



Updates from RBM Partnership to End Secretariat

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The RBM Partnership

The largest global multi-stakeholder platform to fight malaria

Provides a **forum** to engage, amplify and align partners across sectors and geographies to increase progress towards the **global malaria goals**.

Able to form **effective partnerships** both globally and nationally, increasing the core strength of the organisation

Partners work together to **scale up malaria-control and elimination efforts** at country level, coordinating their activities to avoid duplication and fragmentation, and to ensure optimal use of resources.

Actively aims to harness the power of the partners to *"Achieve more, together"*

Vision A world free from the burden of malaria

Mission To convene and coordinate an inclusive, multisectoral response to control, eliminate and ultimately eradicate malaria

Principle Ending malaria is central to achieving UHC, global health security, poverty reduction and reducing inequalities

Strategic Plan 2021–2025


Strategic Objectives

Optimize the quality and effectiveness of country and regional programming

Maximize levels of financing

Facilitate the deployment and scale-up of new products, techniques or implementation strategies

RBM Partnership to End Malaria 2021-2025 Strategy Framework

Vision	A world free from the burden of malaria 		
Mission	To convene and coordinate an inclusive, multisectoral response to prevent, control and eliminate malaria		
Principle	Ending malaria is central to achieving UHC, global health security, poverty reduction and reducing inequalities		
Strategic Objectives and Strategic Actions	SO1. Optimize the quality and effectiveness of country and regional programming	SO2. Maximize levels of financing	2.1 Advocate for optimizing global resource envelopes from existing donors and new channels of financing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Support countries in the design of quality, prioritized programmes 1.2 Support countries in the use of real-time sub-national data in planning, implementation and monitoring 1.3 Facilitate timely access to implementation support to address bottlenecks and gaps 1.4 Support building local management and technical capacity 1.5 Support countries to strengthen multi-stakeholder partnership coordination at the national and sub-national level 1.6 Leverage regional alliances and initiatives to ensure cross-border and cross-sectoral coordination and coherence 		2.2 Support countries with mobilizing and prioritizing domestic and other resources for malaria and health
Cross-cutting Strategic Enablers			
Data Sharing and Use	SE1: Open and timely sharing of quality data to drive decision-making, build transparency and foster accountability.		
Effective Partnership	SE2: Meaningful engagement of partners at the global, regional and national level to leverage their unique capabilities, expertise and perspectives.		
Targeted Advocacy and Communications	SE3: Targeted advocacy and communications to keep malaria high on global health and development agendas to drive leadership, commitment, and change.		
Focused Secretariat	SE4: Ensuring a Secretariat that energizes the partnership to deliver the strategy.		
Adapt to evolving COVID-19 environment			

Governance Overview

- The new governance model provides a number of specific opportunities and avenues for engagement, including the new Partner Committees and the continuation of Working Groups

Partnership Mechanisms

1

RBM Partnership Board

Leads the Partnership towards achieving the vision through its strategies and associated workplans

2

RBM Partnership CEO and Secretariat

Supports the Board; oversees and coordinates the Partner Committees and Working Groups

3

Partner Committees

Bring partner organizations to formalize, consolidate and amplify RBM Partnership priorities

*Three active
PCs in 2024:*

**Advocacy & Resource
Mobilization Partner Committee
(ARMPC)**

**Country/Regional Support
Partner Committee (CRSPC)**

**Strategic Communications
Partner Committee (SCPC)**

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Working Groups

Bring together partners with specialist expertise to convey the remit of the RBM Partnership

