Seventeenth Meeting of the RBM Partnership Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group (MERG)

15-17 June 2011
New York, New York
UNICEF Headquarters

AGENDA

Objectives:
1. Review ongoing MERG Taskforce work
2. Updates from partner organizations
3. Review economic issues relevant to MERG
4. Discuss post-2011 and 2015 goals
5. Discuss MERG business issues

Wednesday, 15 June 2011

8:00 – 9:00am Breakfast

Morning Chair: H. Newby

9:00 – 9:30am Welcome and Introductions
• Overview of goals and meeting agenda; review of previous meeting minutes (H. Newby)

Objective 1: Review ongoing MERG Taskforce work

Survey and Indicator Guidance Taskforce

9:30 – 10:15am Discussion: Changes to guidance regarding vector control indicators (A. Kilian)

10:15-11:00am Discussion: Changes to guidance regarding prompt and effective treatment indicators (R. Cibulskis)

11:00 – 11:30am Coffee/tea break

11:30 – 11:45am Update: MIS Update and FAQ document (E. Patton/L. Florey)
11:45am-12:00pm  Update: MIS FAQ document for low-incidence settings (A. Kilian)

**Routine Systems Taskforce**

12:00-12:15pm  Update of WHO surveillance guidelines (R. Cibulskis)

**Reporting Taskforce**

12:15-12:45pm  Discussion on 2011 “High Level” Event and Reporting (R. Steketee)

12:45 – 2:00pm  Lunch

*Afternoon chair:* S. Yoon

**Morbidity Taskforce**

2:00-2:15pm  WHO case incidence and mortality country estimation models update (R. Cibulskis)

**Mortality Taskforce**

2:15-2:30pm  LiST Update (T. Eisele)

2:30-2:45pm  Discussion on how model could/should be updated to allow (regional and global) impact evaluation, ACT need forecasting, etc.

2:45-3:00pm  Update on RBM MERG guidance for program impact evaluation (E. Eckert)

3:00-3:15pm  **Update on other MERG Task Force activities** (5 minutes each)
  - Capacity Building Task Force (E. Patton)
  - IT Task Force (T. Mclean)

3:15 – 3:30pm  Coffee/tea break

**Objective 2: Updates from partner organizations**

3:30-3:45pm  ACTwatch update (K.O’Connell)

3:45-4:00pm  Survey updates
  - DHS/MIS update – (L. Florey)
  - MICS 4 update – (H. Newby)

4:00-4:15pm  Update on Drug Resistance Indicators (C. Rasmussen)

4:15-4:30pm  USAID’s Global Health Initiative and the role of PMI/malaria within it (E. Eckert)

4:30-5:00pm  Global Fund update (E. Korenromp and M. Lama)

5:00pm  End of Day 1
Thursday, 16 June 2011

8:00 – 9:00am   Breakfast

Morning Chair:   R. Cibulskis

**Objective 4: Review economic issues relevant to MERG**

9:00-9:10am   Introduction to economic issues relevant to MERG (*R. Cibulskis*)

**Costs and cost effectiveness**

9:10-9:30am   Cost Analysis of ITN programs in Kenya, Zambia (*C. Zikusooka*)

9:30-9:50am   Reductions in ACT use after RDT scale up (*T. Eisele/ J. Yukich*)

9:50-10:10am   Systematic review of the costs and cost-effectiveness of anti-malaria interventions (*M. White*)

10:10-10:40am   Coffee/tea break

**Financing and expenditure**

10:40-11:00am   Resource utilization for malaria control in 12 countries (*E. White Johansson*)

11:00-11:20am   WHO Malaria Expenditure Studies (*E. Poirot*)

11:20am-11:40pm   Expenditure tracking in Ethiopia, Rwanda, Senegal & financial sustainability (*A. Jones*)

11:40-12:00pm   Financing and efficiency of malaria programs (*P. Wilson*)

12:00 – 2:00pm   Lunch

*Afternoon chair:*   J.P. Clark

**Household Expenditures**

2:00-2:20pm   Panel discussion on health expenditure data from household surveys (*F. Arnold*)

2:20-2:40pm   Economic costs of malaria to the household (*J. Njau*)

**Economic impact of malaria**

2:40-3:00pm   Economic impact of malaria on industry (*E. Mouzin*)

3:00-3:20pm   Economic benefits of control (*J. Cohen/A. Jones*)

3:20 – 3:50pm   Coffee/tea break
3:50-4:10pm  Economic benefits of control (*S. Resch*)
4:10-5:00pm  Implications for MERG
5:00pm  End of Day 2

**Friday, 17 June 2011**

8:00am – 9:00am  Breakfast

*Morning Chair:*  M. Choi

**Objective 4: Discuss post-2011 and 2015 goals**

9:00 – 9:15am  ALMA Scorecard (*Melanie Renshaw*)

9:15–9:30am  Review Post-2011 RBM Goals

9:30 – 10:00am  Discussion of post-2015 MDG goal setting

10:00 –10:30am  Coffee/tea break

**Objective 5: Discuss MERG business issues**

10:30am – 11:30pm  Discuss MERG business issues
  •MERG workplan 2011-2012 (*MERG Co-Chairs*)
  •Plans for upcoming MERG meeting (*H. Newby*)

11:30am-12:00pm  MERG summary and Action Items (*R. Cibulskis and E. Patton*)

12:00-1:00pm  Lunch