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**Concept Note**  
**RBM Country and Regional Support Partner Committee**  
**National Malaria Programmes and Partners Annual**  
**Sub-Regional Meetings,**  
**September and October 2024**

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## **1. Introduction**

The RBM Partnership to End Malaria, through its Country and Regional Support Partner Committee (CRSPC) will organize two face-to-face annual sub-regional meetings with National Malaria Programmes and partners - one for Eastern and Southern African countries and one for Western and Central Africa.

The purpose of the annual meetings is to engage NMPs, RBM Working Groups (WGs), Partner Committees (PCs) and the broader partnership to share their best practices, lessons learnt, use of new tools, get updates on current malaria policy guidance and new developments and identify implementation support needs for 2025.

The meetings will also provide orientation training on the assessment of barriers to access malaria interventions (Equity, Human Rights, and Gender Equality [EHRGE]) and on the malaria matchbox toolkit.

## **2. Objectives and Expected Outcomes**

The specific objectives of the meeting are to:

- Provide updates on the status of malaria implementation at country and sub-regional levels through sharing of best practices, and lessons learned on selected technical areas.
- Provide updates on the latest malaria policy guidance and new developments in malaria
- Provide orientation training on the assessment of barriers to access malaria interventions (EHRGE) and the malaria matchbox toolkit
- Identify and prioritize implementation support needed by countries in 2025

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- Offer a platform to malaria programs, RBM WGs, PCs, technical and financial partners, including CSOs and the private sector for information sharing and increased engagement.

### **Expected Outcomes**

- Best practices shared and documented
- Latest programmatic and financial gap analysis are shared with RBM partners to inform resource mobilization efforts
- Participants receive up to date guidance on malaria policies and guidelines
- Participants are oriented on EHRGE issues and assessing barriers to malaria interventions access through the malaria matchbox toolkit
- Anticipated implementation support needed by NMPs in 2025 identified

### **3. Meeting Participants**

All malaria endemic countries in Africa, as well as Yemen, partners including RBM PCs, WGs, CSOs and the Private Sector, will be invited to participate in the meetings. For better interaction and for logistical reasons two separate meetings will be organized - one for Eastern and Southern African countries and the other for Western and Central Africa.

The participants expected to attend the face-to-face meetings will include:

- National Malaria Programme staff - NMP Managers, Global Fund Focal Points and Monitoring and Evaluation/surveillance focal points or other relevant persons;
- RBM Partner Committees, Working Groups and Secretariat staff
- Global, regional and local RBM partners, including WHO GMP, WHO Regional and Country Offices, regional economic commission representatives; donors, such as the Global Fund, PMI, BMGF, FCDO and others.
- Civil society organizations
- Malaria private sector representatives

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Most participants will be expected to attend in person, however additional members of malaria programmes and partners will have the opportunity to connect remotely to benefit from the plenary sessions.

#### 4. Meeting Dates and Place

The dates of the meeting are as follows:

- Eastern and Southern Africa countries : 16 - 19 September 2024 in Lusaka, Zambia

On 15 September, the RBM VCWG in collaboration with the CRSPC will hold a 1-day training for NMCPs on building the capacity of local private sector actors – across sectors – to facilitate gap filling and resource mobilization as part of country co-financing.

- Western and Central Africa countries : 28-31 October 2024 in Accra, Ghana

On 27 October, the CRSPC in collaboration with RBM VCWG will hold a 1-day training for NMCPs on building the capacity of local private sector actors – across sectors – to facilitate gap filling and resource mobilization as part of country co-financing.

WAHO in collaboration with RBM, WHO and ALMA will hold a 2 day meeting in the same venue on Cross- border collaboration for the NMPs and M&E specialists from (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, Chad and Mauritania) on 01 - 02 November.

#### 5. Methodology

The methodology of the meetings includes opportunities for participants to present, participate in discussions and overall plenary sessions:

##### ***Country presentations***

NMPs will give presentations or participate in panel discussions to share their country perspectives on best practices and lessons learned on selected thematic areas. Countries will be assigned to at least one thematic area in which they demonstrated success/ key experiences and that their peers could learn from. i.e. each country will have different presentations according to their selected thematic areas. The thematic areas include:

- Biological threats

- Mitigating insecticide resistance and tracking the invasion of new vector species,
- Mitigation measures on anti-malarial drug resistance
- Managing the challenges of diagnostics in the context of HRP2/3 deletions
- Data for decision making (*panel discussion*)
  - Developing and implementing sub-nationally targeted malaria plans, SNT and prioritization of interventions
  - Developing malaria data repositories or integrating with other disease data platforms,
- Implementation of interventions
  - Campaign digitalisation
  - Malaria vaccine and its rollout
  - Private sector engagement in malaria case management
- Resource mobilization and multi-sectoral engagement (*panel discussion*)

### ***Partners presentations***

Partners including WHO, RBM PCs and RBM Working Groups will present on technical updates, best practices, global or regional level malaria updates.

