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## THE MONTH IN NUMBERS

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### 700M

RHSC has leveraged \$700M in funds and cost savings for reproductive health commodity security. Watch our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary wrap-up [here](#).

### 30,860

Read the [VAN's Liberia case study](#) to see how new orders generated 30,860 couple-years of protection.

### 65

65 key informants contributed to [RHSC's Landscape on Volatility, Resilience, and Transformation in RH Supply Access](#)

## THE LATEST

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Our 2-minute video sums up two decades of RHSC's extraordinary achievements. [Watch it here.](#)



### **New case study follows Liberia's journey implementing the VAN**

Discover how Liberia's Ministry of Health uses the Global Family Planning Visibility and Analytics Network (VAN) to proactively manage stocks, engage stakeholders, and ensure accountability in supply planning for family planning commodities in a [new case study](#) and accompanying [human interest story](#). This resource dives into Liberia's journey of implementing the VAN and the evolution of its supply chain management technical capacity and ownership. It covers Liberia's changing needs as ownership over supply chain decision-making increased and how the VAN supported those needs. The case study is the collaborative effort of Liberia's Ministry of Health, [USAID](#), RHSC, and [GHSC-PSM](#).



## **RHSC Manufacturers' Representative on challenges in a multipolar world**

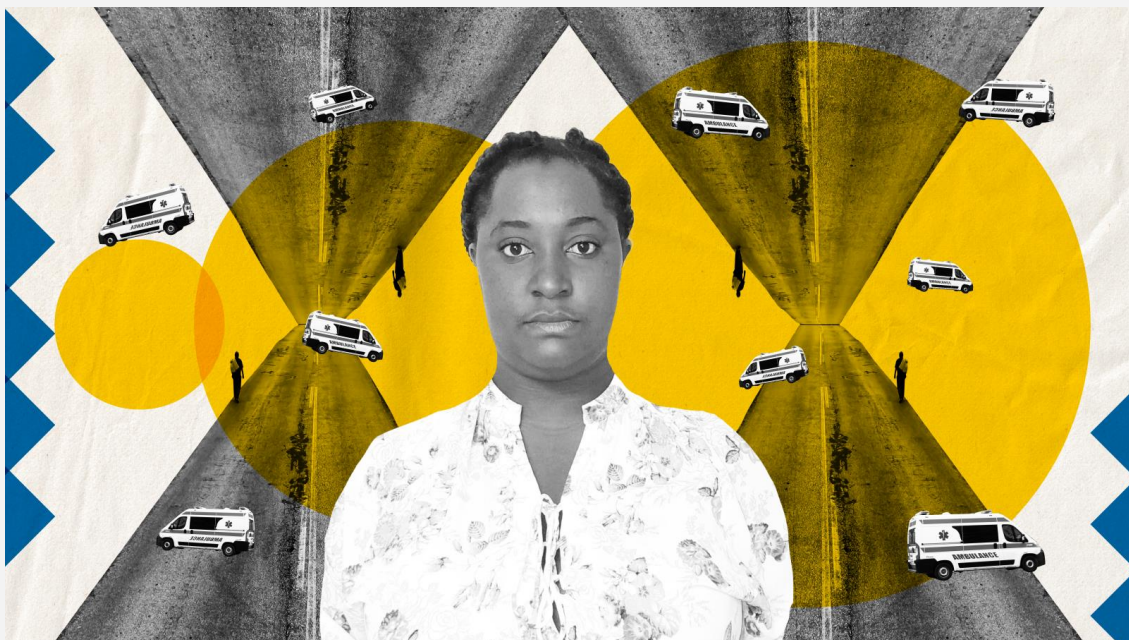
Dr. Frank Strelow, Manufacturers' Representative to the RHSC's Executive Committee, speaks about the challenges faced by reproductive health supply manufacturers and procurers in a multipolar world where he maintains "there is no such thing as a uniform private sector". Read his interview [here](#), where he calls for a balance between healthy competition and sustainable supply chains.

