ABOUT THE RBM MULTI-SECTORAL WORKING GROUP
The MSWG convenes and coordinates RBM Partnership members around a multi-sectorial action in the field of malaria to facilitate learning and share best practices from the field. The MSWG brings together different stakeholders across different sectors including health, science and technology, international cooperation, infrastructure, water and sanitation, environment, food and agriculture, education, security, finance, trade, social protection and justice. The aim is to align partners in their actions for new interventions as well as putting new life into those that already exist, and coordinate and manage these in new and innovative ways. The MSWG welcomes new members and potential partners to join the MSWG distribution list, which counts 350 entries as of February 2023, to receive news on multi-sectoral actions, project updates, publications, guidelines and job advertisements.

THIS YEAR, the RBM MSWG-5 meeting was held in Accra, Ghana, for the first time in an African country, and had 99 attendees. Participants came from 28 different countries, representing three WHO regions (African AFR, Americas ARM and European EUR Regions) (see Figures 1a & 1b).

Figure 1a Country Regions of Participants at MSWG-5

**AFR** Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d’Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe

**EUR** Denmark, France, Ireland, Israel, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, United Kingdom

**AMR** Bolivia, Guyana, USA

Figure 1b
CONSTITUENCIES
The majority of the participants were drawn from the south: governmental agencies (25%) and civil society (24%). In addition, research/academia from the south and north accounted for 19% of the total, followed by private sector from the south and north at 15% and UN/Multilateral Institutions at 9% (see Figure 2).

MALARIA-AFFECTED COUNTRIES
19 of the 28 represented countries were malaria-aFFECTED (see Figure 3) which accounted 68.7% participants. Ghana, Tanzania, Nigeria and Uganda made up the majority.

GENDER BALANCE
In regards to gender balance, there were 59% male and 40% female and 1% I don’t prefer to answer among the participants (see Figure 4).

SPONSORING
The annual meeting welcomes partners and participants who join on their own costs. A registration fee covers the rental of the meeting rooms, catering and technical expenses of the annual venue. The participation of selected affected countries at the annual meeting is ensured via leverage funds.

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