

PMI REACH
Malaria

Introduction to the Malaria Elimination Interest Group

RBM Working Group Meetings
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Elimination Interest Group (EIG)

Purpose

- Facilitates and promotes the **exchange** of strategies, approaches, and lessons learned for malaria elimination at the global level.
- Provides a **forum** where malaria endemic countries (particularly those actively planning or in the early implementation phase of national and/or subnational elimination efforts), bilateral and multilateral development partners, the private sector, non-governmental and community-based organizations, philanthropic foundations and research and academic institutions can **come together to learn from each other and coordinate efforts** to work towards *A World without Malaria*.
- **Not a technical body**, nor does it offer technical advice or support program implementation; exchanges through EIG forums allow for member programs and partners to share experiences in interpretation and operationalization of normative guidance.
- The EIG's work **builds on and helps to disseminate and reinforce the operationalization of WHO guidelines on malaria elimination and complement their Elimination 2025 initiative, which focuses on countries in the last mile.**

EIG development and launch

- **Phase One** (June 2022) convened interested parties to discuss whether an EIG could assist countries in moving towards elimination, brainstorm on the objectives and functions of such a group. Draft TORs were developed following the meeting.
- **Phase Two** (ASTMH 2022) convened a forum with NMCPs of the malaria-endemic countries where PMI is supporting malaria elimination activities to solicit input on the draft TORs.
- **Virtual Launch** (October 3, 2023) convened to launch the EIG, share experiences on stratification, and nominate co-chairs.
- **In-Person Kick-Off** (October 18, 2023) convened to share experiences on case detection and response and elimination models (e.g. 1-3-7) and identify 2024 workplan priorities

EIG leadership and coordination

- Elected co-chairs: Dr Baltazar Candrinho, NMCP Director, Mozambique, and Allison Tatarsky, Director, UCSF Malaria Elimination Initiative
- Planning committee: PMI REACH/PATH (Secretariat), PMI (USAID and CDC), Global Fund, WHO GMP, BMGF
- EIG membership: NMPs and technical partners (>125 members to date)
- Workplan developed collaboratively by EIG membership who also led/contribute to workplan activities

2024 workplan

- Activity 1: Track and elevate meeting action items
- Activity 2: Convene knowledge exchange based on priority topics, for example:
 - *P. vivax* accelerator strategies
 - Managing control vs elimination areas
- Activity 3: Establish and manage an online resource exchange
- Activity 4: Host an interactive webinar on the updated WHO Framework on Malaria Elimination
- Activity 5: Advance discussions about incorporation as an RBM working group

Themes of interest to EIG membership

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| Surveillance | Stratification | Active and reactive approaches | Advocacy and resource mobilization |
| Community engagement | Program management | Elimination indicators | Non falciparum malaria |
| Cross-border efforts | Last mile interventions | Private sector financing | Diagnostics |

Cross-fertilization with RBM working groups

- Identify synergies with other working groups (e.g. VCWG, MSWG, SMEWG)
- Coordinate to avoid duplication and maximize impact and opportunity
- Bring together technical areas and tackle problems/questions holistically
 - I.e. fill the gap as a cross-cutting working group
- Cross-fertilize ideas, outputs, and advocacy efforts

Thank you!

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