

Statement on the Importance of Continued Family Planning Data Sharing and Collaboration

The global reproductive health community is operating in an increasingly volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous environment, which is causing global supply chain disruptions and straining health systems. However, women still need access to quality family planning (FP) products and services. Failing to meet this essential need could mean long-term negative consequences on their health, wellbeing, and ability to manage their reproductive health goals.

In the current situation, what is needed from all partners to mitigate the supply chain impact on family planning supplies and orders?

- Now, more than ever, **we need to work together.**
- Donors, procurers, country stakeholders, manufacturers and partners, with the support of the Global Family Planning Visibility and Analytics Network (VAN) and the VAN Consensus Planning Group (CPG), must **continue to share critical supply chain data and coordinate action.**

What do I need to do to collaborate?

- **Continue to share accurate and up-to-date FP supply data through current channels –the VAN, VAN CPG, and procurers.** Access to updated order, shipment, inventory and supply planning data is critical to coordinate with global procurers and international suppliers for smooth delivery.

What FP supply data is most useful to update and share?

- **Forecast and supply plan updates:** Any abrupt changes to forecasts, inventory levels, and order timing, quantity, or frequency could exacerbate current supply delays and shortages. *Please ensure forecasts and supply plan updates cover the next 18-24 months.*
- **Inventory, order and shipment status updates:** include any *changes* that might affect the ability to deliver products.

- **Distribution strategy changes:** Changes to sub-national supply and service delivery strategies aimed at minimizing supply disruption will impact planning. *Please communicate these changes to your procurers or partners.*

In return, we commit to the following collaboration

- ➔ Please work through your VAN Analyst to share data and communicate changes. We will make ourselves available to **promote maximum flexibility in how we receive information.** If data providers or mechanisms change, we can receive information via email, phone, and other means, and we are actively looking at all options to support data sharing systems.
- ➔ We will **help trouble-shoot** and keep it simple.
- ➔ We will **leverage existing mechanisms for working through supply chain decision-making** using the VAN to actively understand the current situation and bring you updates as soon as possible.
- ➔ If you do not know where to share your data, please contact your VAN Analyst or the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition via GlobalFPVAN@rhsupplies.org. We are interested in hearing from health ministry representatives, implementing partners, procurers, service providers, manufacturers and other supply chain organizations.

Useful Resources

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