-PSM](#).



LAPTOP Scholar Elbethel on applying lessons to solving Ethiopia's supply issues

Halfway through her sponsored course of postgraduate study, LAPTOP Scholar Elbethel Alemaw, based in Addis Ababa, tells of how her studies support her desire to address supply issues in Ethiopia and to champion women supply chain managers in a traditionally male-dominated profession. [Read more here.](#)

Injectables Access Collaborative

Learning and Action Network



Online discussion to explore advocacy strategies for tangible change

The [Injectables Access Collaborative](#) Learning and Action Network, in collaboration with the RHSC's [New and Underused Reproductive Health Technologies Caucus](#) (NURHTs) is hosting a virtual discussion on advocacy strategies for reproductive health product introduction, scale-up, and institutionalization, emphasizing what it takes to see tangible change. Presenters will highlight what is needed in the complex space between securing an advocacy win and seeing progress toward the desired outcome. Topics will include increasing access to DMPA-SC self-injection, advancing menstrual health product standards, and facilitating country-level procurement of the hormonal IUD. [Please register in advance here.](#)

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

[Azalea Initiative](#) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending period poverty and promoting menstrual health for girls and women in Ghana.

[Revive Innovations +](#) is a medical technology company based in the UK, developing the world's first auto-injector to deliver 5mL of generic TXA formulation to treat post-partum hemorrhage.

LATEST WEBINAR RECORDINGS



[Navigating the RHSC Strategy \(25/35\)](#)



[The 2024 Family Planning Market Report](#)



["The Lucia Study" - Research study on contraceptive use and preference in Argentina 2024](#)

IN THE CALENDAR

24-27 June 2025 | Mombasa, Kenya

[8th RHNC Pan-African AYSRHR Scientific Conference](#)

3-6 Nov 2025 | Bogota, Colombia

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



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