
Vector Control Working Group (VCWG)

Roll Back Malaria (RBM) Update

February 8 2017



The 2013 Evaluation Recommended Changes to RBM

- RBM's 2013 external evaluation identified key areas for improvement, drawing on 100 interviews, 200 survey responses, and 4 affected-country visits.
- The 2013 Evaluation findings included:
 - ❑ Ineffective operation of the Board due to unequal and inconsistent levels of Board member participation and meeting preparation.
 - ❑ Constituency model not performing as required
 - ❑ Limited Secretariat “human resource flexibility.”
 - ❑ Unclear function of the Board's Resource Mobilisation Sub-Committee and unclear value of its resource mobilisation strategy.
 - ❑ Need for greater multi-sectoral engagement.
- At its 28th Board Meeting in **May 2015**, the RBM Board approved the outline of a new structure to meet these recommendations. It empowered a **Transition Oversight Committee (TOC)** to oversee the revitalization of the Partnership through the development of this new structure and mechanisms.
- The TOC reported back to the Board at its **29th Meeting** in **Dec 2015** and the Board approved the continuation of the Partnership's transition under the guidance of the former **TOC co-chairs**.

RBM Transition December 2015 – January 2017

- A number of key RBM transition activities have been completed since the outgoing Board's last face-to-face meeting in Dec 2015. This work has included:
 - ❑ Board Nomination and Selection – The nomination and selection process of a new RBM Board who have since met 4 times (3 face to face).
 - ❑ Governance – Development and approval of a new set of RBM Bye-Laws including the TORs for Partner Committees and Working Groups.
 - ❑ Legal Status & Hosting – Successful transition to new hosting organisation (UNOPS) following an assessment of options.
 - ❑ Partner Committees – The set up of three new Partner Committees and the selection of inaugural Co-Chairs to serve for one year.
 - ❑ Recruitment – The recruitment of a permanent management team starting with a new CEO.
 - ❑ Resource Mobilisation – Identifying and securing the funds required to support the management team and work plans of the Partner Committees.
 - ❑ Communications – Ensure the continuation of effective communication with the Partnership.

A new Board and CEO have been selected to take the Partnership forward into a new era

- 15 individuals have been selected with deep expertise and experience as well as representation from across the Partnership including endemic countries.
- A new CEO has also been appointed and assumed responsibilities on 1 Feb.

RBM Board Leadership

- Chair: Dr Winnie Mpanju-Shumbusho, former Assistant Director General – Malaria, HIV, TB, NTDs, WHO
- Vice-Chair: Mr Kieran Daly, Deputy Director: Global Policy & Advocacy – Malaria, HIV, TB and the Global Fund, BMGF

RBM Board Members

- Dr Pedro Alonso, Director of the WHO Global Malaria Programme in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Professor Maha Taysir Barakat, Director-General Abu Dhabi Health Authority
- Mr Elhadj As Sy, Secretary General, IFRC
- Mr Simon Bland, Director New York Office, UNAIDS
- Prof Awa Coll-Seck, Minister of Health & Social Welfare, Senegal
- Mr Paolo Gomes, Chairman, Paulo Gomes and Partners, former Executive Director, World Bank
- Dr Richard Nchabi Kamwi, Elimination 8 Ambassador, former Minister of Health, Namibia
- Dr Altaf Lal, Senior Advisor on Global Health and Innovation, Sun Pharmaceuticals Industries
- Mr Ray Nishimoto, President of Health & Crop Sciences Sector, Sumitomo Chemical
- Dr David Reddy, Chief Executive, Medicines for Malaria Venture
- Dr Mirta Roses, Director Emeritus PAHO
- HE Yongyuth Yuthavong, Former Deputy Prime Minister, Thailand
- Rear Admiral Tim Ziemer USN (ret), Former Global Coordinator, US President's Malaria Initiative

CEO: Kesete Admasu, Former Government of Ethiopia, Minister of Health

The new architecture facilitates efficient governance and effective high-level advocacy

Partnership Board

- **Governing body** – with diverse, senior-level composition – that oversees Partnership operations and strategy
- **Accountable** to Partners via regular reporting and regular, published, independent reviews
- **Partners nominate** candidates, individually or as groups of like-minded stakeholders

CEO

- **Day-to-day** manager and face of the Partnership
- **Leads the Management Team** in implementing the strategy and plans approved by the Partnership Board and mobilising resources required to support them.

Management Team

- A **small, flexible** team designed to support the Partnership Board and the Partner Committees and implement the Partnership Board strategy effectively

The new architecture also improves direct Partner engagement and collaboration

Partner Committees

- Formalized mechanism of **direct Partner engagement and ownership** to create strategy for the Partnership and deliver on its core functions
- **Advocacy and Resource Mobilization; Strategic Communications; Country and Regional Support**

Country and Regional Frameworks

- Revitalized structures to improve **support to malaria-affected countries**, better empowering them to achieve their objectives
- **Consultation is planned** to determine regional support requirements and structures

