



Partnership
To End Malaria

**Surveillance, Monitoring and Evaluation
Working Group**

Updates and Next Steps

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About Surveillance, Monitoring, and Evaluation Working Group

The purpose of the RBM Partnership to End Malaria's Surveillance, Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (SME WG) is to facilitate alignment of partners on strategies and "best practices" in surveillance, monitoring, and evaluation (SME) of malaria control and elimination programs.

The SME WG also identifies emerging questions and needs related to the implementation of SME initiatives from affected countries and communicates these to global membership to brainstorm solutions. The SME WG encourages participation from professionals in malaria endemic countries and actively pursues to engage all partners working on SME of malaria.

The SME WG will ensure that its work is aligned with, and complements, that of WHO and other RBM working groups.



Updates from SME WG Annual Meeting

- Welcome to our new co-chair
Wahjib Mohammed, NMEP Ghana
- Workplan and Funding Prioritization and Workplan 2025 development process
Completed a workplan prioritization survey
Workplan 2025 in process
- Data Analysis and Use Committee Formation
- **Establishing Working Group Liaisons**
- ASTMH Planning, and SME WG General Meeting
Theme will be on alternative methods and scaling down of MISs

Coordination and Communication - SNT

Needs:

1. Communication and Dissemination around challenges and best practices in SNT throughout the planning cycle
2. Coordination for partners and support to ensure timely and robust analysis to support decision-making
3. Advocacy for surveillance systems investments to support strong SNT evidence bases
4. Platform for communication and clarification of models and the role of modeling support in the planning cycle

Next Steps:

1. Creation of a Data Use Committee to ensure partner coordination
2. Routine SNT coordination calls with WHO and partners to ensure tracking and coordination to better plan
3. Webinars and newsletters with information on best practices in data adjustments and analysis, data visualizations, and interpretation of data within governance, coordination and planning activities
4. Creation of a platform for communication and clarification of models and the role of modeling support in the planning cycle

Data Use Committee

- Will be led by two co-leads. Currently accepting nominations (including self-nominations)
- Co-leads will finalize the draft TOR and workplan for SME WG review, input and approval
- Timeline: Dec 1st for approved TOR and workplan

Alternative Methodology Convenings

Background:

Increasingly countries are being asked to make decisions at a subnational data. However, much of the data for decision-making come from MIS/DHS and other large sample household surveys that are powered at regional levels. As MISs become less useful, alternative methods for collecting information on burden, coverage/use, and health seeking behavior must be developed and invested in

1st Convenings (October 2024):

Antenatal Care (ANC) 1st Visit Surveillance: testing all women as they come for their 1st ANC visit -- potential source of burden data at the district level and coverage data for some interventions

Clustered Lot Quality Assurance Sampling (cLQAS) and small sample survey techniques: as alternatives to household survey coverage, this would be small sample surveys taken at cluster level to more rapidly and cost-effectively estimate intervention coverage. This is already being used in conjunction with ITN distribution and this convening will explore the possibility of using this methodology more broadly

Need: Establishment of working group on measurement of Quality of Care

SP&DQ Committee Updates

SP&DQ NMP Tracker

Countries that have completed the tracker:

CAR, Nigeria, Togo, Chad, Zambia, Gabon, Liberia, Burundi, Kenya, Ethiopia, Namibia, Malawi, South Africa, Botswana, South Yemen, DRC, Mozambique, Sudan, Vanuatu, Ghana, Laos, Senegal, Cabo Verde, The Gambia, Guinea

To complete the tracker (also available in French):

[RBM SMERG Surveillance Practice & Data Quality Committee: Systematic tracker | National malaria control programme questionnaire V2 \(humanitarianresponse.info\)](#)

Sequence for communication and dissemination of Surveillance Needs and Gaps:

SME WG SP&DQ NMCP Tracker



WHO Surveillance Assessment



RBM Surveillance Gap Table*

Thank you.

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