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THE MONTH IN NUMBERS

87%

Even with no source or method mix changes, contraceptive costs are projected to go up by 87% 2023-2035. Check [LEAP 2024](#) out for more projections.

56

To mark Menstrual Health Day 28 May, RHSC made available 56 high resolution photos of menstrual products now available for free [download](#).

750

Laerdal Global Health has pledged up to 750 birthing simulators to help train healthcare personnel managing obstetric emergencies.

THE LATEST

LEAP 2024 is out!

Get new, clearer insights
into current and future
reproductive health supply
use and costs.



LEAP 2024 offers insights into the future of RH supply use

‘Invaluable’, ‘an eye-opener’, and ‘the best, most comprehensive data source’ are how reproductive health supply experts describe LEAP – or the Landscape and Projection of Reproductive Health Supply Needs. Using LEAP’s latest iteration, you can understand what services or supplies women currently use in contraception, maternal health, abortion and postabortion care, and menstrual health. But LEAP 2024 also helps you gauge the quantity of supplies needed and the cost of these supplies as far into the future as 2035.

- Check out the LEAP 2024 platform [here](#).
- What’s new in LEAP 2024? And what’s coming soon? [Read more here](#).
- Register [here](#) for an introductory webinar on 12 June to hear from LEAP’s writers, technical leads, and users.



 **US\$3,000**

**SCHOLARSHIPS
BECAS | BOURSES**

APPLY NOW!

Calling LAPTOP Scholarship applications

The RHSC has launched a new round of LAPTOP Scholarships offering up to US\$3,000 per individual to support the costs of a course of study in supply chain management (SCM). We seek to motivate young professionals from low- and middle-income countries to join the field of health SCM, and many LAPTOP alumni credit their scholarship-supported studies for significant advancements in their supply chain careers. If you are seeking to make a successful career in SCM, please apply for a [LAPTOP scholarship here](#) by 15 June 2024. Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. Please share this announcement with anyone who may be interested in applying.



RHSC shares stories, free photos, on Menstrual Health Day

Zambian women talk about menstruation taboo with Ntindah Luembe, RHSC's Director of Implementing Mechanisms and Initiatives, who calls in her [blog](#) for open communication to increase access to menstrual products. To help communication around menstrual supplies, RHSC has made available [56 high resolution images](#) of products for free download, taken by our Senior Communications Officer Lucian Alexe. Also on Menstrual Health Day, the Global Menstrual Collective published a [brief](#) about how private sector actors can expand access to products and services, written by writers from RHSC member organizations, as well as our Senior Technical Officer Sarah Webb.



Laerdal pledges birthing simulators to COF award winners

Recipients of an award from the [Catalytic Opportunity Fund](#) (COF) will receive birthing simulators and educational learning materials distributed through Laerdal Global Health's (LGH) Buy One Gift One program. The simulators and materials provide healthcare personnel with realistic hands-on training opportunities to prevent and manage bleeding after birth. [Read about LGH's pledge here](#). The COF is managed by RHSC and the Clinton Health Access Initiative, and funded by MSD for Mothers and FCDO.



ForoLAC, partners, evaluate supply chain strength in Santa Fe, Argentina

A team of experts recently applied the Supply Chain Operations Diagnostic (SCOD) in Argentina's Santa Fe province (population 3 million) to assess its healthcare supply chain, with a focus on reproductive health products. Led by pharmacist and logistics expert (and LAPTOP alumna) Sandra Pulgarin, the team assessed storage facilities, healthcare service units, and pharmacies. Pharmacy staff, logistic workers, and government officials came together to evaluate their supply chain and forge an action plan for improvement. The SCOD methodology has brought about significant improvements in the LAC region. This work is carried out by RHSC's ForoLAC, the UNFPA Country Office of Argentina, the UNFPA LACRO, and the Ministry of Health of the Province of Santa Fe. For more information, contact Ximena Armendariz on xarmendariz@rhsupplies.org.



Rwanda's VAN Ambassador seeks to help health products reach "every last mile"

Jean Claude Kabera, Senior Supply Chain Specialist for the Rwanda Biomedical Centre, is one of eight recent VAN Ambassadors introduced at the RHSC's General Membership Meeting in Accra last year. [In this interview](#), he credits the VAN for having helped Rwanda boost supply chain data accuracy, allow for timely reconciliation of inventory data, and improve inventory analysis as well as family planning stock visibility status. All this has helped avoid waste, he says, celebrating Rwanda's Prime member status of the VAN.



LAPTOP Scholar applies logistics learning to Peru's healthcare sector

Jaime Villegas, a LAPTOP scholar from the LAC region, recently completed a Supply Chain Management course at the Universidad Jesuita de Guadalajara (México). It has greatly enriched his role on the Technical Team for Access to Medicines at Peru's General Office of Medications, Supplies and Drugs, where he prepares regulatory proposals and improves supply-related processes in Peru's healthcare sector. [Read more here.](#)

Two-part webinar spotlights menstrual health in India

If you missed any of our webinars in May, check out the Webinar section below for full recordings. Two additions to the 2024 Joint Learning Series on Market-Based Approaches for Menstrual Health shone a spotlight on India, examining product access and integrated health services, featuring 16 voices from the private sector, civil society, and elsewhere. The RHSC Manufacturers Group co-hosted a discussion on WHO's Collaborative Registration Procedure for both WHO-prequalified products and those approved by Stringent Regulatory Authorities.

MDAWG welcomes new Co-Chair

Abigail Winskell, Project Director at Population Services International, has taken on the role of Co-Chair of the [Market Development Approaches Working Group](#) (MDAWG). We welcome her on board!

NEW MEMBERS

[Fundación Poderosas Colombia](#) is a nonprofit organization operate in the most socioeconomically vulnerable communities across Colombia to enhance young people’s autonomy over their bodies, sexuality, and lives using comprehensive sexuality education

[Kupara Consulting in Canada](#) helps multi-national NGOs and foundations, drug/diagnostic/medical device manufacturers, and health tech start-ups increase access to women’s health supply access.

NEW WEBINARS



[Joint Learning Series | India Spotlight: Menstrual Product Access](#)



[Joint Learning Series | India Spotlight Part 2: Health Services Integration](#)



[WHO Good Reliance Practice and Collaborative Registration Procedure \(CRP\)](#)

IN THE CALENDAR

9-12 June | Cape Town, South Africa
[46th Annual SAPICS Conference](#)


20-22 August | Lusaka, Zambia


[PharmaConnect Africa Conference 2024](#)


3-6 Nov 2025 | Bogota, Columbia


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