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### **Director's end-of-year message**

Just as 2024 was dedicated to forging a collective vision for the future of reproductive health supply access, 2025 will be about beginning to enact that vision as a community, writes RHSC Director Martyn Smith. Read his end-of-year message to members [here](#).



## **LAPTOP Scholar in Haiti is one step closer to making childhood dream a reality**

In Haiti, LAPTOP Scholar Joliette Pierre Samuel received a High Distinction for her postgraduate diploma in Global Health Procurement and Supply Chain Management. Ms. Samuel, who braves hazards to accompany delivery drivers on their journeys to remote rural clinics, speaks of her childhood dream to improve healthcare access in her country. [Read her interview here.](#)



## **RHSC hosts dialogue for RH manufacturers and global procurers**

In December, RHSC organized a dialogue session for reproductive health supply manufacturers and global procurers at the [2024 joint WHO-UNFPA-UNICEF meeting with manufacturers in Copenhagen, Denmark.](#) Participants brainstormed solutions to address challenges faced by manufacturers and procurers in low- and middle-income countries in particular. The session will inform RHSC's work in 2025 in strengthening markets and supply chains and promoting a healthier supply base.



**Now out: Landscape on volatility, resilience, and transformation in RH supply access**

A year-long, RHSC-commissioned, [rapid landscape review](#) is now online, shedding light on changes, disruptions, and opportunities in the reproductive health (RH) supplies ecosystem occurring since 2019. This landscape review, which relied on an extensive review of contemporary documents along with semi-structured interviews of 65 key informants, identifies cross-cutting trends with the potential to impact the availability and accessibility of quality, affordable RH supplies in coming years. These include insufficient financing to meet growing demand for products. In addition, an increasing number of natural- and human-induced disasters as well as political unrest will likely put increasing pressure on weak and under-resourced health systems. [Read more.](#)



### **Conversation on hormonal IUD access now online**

RHSC's Senior Technical Officer Sarah Webb discussed access to the hormonal IUD at the [2024 Hybrid Meeting of the Hormonal IUD Access Group](#). A curated collection of viewpoints – [Key Conversations: Unlocking Global Access to the Hormonal IUD](#) – is now online. Catch these insights around the potential for the method to address menstrual health, iron deficiency & anemia; counseling on insertion pain management options; data generation & knowledge exchange; and other perspectives, including the importance of collective action in accelerating access, including the importance of collective action in accelerating access.

### **New MHS Caucus leadership**

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Samantha Durdock from [R4D](#) as the new Maternal Health Supplies Caucus Chair, and Megan Rauscher from [ThinkWell](#) as her Co-Chair. Ms. Durdock brings expertise on safe nutritional supplements – an emerging area of interest for the Caucus and Ms. Rauscher contributed substantially to the development of RHSC's advocacy guide "[Buy Quality Oxytocin, Keep it Cold](#)". We extend special thanks and appreciation to the outgoing Chair, Dr. Metin Gülmezoglu and Co-Chairs Siobhan Vega and Andrew Storey for their dedication and service.

## OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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[Proyecta Igualdad](#) is a Peruvian organization that promotes social innovation to close gender gaps.

[The Case For Her in Sweden](#) is a leading investor in women's health, including menstrual health.

## LATEST WEBINAR RECORDINGS

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[Doctor Violeta - The chat bot that provides guidance to victims of sexual violence](#)

## IN THE CALENDAR

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**24-27 June** | Mombasa, Kenya

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

**5-9 October** | Cape Town, South Africa

[XXV FIGO World Congress](#)

**3-6 November** | Bogota, Colombia

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


**27-30 April 2026** | Melbourne, Australia


[Women Deliver 2026](#)


**October 2026 (approximate date)** | Venue: TBD

RHSC in-person General Membership Meeting


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