Working Groups

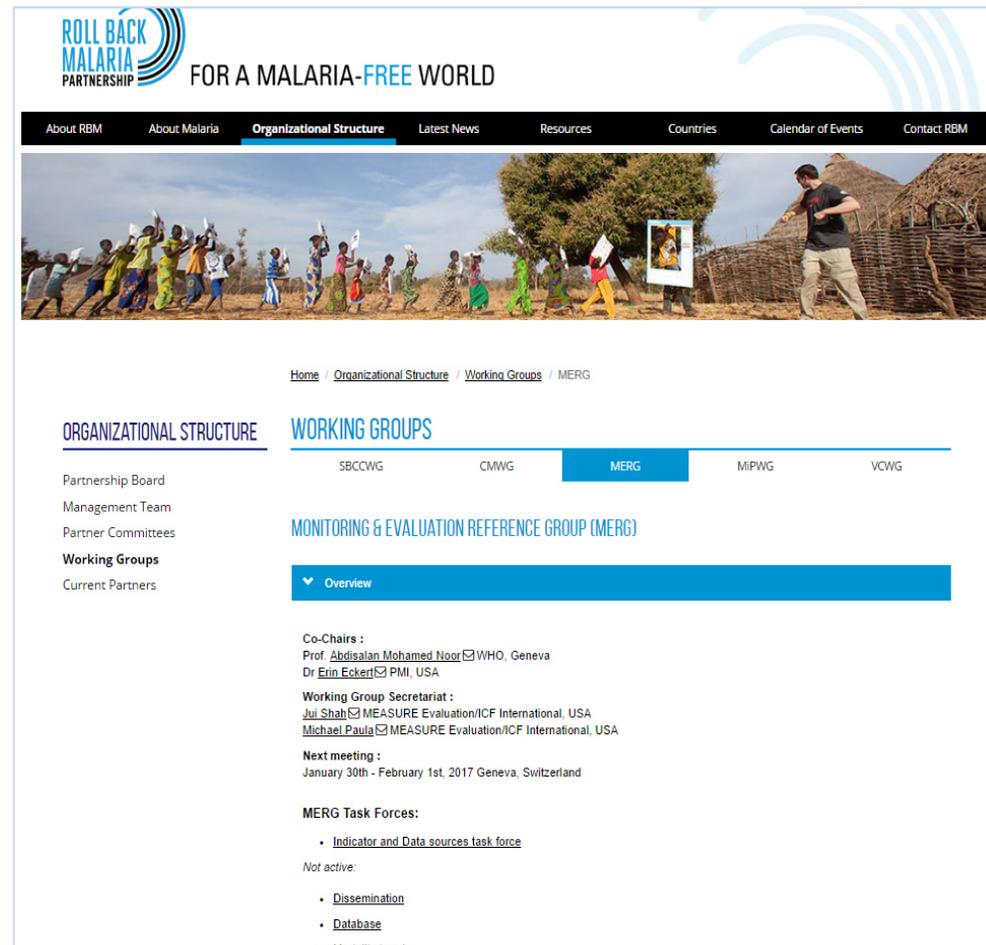
- Continuing / Established as needed by partners to **facilitate and streamline** specific bottlenecks and coordinate partner technical area implementation efforts

Working Groups are a critical mechanism for Partners to share information and collaborate on specialized topics

- As stipulated in the RBM Bye-Laws, the RBM Working Groups are separate and distinct from Partner Committees and designed to be fluid and flexible enabling Partners to convene and coordinate on specific topics, issues and technical areas for as long as there is a need for them to do so.
- Working Groups are designed to be set-up and supported by Partners and not core RBM resources. However, some Working Groups receive targeted funding from donors such as PMI and SDC (who presently financially support the functioning of five working groups (CMWG, MERG, MIP, VCWG, SBCC)).
- An important next priority for the CEO and RBM Board is to clarify the linkage of working groups to the RBM management structure and accountabilities including:
 - Principles of operation
 - Guidance on membership and accreditation
 - Interaction with Partner Committees (incl. the identification of any overlap to avoid duplication)

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- In the interim, the intention is for Working Groups to continue to operate as they did previously.
- Details will be kept updated on the RBM website (provided they are supplied) and interaction is encouraged with the Partner Committees as they develop workplans.
- Feedback and suggestions for the future operation of Working Groups is encouraged via the Interim Support Team (IST).



The screenshot displays the Roll Back Malaria Partnership website. The header features the logo and the tagline "FOR A MALARIA-FREE WORLD". A navigation menu includes links for "About RBM", "About Malaria", "Organizational Structure", "Latest News", "Resources", "Countries", "Calendar of Events", and "Contact RBM". The main content area is titled "ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE" and "WORKING GROUPS". Under "WORKING GROUPS", there are tabs for "SBCCWG", "CMWG", "MERG", "MIPWG", and "VCWG". The "MERG" tab is selected, leading to the "MONITORING & EVALUATION REFERENCE GROUP (MERG)" page. This page has an "Overview" section with the following details:

- Co-Chairs :**
 - Prof. [Abdisalan Mohamed Noor](#) WHO, Geneva
 - Dr [Erin Eckert](#) PMI, USA
- Working Group Secretariat :**
 - [Jui Shah](#) MEASURE Evaluation/ICF International, USA
 - [Michael Paula](#) MEASURE Evaluation/ICF International, USA
- Next meeting :**
January 30th - February 1st, 2017 Geneva, Switzerland
- MERG Task Forces:**
 - [Indicator and Data sources task force](#)
- Not active:
 - [Dissemination](#)
 - [Database](#)
 - [Mortality trends](#)