*Six active
WGs in
2024:*

**Social &
Behavior
Change**

**Case
Management**

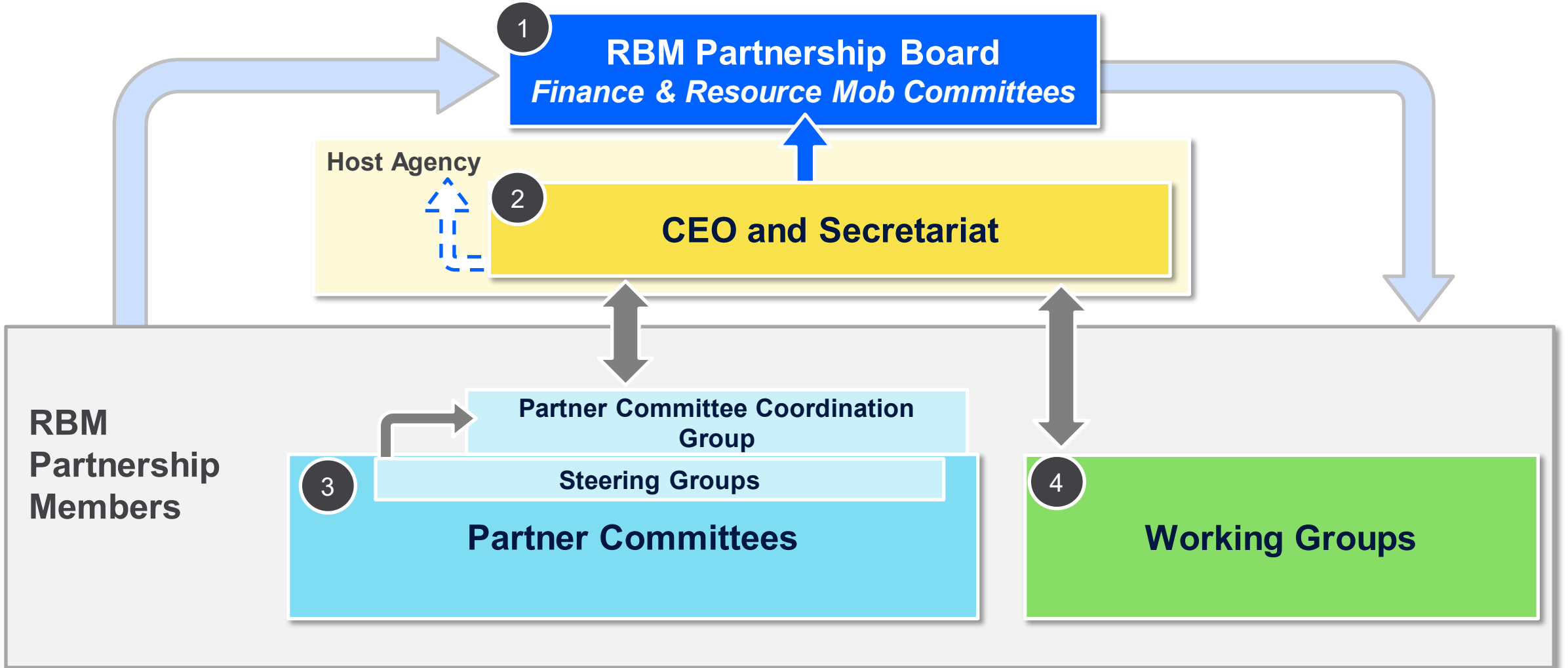
**Surveillance,
Monitoring &
Evaluation**

**Malaria in
Pregnancy**

Multisectoral

**Vector
Control**

Relationships across the Partnership



RBM Partnership Board

The ultimate decision-making body of the Partnership, largely representative in nature, accountable to the global community, providing oversight, support and strategic direction to the Secretariat & Partnership mechanisms

Composition

									Host
9			2	5	2	1	1	2	1
Africa (6)	Asia (2)	LAC (1)							

