Indicators and issues

- **Routine indicators**
  - MERG has a role in defining routine indicators
  - Need limited number of indicators, avoid proliferation
  - Routine indicators should mostly be for local use
  - Develop human capacity and prepare country M&E systems for elimination, if possible,
Indicators and issues

- Treatment indicator in HH surveys
  - Problematic
  - Other approaches?
- Economic Task Force
  - Task Force revitalized at the last MERG meeting
  - Share report of the last Task Force meeting
  - Standardized indicators approach needed
  - Available?
- Universal coverage indicator for LLINs
  - Review of evidence
  - Guidance needed
  - Albert Kilian focal person

Country M&E Strengthening

- Country profiles:
  - Develop as follow up of M&E strengthening efforts
  - More partners interested in follow up of M&E strengthening
  - Need more coordination with other partners
  - Involve countries as soon as possible
  - Consistency with work being done by AFRO IST Eastern/Southern
IT Task Force

- MDSS software
  - Many other packages/approaches
- Review of what is available
- Who provides TA
- Guidance to NMCPs
- How does this fit into the broader health system IT strengthening?
- Who will take lead on this Task Force?
- Who is interested in participating?

Other activities

- ACT Watch
  - Survey method adapted to MERG recommendations (sampling unit, selection method, etc)
  - Results:
    - High volume of drug through private sector (formal and informal), but mostly non-artemisinin
    - ACT mostly through public sector
    - Zambia: more drug through public sector
    - Benin and Nigeria: private sector
    - Drug quality not assessed
Impact Evaluation

• PMI effort
  o Time frame 2010-2012
  o Contribution to broader effort
  o High-level Report 2011

• Malaria Mortality Task Force meeting
  o Feb 10-12, Washington DC
  o Review/update “Rowe” approach
  o Coordination with Interagency Child Mortality Estimation Group; CHERG; Global Burden of Disease

Malaria M&E Training

• Measure Evaluation course in Ghana
  o Partners to assist in identifying candidates and providing support to participate in course
  o French version being developed
  o On-line training available?
• Zambia/Tulane courses
  o Open to others?
• MACEPA “Malaria 101”
• AMP course on post-campaign M&E
• Others?
MERG Business Issues

• MERG work-plan 09-10
  o Activity in the Partnership work-plan limited to high report event
• RBM partnership evaluation report/recommendation:
  o Recommended options for reorganization not endorsed by the Board
  o Board reviewed and redefined TOR of the 3 Task Forces

• Upcoming MERG meeting:
  o 1st or 3rd week of June
  o Europe: Switzerland or UK?