Twenty-third Meeting of the RBM Partnership
Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group (MERG)

17-19 September 2014
Oxford, United Kingdom
Malmaison Oxford

AGENDA

Objectives:
1. Discuss refocusing of global strategies
2. Review efforts to further strengthen capacity for M&E of malaria in endemic countries
3. Examine data needs to better inform malaria control efforts in a changing epidemiologic environment
4. Discuss and define a strategy to better communicate M&E efforts
5. Discuss MERG business issues

Wednesday, 17 September 2014

Morning Chair: Abdisalan Noor, KEMRI-Wellcome Trust

9:30–9:45am Welcome and introductions (Jui Shah, MEASURE Evaluation)

9:45–10:15am Building a new MERG: Overview of meeting themes and goals (MERG Co-Chairs)

10:15–10:30am Coffee/tea break

Objective 1: Discuss refocusing of global strategies

Expected outputs:
- Address M&E needs in these strategies
- Develop a framework for GMAP indicators

10:30–11:00am Overview of Global Technical Strategy for Malaria (Richard Cibulskis, WHO)

11:00–11:30am Overview of Global Malaria Action Plan (Helen Prytherch, consultant to RBM)
11:30–12:30am Discussion on M&E needs and indicators in global strategies (*Abdisalan Noor, KEMRI-Wellcome Trust*)

12:30–2:00pm Lunch

*Afternoon chair: Alastair Robb, DFID*

**Objective 2: Review efforts to further strengthen capacity for M&E of malaria in endemic countries**

**Expected outputs:**
- Develop a framework and action plan for M&E capacity assessment

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| 2:00–2:45pm   | Regional capacity for M&E of malaria  
WARN (*Anthony Ofosu, Ghana Health Service*)  
EARN (*Selam Mihreteab, NMCP Eritrea*)  |
| 2:45–3:15pm   | Baseline capacity assessment for malaria M&E in Kenya (*Abdisir Amin, ICF International* and *Ann Buff, CDC*) |
| 3:15–3:45pm   | Coffee/tea break                                                                              |
| 3:45–4:00pm   | Achievements and challenges: Training courses on M&E of Malaria (*Yazoume Ye, MEASURE Evaluation/ICF International*) |
| 4:00–5:00pm   | Discussion on regional progress and remaining challenges (*Abdisalan Noor, KEMRI-Wellcome Trust*) |
| 5:00–5:15pm   | Revival of capacity building task force (*MERG Co-Chairs*)                                   |
| 5:15–5:30pm   | Wrap-up and preview of Day 2 (*Erin Eckert, USAID*)                                         |
| 5:30pm        | End of Day 1                                                                               |
| 6:00–7:00pm   | Optional social outing: Punting                                                            |
Thursday, 18 September 2014

Morning chair: Yazoume Ye, MEASURE Evaluation

**Objective 3: Examine data needs to better inform malaria control efforts in a changing epidemiologic environment**

Expected outputs:
- Develop guidance on malaria biomarkers, particularly in low transmission settings
- Refine guidance and indicators on case management in different transmission settings

9:00–9:30am   Results from DHS 7 questionnaire revision (*Fred Arnold, The DHS Program*)
9:30–10:10am  Use and interpretation of biomarkers in large surveys
10:10–10:30am Special initiative on country data systems (*Ryuichi Komatsu, Global Fund*)
10:30–11:00am Coffee/tea break
11:00–11:40am Indicators for case management (*Mike Lynch, WHO*)
11:40am–12:00pm Using facility-based data for malaria control (*Erin Eckert, USAID*)
12:00–1:00pm Discussion on data needs and relevant guidance (*Rick Steketee, PATH*)
1:00–2:30pm   Lunch

Afternoon chair: Anthony Ofosu, Ghana Health Service

**Objective 4: Discuss and define a strategy to better communicate M&E efforts**

Expected outputs:
- Develop framework and action plan on communicating data, results, and related messages

2:30–2:45pm P&I Series update (*Eric Mouzin, RBM*)
2:45–3:00pm Communicating results: Lessons learned from the Intervention Coverage Measurement Group (*Thom Eisele, Tulane University*)
3:00–3:15pm Disseminating new BCC indicators and developing BCC research priorities (*Thom Eisele, Tulane University*)
3:15–3:30pm ITN coverage estimates in the World Malaria Report (*Pete Gething, University of Oxford*)
3:30–4:00pm Coffee/tea break
4:00–4:30pm A multi-country initiative on strengthening use of data for malaria decision making (*David Schellenberg, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine*)

4:30–5:00pm Update on SME TEG (*Richard Cibulskis, WHO*)

5:00–5:15pm Wrap-up and preview of Day 3 (*Erin Eckert, USAID*)

5:15pm *End of Day 2*

**Friday, 19 September 2014**

*Morning Chair: Erin Eckert, USAID*

### Objective 5: Discuss MERG business issues

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<td>• Summarize general plans and specific action items for MERG</td>
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<td>• Create task forces to carry out specific action items</td>
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9:00–10:30am MERG and SME TEG synergy (*MERG Co-Chairs*)

10:30–10:45am *Coffee/tea break*

10:45am–12:00pm MERG action items and workplan (*MERG Co-Chairs*)

12:00pm *End of Meeting*

12:00–1:30pm *Lunch*