

Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition General Membership Meeting (GMM) Supply Fellows Initiative - Terms of Reference

The RHSC Supply Fellows Initiative

The Supply Fellows Initiative aims to bring together pairs of seasoned and younger members of the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition (RHSC) to facilitate the sharing of introductions, knowledge, and experience. The inaugural run of the Initiative took place in Brussels in March 2018 and was reprised in April 2019 in Kathmandu. The program has proved to be a resounding success.

About 12 seasoned RH supplies professionals are matched to 12 younger members of the community at the RHSC General Membership Meeting (GMM). Calling on the Coalition's unique principle that any single member is only "one degree of separation" (i.e. an introduction) away from any other member, the initiative is designed to allow each pair of Fellows to learn from one another and navigate the meeting together.

Goal and objectives for the GMM Supply Fellows Initiative

Goal

To nurture the next generation of RH leaders by supporting meaningful youth participation in the 2023 RHSC GMM in Accra, and the development of strong professional and interpersonal relationships between young and seasoned RHSC members.

Objectives

- Create time and space for networking and relationship building among young and seasoned members.
- Foster better understanding of youth priorities in RH supplies by enabling information sharing between seasoned and young members.
- Pave the way for an ongoing Fellows dialogue within the RHSC.

Participation

The GMM Supply Fellows Initiative is voluntary and open to all RHSC members attending the 2023 GMM who fall into any of the following categories:

- Participants under the age of 35 and actively engaged in RH supplies work

- More seasoned RHSC attendees who have participated in RHSC GMMs in the past, are active in the Coalition's Implementing Mechanisms, and understand the general “lie of the land”.

Participants agree to support the initiative objectives and commit to:

- joining a pre-meeting introductory Group Call organized by RHSC secretariat.
- have a one-to-one call before the GMM with their paired partner to set expectations and discuss how best to maximize their time at the meeting.
- join the welcome Fellows meet-up during the GMM.
- participate in a career guidance session during the GMM.
- support their partner Fellow during the GMM by facilitating joint activities and initiate networking opportunities.
- fill in a short survey after the GMM to provide feedback on experiences of the initiative.

Selection process

- The RHSC will invite all existing Fellows to participate in the Initiative
- The RHSC will also send an invitation to all registered meeting participants
- All selected Fellows will be notified by the date mentioned in invitations.