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The Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition: Maximizing Stakeholder Interest

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A Short History

- Istanbul 2001: “Meeting the Challenge”
 - Global meeting calls for “collective action by, among and between ... partners”
- 2003: Supply Initiative
 - NGO consortium formed to call attention to RH supply shortages, mobilize new resources, increase their efficient use for RH supplies
- 2003: Task Team
 - Informal core group organized to identify global-level solutions to increase efficiencies on financing supplies, systems.
 - Supply Initiative provides secretariat support
- 2004: Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition (RHSC)
 - Task team evolves into a broader coalition, with expanded membership, scope
 - Secretariat supported through Supply Initiative

RHSC: The Basics

- Forum for global leadership to increase access to RH supplies by promoting a more coordinated and structured response to:
 - Inadequate and unreliable **financing**
 - Inefficiencies and volatilities in **systems**
 - Inequities in **access**
- Members share a common vision:
 - Improve global health and quality of life by ensuring access to high-quality RH supplies
- 21 member organizations

Members of the RHSC

- Low- and middle income country governments
 - (*) Africa – Uganda
 - (*) Asia – China, India
 - (*) Eastern Europe, Central Asia – Romania
 - (*) Latin America and Caribbean – TBD
- Multilateral organizations
 - UNFPA
 - WHO
 - World Bank
- Donors
 - European Commission
 - Germany (KfW)
 - United Kingdom (DFID)
 - The Netherlands (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
 - United States (USAID)

Members of the RHSC (cont'd)

- Private Donors
 - Gates Foundation
 - Representative of Major Foundations (*) UN Foundation
- Nongovernmental Organizations
 - IPPF
 - Partners in Population and Development
 - (*) NGO from a low/middle income country – Profamilia/Colombia
- Civil Society
 - SI/PAI
- Social Marketing Organizations (SMO)
 - (*) SMO with global reach – PSI
 - (*) Local SMO – Ghana Social Marketing Foundation

How Does the RHSC Operate?

- Meets twice yearly (2006 – New York/UNFPA, Frankfurt/KfW)
- Three working groups are technical “engines”
 - Resource Mobilization and Awareness
 - Systems Strengthening
 - Market Development Approaches
- Secretariat, Executive Committee, Chair (2006-08 – Germany & The Netherlands)
- Terms of Reference adopted October 2005
- 2006 – Full time Secretariat and Director, located in Brussels
- Next priorities: membership, communications, monitoring and evaluation, business plan

What Does the RHSC Do?

- Synthesize and share information, knowledge, and experience
 - Map existing experience, evidence, lessons learned relating to private sector market development approaches
- Improve coordination and harmonization of programs
 - Develop consistent advocacy messages for funding RH supplies
 - Countries-at-Risk group
- Provide joint advice & monitoring for development, use of common tools and approaches
 - RH Interchange (<http://rhi.rhsupplies.org>)

Technical Priorities of the RHSC

- Market development approaches
 - Synthesize, share knowledge about “total market” approaches
 - Develop, test, validate models for commercial markets that serve lower income consumers
 - Promote supportive environments for provision of RH supplies by private sector
- Systems strengthening
 - Improve use of standardized data to align financing, supply flows with program needs
 - Develop solutions for increased reliability, efficiency of financing
 - Identify, support supply chain improvements
- Resource mobilization and awareness
 - Create an environment conducive to political support for RH supplies
 - Secure increased financial resources