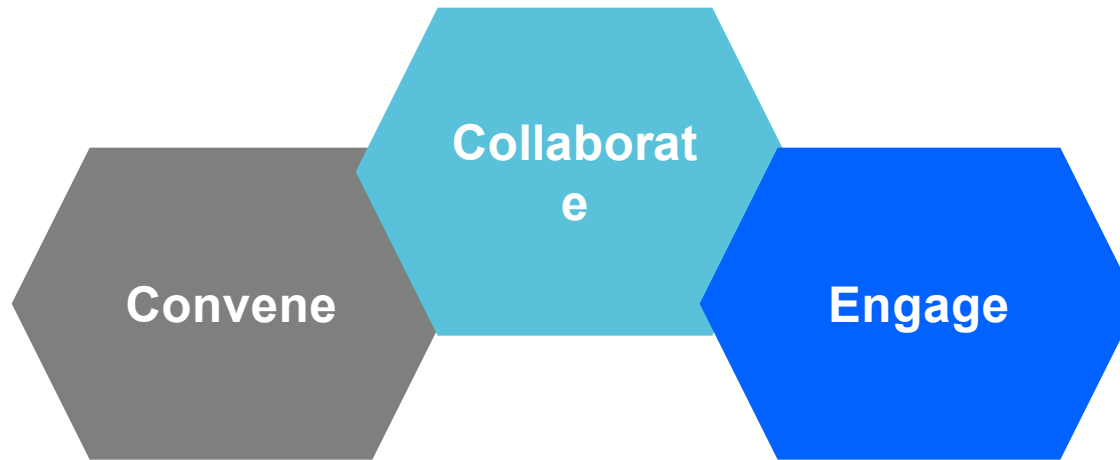
Key features

- Constituted of up to 23 voting members, and one non-voting member (Host)
- Constituencies select their representatives based on criteria provided in Bye-Laws and the Board selects the Unaffiliates
- Increased voice and representation from malaria affected countries – 9 regional constituencies
- At least half of all voting members to be from malaria affected countries

PC and WG and their Roles

- Partner Committees and WGs are intended to formalise, consolidate, and amplify the core Partnership functions.
- The work of the Partner Committees and WGs are coordinated by the CEO.
- Partner Committees and WGs are made up of RBM Partners who commit to dedicate time of their staff and other resources to work on RBM issues.

Convene Partners with an interest in the focus area of each PC and WG in order to then facilitate communication and co-ordination of activities.



Engage and relate with regional entities to ensure regions and countries are empowered to address malaria.

Collaborate with each other – both directly and through the CEO/Management Team – to obtain necessary inputs, avoid duplication of efforts, and to resolve any concerns over responsibilities

The Partner Committees

RBM Partnership to End Malaria continued to engage the Global community of Partners in through its three Partner committees.

ARMPC

**Advocacy and Resource
Mobilization Partnership
Committee**

CRSPC

**The Country Regional
Support Partnership
Committee**

SCPC

**The Strategic Communication
Partnership Committee**

RBM Partnership Working Groups Section 8 of the Bye-Laws

Role and accountabilities

- Platforms for Partners to share information/collaborate on specialised topics
- Particular emphasis on implementation of country programmes
- Self-convening to ensure they meet the needs of their target group of Partners
- Managed and led by Partners, with minimal support from the RBM Secretariat
- Coordinated by an externally funded WG Secretariat

Case management



Malaria in pregnancy



Surveillance, monitoring and evaluation



Social and Behaviour Change



Vector control



Multi-Sectoral



Currently six Board accredited Working Groups, each with two Co-chairs & supported by WG Coordinator external to RBM Secretariat

Working Groups: Opportunities and aspirations

- ❖ **Improve communication with the other governance structures** (Board, CEO, Partner Committees) and **coordination across the Working Groups**
- ❖ **Secretariat support:** The Bye-Laws recognise that at a minimum, there will be funding to support coordination of Working Groups. Available RBM Secretariat funding for WGs has been opaque.
- ❖ **Ensure sufficient funds to allow adequate country participation in the annual WG meetings.** Call for funds from the RBM Partnership on a parallel model to funding country participation in Partner Committee meetings.
- ❖ **Enable strong in country members / NMCP involvement** to ensure that the WGs can achieve maximal impact and well-aligned to country needs and priorities.
- ❖ **Raise profile of Working Groups within RBM's governance.** The activities of Working Groups are highly valued by Partners but need more visibility within Partnership mechanisms.

