Commodity Gap Analysis 2019
Overview for low-income countries (LIC)

RHSC’s Contraceptive Commodity Gap Analysis (CGA) contributes vital data and analysis that inform strategies to address future supply availability. The rich findings of the report help illuminate pertinent facts about the world today, as well as changes that may happen over the coming decade. From these results, five themes emerged that are critical to addressing supply availability. This brief highlights key findings for each theme for low-income countries.

01 Prospects of stagnating donor funding

The amount currently spent on contraceptive supplies across low-income countries is

$191 million

If spending stays at current levels while the number of women using contraception grows a funding gap will emerge...

$42.6 million by 2020
$112 million in 2025
$419 million over 5 years (2021-2025)

02 Distinct landscapes between the public and private sectors

There are a total of 44.7 million users of contraception in low-income countries. Overall 70% receive their method from public sector sources while 30% receive their method from private sector sources.

The graph to the right shows how these users distribute by sector and method. We often see pronounced differences in the methods women receive from public and private sector sources, suggesting that the two are not interchangeable.

03 The role of subsidies in the private sector

CGA 2019 breaks new ground by setting aside the distinctions between social marketing and commercial sectors, focusing instead on the supplies themselves: whether they are sold at a commercial price, or if they benefit from some sort of public sector subsidy.

Of the 13.4 million users of contraception in low-income countries who obtain supplies from private sector entities, 60% purchase non-subsidized supplies. The role of subsidy often varies by method as show in the graph to the left.
04 Differences in the distribution of users and costs

The total consumption cost of contraceptive supplies in low-income countries is currently $208 million.

Because consumption cost is not simply a function of use, there are often stark differences in the method mix of users and the method mix of costs as shown in the graph to the left. This is due to a number of factors, including differences in the number of units per year of each method a user must consume; differences in costs between methods; and differences in cost for each method from country to country.

05 Significant yet uneven growth in the decade ahead

CGA 2019 does not attempt to predict future changes, but rather show where things would be if current trends persist.

By the year 2020, there will be 49.9 million users of contraception living in low-income countries. According to current trends, that number will reach 79.8 million by 2030, an increase of 29.9 million users.

Changes in Users, 2020–2030

As the total number of users changes, so too will the costs. In 2020, the cost of supplies in low-income countries will be $233 million. That figure will reach $377 million by 2030, an increase of $144 million.

Changes in Consumption Cost, 2020–2030

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