



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

19-21 February 2015
Maputo, Mozambique
Polana Serena Hotel

AGENDA

Objectives:

1. Discuss surveillance for elimination efforts in southern Africa
2. Discuss emerging needs in data collection
3. Review efforts to harmonize and strengthen malaria measurement at the facility level
4. Discuss RBM and MERG business issues
5. Provide input into the M&E Plan for GMAP2

Thursday, 19 February 2015

Morning Chair: Kaka Mudambo, RBM South African Regional Network

- 9:00–9:05am Opening speech by the NMCP Director (*Baltazar Candrinho, Mozambique NMCP*)
- 9:05–9:15am Welcome and introductions (*Jui Shah, MEASURE Evaluation*)
- 9:15–9:30am Overview of goals and meeting agenda (*Abdisalan Noor, KEMRI-Wellcome Trust*)

Objective 1: Discuss surveillance for elimination efforts in southern Africa

Expected outputs:

- Define M&E challenges and potential solutions in elimination countries in Southern Africa
- Generate action items for MERG

- 9:30–10:00am Surveillance successes and challenges in Mozambique (*Baltazar Candrinho, Mozambique NMCP*)
- 10:00–10:30am M&E for the Malaria Elimination Initiative in Southern Mozambique (*Quique Bassat, MALTEM/CISM/ISGlobal*)
- 10:30–11:00am Coffee/tea break*
- 11:00–11:30am Regional perspectives on surveillance, part II (*Bongani Dlamini, CHAI*)
- 11:30am–12:00pm Regional perspectives on surveillance for elimination, part III (*Kate Roberts, UCSF*)

12:00–1:00pm Discussion and action items on M&E needs in elimination settings (*Abdisalan Noor, KEMRI-Wellcome Trust*)

1:00–2:30pm *Lunch*

Afternoon chair: Agbessi Amouzou, UNICEF

Objective 2: Discuss emerging needs in data collection

Expected outputs:

- Action items for developing M&E strategies for SMC programs
- Develop guidance on parasitemia data collection, particularly in low transmission settings

2:30–3:00pm Results from the Indicator and Data Sources Task Force meeting (*Fred Arnold, The DHS Program*)

3:00–3:30pm Discussion and action items on indicators for SMC (*Mike Lynch, WHO*)

3:30–4:00pm *Coffee/tea break*

4:00–4:45pm Discussion and action items on biomarkers in malaria M&E (*Erin Eckert, USAID*)

4:45–5:00pm Wrap-up and preview of Day 2 (*Erin Eckert, USAID*)

5:00pm *End of Day 1*

Friday, 20 February 2015

Morning chair: Yazoume Ye, MEASURE Evaluation

Objective 3: Review efforts to harmonize and strengthen malaria measurement at the facility level

Expected outputs:

- Collect information on efforts to assess quality of information systems
- Refine guidance and indicators on case management in different transmission settings
- Action items to update M&E guidance on malaria in pregnancy

9:00–9:30am	Updating M&E guidance on malaria in pregnancy (<i>Barbara Rawlins, JHPIEGO, presented by Erin Eckert, USAID</i>)
9:30–10:00am	Standardizing facility surveys and indicators across disease areas (<i>Mike Lynch, WHO</i>)
10:00–10:30am	Assessing functional malaria information systems (<i>Jui Shah, MEASURE Evaluation</i>)
10:30–11:00am	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00am–12:00pm	Working session on indicators for case management and malaria in pregnancy (<i>Erin Eckert, USAID</i>)
12:00–1:30pm	<i>Lunch</i>

Afternoon chair: Abdisalan Noor, KEMRI-Wellcome Trust

Objectives 4: Discuss RBM and MERG business issues

Expected outputs:

- Discuss M&E Framework for GMAP2
- Finalize MERG action items and workplan 2014-2015
- Prepare for MERG co-chair elections

1:30–2:30pm	Developing the M&E Framework for GMAP2: Process and Needs (<i>Nicolaus Lorenz and Sally Stansfield, Consultants to RBM</i>)
2:30–3:00pm	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
3:00–3:15pm	Review specific action items for MERG (<i>Jui Shah, MEASURE Evaluation</i>)
3:15–4:45pm	Finalizing a MERG workplan (<i>MERG Co-Chairs</i>)
4:45–5:00pm	Upcoming MERG elections (<i>Eric Mouzin, RBM</i>)
5:00pm	<i>End of Day 2</i>

Saturday, 21 February 2015

Morning Chair: Erin Eckert, USAID

Objective 5: Provide input into the M&E Plan for GMAP2

Expected outputs:

- Develop M&E Framework for GMAP2

9:00–10:30am Working session on M&E Framework for GMAP2 (*MERG Co-Chairs*)

10:30–10:45am *Coffee/tea break*

10:45am–12:00pm Working session on M&E Framework for GMAP2 (*MERG Co-Chairs*)

12:00pm *End of Meeting*

12:00–1:30pm *Lunch*