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DECISIONS OF THE 14TH MEETING OF THE RBM PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF 17 AND 18 NOVEMBER 2019

RBM/B14/2019/DP01 – Adoption of the agenda

The RBM Partnership to End Malaria Board approved the adoption of the agenda for the 14th Board meeting.

RBM/B14/2019/DP02 – RBM Workplan and Budget 2020

The RBM Partnership to End Malaria Board approved the proposed 2020 workplan and budget and tasked the Secretariat with its implementation, taking into consideration DP03.

RBM/B14/2019/DP03 – Key Performance Indicators

Based on the discussions held during the 14th Board meeting of the RBM Partnership to End Malaria, and

- recognising the tremendous work of the RBM Secretariat and the CEO,
- acknowledging the many priorities that could be the focus of the RBM Partnership Secretariat,
- noting the specific calls to focus efforts in order to ensure that the limited resources of the Secretariat are not overstretched,

The RBM Board calls on the RBM CEO and the Secretariat to:

- further refine the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to articulate specific, measurable goals and outcomes tied to the Board-approved workplan priorities by the next Board meeting,
- Based upon the prioritisation exercise, corresponding changes would be reflected into the workplan and budget and the Board informed accordingly.

RBM/B14/2019/DP04 – Data Aggregation, Reporting and Advocacy

Based on the discussions held during the 14th Board meeting of the RBM Partnership to End Malaria, and

- recognising the tremendous progress made by our world community in the fight against malaria, and
- acknowledging the critical role of data and management in driving progress,
- and noting discussions that took place during the 42nd Board meeting of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria for more comprehensive and frequent use of data to inform decisions,

The RBM Board calls on the RBM CEO to the extent feasible and appropriate to:

- aggregate malaria-relevant data willingly shared by partners across efforts to eliminate malaria,
- present to the RBM Board and the broader Partnership succinct summaries of data on strategic and operational progress, challenges, and risks, and
- advocate for increasingly open national and international data platforms and collectively support improved data systems and capacity across the global malaria community.

The Board takes note that this is an additional activity not reflected in the 2020 RBM Partnership Workplan and asks the CEO to provide an update on the additional human and financial resources required upon clarification of an initial Scope of Work.

RBM/B14/2019/DP05 – Endorsement of the MPAC Recommendations of October 2019

Based on the discussions held during the 14th Board meeting of the RBM Partnership to End Malaria, and

- recognising the importance of the coming Global Fund grant making process,
- acknowledging the critical role of the CRSPC and associated activities led by RBM,
- noting the specific calls from country NMCPs, implementers, technical experts, and global organisations to use data to create tailored plans,
- further noting the WHO Malaria Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) report of its October 2019 meeting encouraging countries to work towards universal coverage of the right mix of interventions, recognising that the coverage of individual interventions may vary by setting,

The RBM Board endorses the MPAC's recommendation to support countries to develop detailed National Strategic Plans with robust stratification and tailored subnational intervention mixes, adapted to the local context and available resources to achieve national targets.

RBM/B14/2019/DP06 – Amendment of the RBM Bye-laws

The RBM Board Bye-laws will be amended to reflect the following:

- Section 4.3: Partnership Board Membership
- The Partnership Board will increase to a maximum of 17 members.
- This shall be an interim measure to facilitate a staggered approach to Board rotation.
- Section 5.1: Convening Meetings
- The Board shall meet approximately on a quarterly basis, of which at least one meeting will be face to face.
- Naming update:

The Bye-laws shall be updated to reflect the name of the RBM Partnership to End Malaria.

RBM/B14/2019/DP07 – Monitoring the Hosting Relationship

Based on the discussions at the 14th Board meeting of the RBM Partnership to End Malaria, the CEO, Secretariat team and UNOPS will work together with a Working Group of the Board to:

- assess the risks and opportunities to the Partnership from the hosting arrangement, including any mitigation strategy and specific requests to UNOPS from the Board for improvements and flexibility, and
- develop a dispute resolution framework to provide a pathway to address hosting related conflicts or issues that could arise in the future.

The CEO will provide an update on hosting arrangements, including bottlenecks or challenges, at each future Board meeting.

RBM/B14/2019/DP08 – Thanking the Crown Prince Court of Abu Dhabi

The RBM Partnership Board thanks the UAE and in particular H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi for the gracious hospitality in hosting the 14th RBM Board meeting and for his generous support to the RBM Partnership.

Signed:

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