

**WHAT WE DO**

# #ITSABOUTSUPPLIES

The Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition is the world's largest network of reproductive health (RH) supplies organizations. Formed in 2004, it is a partnership of 470 public entities, private corporations, and NGOs working so that everyone in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) can access and use affordable, high-quality RH supplies.

## Structured Informality and the Power of Partnership

The Coalition is a voluntary partnership working flexibly and reacting sensitively to community and market needs. Calling on its unique Levers of Change, it brings partners together to make a lasting impact on access to RH supplies. For example,

- › In 2017, we launched a global initiative to capture and use supply chain data from multiple sources. The Global Family Planning Visibility Analytics Network – or Global FP VAN – will lead to more timely and cost-effective commodity delivery.
- › Publication of the annual Costed Commodity Gap Analysis has allowed the RH community to assess the volume and cost of contraceptives required to meet the growing demand for family planning in 135 low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Separate analyses undertaken on the 135 have allowed Coalition partners to plan regional interventions and to launch successful advocacy efforts for additional funding.
- › In 2017, the Coalition saved the community more than \$4.2M by preventing contraceptive stockouts and managing overstock. It also drove an additional \$15.8M in new product procurement.
- › In 2018, the Coalition launched an initiative to overcome key obstacles to contraceptive security in Latin America. The project has narrowed the knowledge gap between the region and global developments in commodity pricing and has established a regional price platform that serves countries to benchmark their price negotiations with manufacturers.

## The Levers of Change

The Coalition applies its unique attributes and approaches to deliver success.



**Neutrality** offers a “safe space” where experts can leave their institutional hats at the door, while remaining focused on what they share in common.



The ability to **Broker Partnerships** cuts across all sectors and regions.



**Convening Power** helps rapidly assemble a critical mass of supply stakeholders and champions to achieve results no partner could accomplish on its own.



A diverse, **Flexible Resource Base** makes it possible to rapidly pursue activities that may fall outside the remit of individual donors.



A large and diverse membership offers up an accessible **Brain Trust**.



The Coalition's **Respected Name** brings credibility and weight.

## Using data visibility to optimize supply chains

From its establishment in 2004, the Coalition has worked to improve data visibility as a means to improve contraceptive access. The RH community has long relied on the Coalition's key tools and resources:



The Coalition's **CSP Group** (Coordinated Supply Planning Group) tailors supply shipments to eliminate redundancy in global procurement and to better meet country needs.



The **CARhs group** (Coordinated Assistance for Reproductive Health Supplies) group is a partnership of donors using visibility into country stock levels to prevent and confront both stockouts and oversupply.



The **RHInterchange** provides information on past, present, and future supply orders for over 144 countries.



The **PPMR** (Procurement Planning and Monitoring Report) describes stock status of contraceptive products on a country-by-country basis.



The **Family Planning Report 2017** uses supplier shipment data to provide a comprehensive and reliable look into the public-sector FP procurement market across the 69 FP2020 focus countries.



A grant to IT Solutions provider, Systmapp, has made it possible to digitize the collection, and analyze **UNFPA Supplies' data such as annual country questionnaires and facility-based surveys**. This work opens up to the wider RH community, a wealth of data formerly locked up in PDFs and other limited data formats.



The Coalition's track record in data visibility work has paved the way to its most recent initiative—the **Global FP VAN**. This shared global platform will capture and use supply chain data from multiple sources, to ensure (a) more timely and cost-effective delivery of commodities to countries; (b) more women reached with the right product at the right time; and (c) better coordination on how to allocate limited health resources.

**DATA**

## The Innovation Fund

The Innovation Fund is the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition's flagship initiative for inspiring and financing new activities that further the Coalition's strategic goals and those of its Working Groups. Established in 2008, it has granted more than \$6 million under the Innovation Fund. We have awarded 67 small grants and leveraged more than \$20.4 million – a return of roughly \$3.40 to \$1.

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## Working Groups

Coalition members work through the following engines.

- › Advocacy and Accountability Working Group
- › Market Development Approaches Working Group
- › Systems Strengthening Working Group
- › Caucus on New and Underused Reproductive Health Technologies
- › Maternal Health Supplies Caucus
- › Generic Manufacturers Caucus for Reproductive Health
- › Youth Caucus
- › The Latin America and Caribbean Regional Forum (ForoLAC)
- › The Francophone Africa Regional Forum (SECONAF)

## Keeping connected

The Coalition is governed by an Executive Committee made up of leaders from across the RH community. Member organizations can address contraceptive access issues through nine Working Groups, supported by the Coalition's Secretariat, which is managed by the international NGO, PATH. The Secretariat office is headquartered in Brussels, with team members in Washington, D.C., Lima, Dakar, and Seattle. Coalition members keep connected through a newsletter, a multilingual website, and a general membership meeting. Membership has grown from 15 to more than 470, roughly half of which are from LMICs. Membership is free; apply at <http://bit.ly/applyrhsc>.