

Session 2: Technical updates Teams 1 & 2

Using data to inform optimal selection and deployment of core interventions and Addressing biological threats

WS1 Task Team One: *Using data to inform optimal selection and deployment of core interventions (ITNs, IRS)*

Objectives: Support members in their efforts to

- Identify and support use of key tools and resources for country-led decision-making for ITN and IRS selection and deployment
- Anticipate policy shifts for the selection and deployment of ITNs and IRS, supporting the adaptation and use of new tools and resources

WS1 Task Team Two: *Addressing biological threats - new insecticides for vector control*

Objectives:

- 1) Keep the membership apprised of new IRS or ITNs that are currently under evaluation and any related evidence
- 2) To share SOPs for monitoring of both resistance to any new insecticides (in preparation of deployment when approved), as well as monitoring of the products themselves
- 3) To seek inputs from members on key topics or emerging issues to consider for discussion, sharing with members, other actions

Global coordination for vector control supply chain

Vector Control Task Force

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Background to the Vector Control Task Force

- The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated the importance of close coordination among partners in IRS and ITN supply and delivery
- The Vector Control Task Force was one of the key workstreams established to facilitate this close communication among partners
- Members include procurers, donors, organizations providing technical assistance or normative guidance, and those supporting quality assurance and new product development.
- Monthly calls with annual convening as needed

Task Force objectives: to foster collaboration among partners involved in IRS and ITN procurement in several areas



Operational issues affecting supply chain, product quality and other upstream issues that pose threats to timely delivery



Downstream bottlenecks



Ad-hoc market health assessments



Optimal selection and use of quality-assured malaria vector control products, including engaging with other groups on coordinated action



Quality, safety and performance of vector control technology



Shifts in implementation guidance and requirements that may impact product characteristics and selection. Share information with manufacturers on characteristics expected to meet.

Why it is important

This coordination (along with other ongoing coordination efforts) helped to ensure that critical vector control interventions continued despite a global pandemic.

Promoted collaborations on solutions and guidance for urgent bottlenecks including:



- Personal protection equipment (PPE) shortages



- Lack of clear direction and guidance on mask use to protect cadres working on vector control



- Global container access