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Governance documents - *Bye-laws, policies and procedures*

Governance documents outline the mission, vision, and objectives of the organization, helping to guide its activities and decisions

- **RBM Bye-laws**
 - approved in May 2023, following a governance review.
 - New representative model.
 - Still working to be fully operational.
- **Partner Committee Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs - the how)**
 - approved in September 2023
 - consolidated 9 documents into 1 (ToRs, Steering Groups, Workstreams)
- **Working Group SoPs**
 - Under development - to be approve in May 2024
- **Partner Committee and Working Group ToRs (the what)**
 - WG ToR - currently being reviewed, available in May 2024
 - PC ToR - last updated in 2016, refinements possible in May 2024

Strategic Objective 1: Optimise the quality and effectiveness of country & regional programming

RBM provides TA to countries and regional entities in the following areas:

	Role of the CRSPC	Example support provided
1 Technical Strategies and Implementation Plans	Co-ordinate support for the development and validation of technically sound, implementable, country-led malaria control and elimination strategies, and sustained financial plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Malaria Programme Reviews▪ Updating National malaria strategic plans▪ Regional strategies and plans
2 Resolve Implementation Bottlenecks	Co-ordinate an early warning system that identifies bottlenecks both proactively and reactively and implement a rapid response mechanism to support countries to overcome these implementation bottlenecks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ COVID-19 mitigation▪ Planning and implementing campaigns (LLINs, SMC, IRS)▪ High Burden High Impact▪ Emergencies and upsurges▪ Zero Malaria Starts with Me▪ Data sharing for joint problem solving
3 Resource Mobilisation	Co-ordinate and provide technical assistance and implementation support for comprehensive financial gap analyses, development of funding proposals and investment requests, fostering country coalitions, and coordinating engagement with donors at all levels to address bottlenecks and gaps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Financial gap analyses▪ Global Fund funding requests▪ Identifying flexibility within existing sources of funding▪ Innovating financing including End Malaria Funds

Data Initiative is one of the strategic enablers of the RBM 2021-2025 strategic framework that:

Fills a GAP existing on data centric global coordination:

1. Countries have limited opportunities to bring current challenges to the attention of the global stakeholder ecosystem.
2. Malaria Community had little visibility on near real time data on bottlenecks.
3. Information available often scattered across many websites requiring advanced IT skills for accessing.

Cross-cutting Strategic Enablers	
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	1.5 Support countries to strengthen multi-stakeholder partnership coordination at the national and subnational level
	1.6 Leverage regional alliances and initiatives to ensure cross-border and cross-sectoral coordination and coherence

3 We are Facing a Perfect Storm - the biggest threat to malaria control in 20 years

Increased Costs

As a result of global inflation, the costs of delivering them to end users has significantly increased. At the same time, country economies, especially in low income countries in Africa have been severely impacted.

Climate Change

Cyclones, increased rainfall and flooding have led to increases in malaria and climate change is expected to increase the number of people at risk to malaria by 141-172 million by the 2030s

Access to new tools

Prices for new tools and products such as new nets, insecticides, medicines and diagnostics are higher than those in currently in use. Partners are supporting market shaping strategies that have resulted in price reductions allowing countries to better access these new tools and products. However, these new commodities are still more expensive than traditional commodities, and additional resources must be found to ensure their roll out continues – otherwise progress will stall.

Humanitarian Crises

Humanitarian crises and displaced populations are also impacting our ability to implement

Countries are faced with significant funding gaps, which means that essential life saving services cannot be sustained – with at least a US\$1.5 billion gap in 2026. We must also find the additional resources to fully implement the country national strategic plans

Thank you