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

24-26 January 2012
Dar es Salaam Tanzania

AGENDA

Objectives:
1. Receive updates from malaria endemic countries and discuss country perspectives on M&E system strengthening
2. Receive updates from partner organizations
3. Discuss challenges and innovations in measuring case management
4. Review ongoing MERG taskforce work
5. Discuss recent disease burden estimates
6. Discuss measurement of malaria in low-endemicity or elimination settings
7. Discuss MERG business issues

Tuesday, 24 January 2012

Morning Chair: R. Cibulskis

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

Objective 1: Receive updates from malaria endemic countries and discuss country perspectives on M&E system strengthening

9:30-11:00am Country perspectives on M&E system strengthening needs
- Tanzania (R. Mandike), Malawi (M. Luhanga), Uganda (Ebony Quinto), Nigeria (S. Oresanya), Kenya (J. Opondo), Rwanda (R. Alphonse), Zanzibar (A. Ali)

11:00-11:30am Coffee/tea break
11:30am-12:00pm  Update on Tanzania Malaria Impact Evaluation and Progress and Impact Series Report (R. Mandike, P. McElroy)

12:00-12:15pm  Roll out of new approach to malaria support supervision in Kenya (J. Opondo)

12:15 – 2:00pm  Lunch

Afternoon chair:  E. Mouzin

Objective 2:  Receive updates from partner organizations

2:00-2:30pm  World Malaria Report 2011 (R. Cibulskis)

2:30-2:45pm  Results from 2010 high-level report (H. Newby)

2:45-3:00pm  RBM P&I Series: Country reports (E. Mouzin)

3:00 – 3:15pm  Elimination Report and case studies on elimination (R. Cibulskis)

3:15-3:30pm  ACTwatch update (K.O’Connell)

3:30-3:45pm  Survey updates
  •  DHS/MIS update – (F. Arnold)
  •  MICS 4/5 update – (H. Newby)

3:45 – 4:15pm  Coffee/tea break

4:15-5:00pm  Global Fund: New ‘Access to funding’ policies and implications for M&E (E. Korenromp and N. Zorzi)

5:00pm  End of Day 1
Wednesday, 25 January 2012

Morning Chair:  

H. Newby

Objective 3: Discuss challenges and innovations in measuring case management

9:00– 9:20am Update: Case Management Indicators (M. Lynch)

9:20– 9:40am Measuring malaria services and case management in Service Provision Assessment (SPA) Surveys (F. Arnold)

9:40– 10:00am Study protocol for assessing the validity of the diagnosis and treatment questions in the MIS/DHS/MICS in Zambia (T. Eisele)

10:00-10:45am Discussion of challenges and innovations in measuring case management (H. Newby)

10:45–11:00am Coffee/tea break

Objective 4: Review ongoing MERG taskforce work

Morbidity Taskforce

11:00-11:15am Methods and results for the HMIS district-level analysis of OPD parasitologically confirmed cases in Zambia 2009-2010 (T. Eisele)

11:15– 11:35am Other MERG Task Force activities

• Capacity Building Task Force (E. Patton)
• Economics Taskforce (N. Cadge)

11:35am-12:00pm Routine Systems Taskforce
Update: Malaria Surveillance Guidelines (R. Cibulskis)

12:00 –1:30pm Lunch

Afternoon chair:  

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Survey and Indicator Guidance Taskforce

1:30-2:15pm Discussion: Update to Guidelines for Core Population-Based Malaria Indicators (H. Newby and E. Patton)

2:15-2:30pm Update: Malaria Indicator Survey Package (L. Florey)

Mortality Taskforce

2:30-3:00pm Discussion of RBM MERG guidance for program impact evaluation (Y. Ye)
Objective 5: Discuss recent disease burden estimates

3:00-3:15pm  Results from a meta-analysis assessing the association of malaria prevention and pregnancy with low birth weight and neonatal mortality using nationally-representative datasets (T. Eisele).

3:15-3:45pm  Malaria Atlas Project for Africa (A. Noor)

3:45-4:00pm  CHERG Disease Burden Estimates (R. Cibulskis)

4:00-4:15pm  Coffee/tea break

4:15-5:00pm  Discussion of recent disease burden estimates (E. Korenromp)

5:00pm  End of Day 2

Thursday, 26 January 2012

Morning Chair: F. Arnold

Objective 6: Discuss measurement of malaria in low-endemicity or elimination settings

9:00-9:30am  Parasitaemia testing among all age groups and in low endemicity settings (A. Noor)

9:30 – 10:00am  From control to pre-elimination: a case study in South America (L. Villegas)

10:00 –10:45am  Discussion of the measurement of malaria in low-endemicity or elimination settings (A. Noor)

10:45 –11:00am  Coffee/tea break

Objective 7: Discuss MERG business issues

11:00am – 11:45pm  Discuss MERG business issues
  • MERG workplan 2012-2013 (MERG Co-Chairs)
  • Plans for upcoming MERG meeting (E. Patton)

11:45am-12:15pm  MERG summary and Action Items (H. Newby and E. Patton)

12:15pm  End of Meeting

12:15-1:00pm  Lunch