### ***Breakout sessions***

NMPs will participate in breakout sessions to discuss the sub-regional specific cross-border collaboration and coordination mechanisms for IGAD, EAC, SADC, WAHO and ECCAS member states. During this session, countries will also select their regional level representatives to the CRSPC Steering Group to replace the existing one, in line with the Steering Group TORs.

### ***Orientation training***

NMPs will participate in an orientation training to be given on Equity, Human Rights and Gender Equality / use of malaria matchbox toolkit to assess and address the barriers to access malaria interventions.

### ***Financial and programmatic Gap analysis and TA for 2025***

These two topics were part of the country presentations in the previous approach. In the new thematic approach, these will not be presented but the CRSPC secretariat will send a template to all the NMP managers before the meeting day to gather information on the following a) updated gap analysis for 2025 and 2026. b) technical assistance needs for 2025 which are critical for CRSPC as well as for the countries.

## 6. Language

The deliberations during the meetings will be in English, with simultaneous interpretations to English, French and Portuguese.

The meetings will be hybrid with virtual participation through Zoom. The link for registration and Zoom will be made available on the RBM website for [ESA](#) and [WCA](#) meetings.

## 7. Agenda Items

### CRSPC National Malaria Programmes and Partners Annual Sub-Regional Meeting

#### Day 1

Time	Details of Activities	Facilitator/Presenter	Moderator
<b>A</b>	<b>Opening of the meeting</b>		
08:30	Registration	Organisers	CRSPC
09:00	Introduction of participating countries and Partners	CRSPC Co-chairs	
09:10	Welcoming remarks	Head of Programs, RBM Partnership	CRSPC Co-chairs
09:15	Welcoming remarks	WHO Country Representative	CRSPC
09:20	Welcoming remarks	REC's Representatives	CRSPC
09:35	Opening remarks	Hon. Minister of Health	CRSPC
09:40	Agenda items, objectives and outcomes of the meeting	CRSPC Co-Chairs	
09:50	Group Photo with Guests of Honour	Organisers	
<b>10:10</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>	<b>Organisers</b>	
10:40	Brief updates from CRSPC on the support provided and others	CRSPC Manager	CRSPC Co-Chairs
11:00	Global Malaria situation updates, challenges and the way forward	WHO GMP	CRSPC Co-Chairs
12:00	Discussions		
<b>12:30</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>		

<b>B</b>	<b>Country presentations</b>		
<b>B.1</b>	<b>Biological threats</b>		
13:30	Mitigating insecticide resistance and invasion of new vector species	Program Managers	WHO
14:30	Mitigation measures on anti-malarial drug resistance	Program Managers	WHO
15:30	Managing the challenges of diagnostics in the context of HRP2/3 deletions	Program Manager	WHO
<b>15:30</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>		
<b>B.2</b>	<b>Data for Decision making - [panel discussion]</b>		
16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Developing and implementing sub-nationally targeted malaria plans, SNT and prioritization of interventions</li> <li>○ Development of malaria data repositories or integration with other disease data platforms,</li> </ul>	Program Manager	SME WG
17.30	END of Day 1		

## Day 2

Time	Details of Activities	Facilitator/Presenter	Moderator
<b>B.3</b>	<b>Implementation of interventions</b>		
08:00	Campaign digitalisation	Program Managers	AMP
09:30	Malaria vaccine and its rollout	Program Managers	WHO
<b>10.30</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>		
11:00	TBD		
<b>12:30</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>		
13:30	Private sector engagement in malaria case management	Program Managers	WHO
<b>B.4</b>	<b>Resource mobilization and multi-sectoral engagement</b>		
14:30	Resource mobilization and multi-sectoral engagement [panel discussion]	Program Managers	ALMA
<b>15.30</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>		
<b>C</b>	<b>Technical updates by Partners</b>		
<b>C.1</b>	<b>Case management</b>		

16:00	Important WHO policy guidance updates - general	WHO	TBD
16:25	Updates on the Strategy to Respond to Antimalarial Resistance in Africa	WHO	TBD
16:50	Best practices in malaria case management and OTSS guidance	RBM CMWG	TBD
17:15	Malaria antimalarial medicines development pipeline	MMV	TBD
17:30	END of Day 2		

### Day 3

Time	Details of Activities	Facilitator/Presenter	Moderator
<b>C.2</b>	<b>Malaria Prevention</b>		
08:00	Updates on the new promising vector control tools and <i>An stephensi</i>	WHO	RBM VCWG
08:20	Planning and execution of ITNs mass campaigns	AMP	TBD
08:40	Best practices in malaria vector control	RBM VCWG	TBD
09:00	Vector Control commodity and intervention development pipeline	IVCC	TBD
09:15	Updates on malaria chemoprevention	WHO	TBD
09:30	Malaria vaccine implementation	WHO and GAVI	TBD
03:45	Best practices in prevention of malaria during pregnancy	RBM MiPWG	TBD
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>		
<b>C.3</b>	<b>Malaria Elimination</b>		
10:30	Updates on the Malaria Elimination guidance	WHO	TBD
<b>C.4</b>	<b>Surveillance, Monitoring and Evaluation</b>		
11:00	Updates on the SME guidances	WHO	TBD
11:20	Best practices and guidance on SME	RBM SMEWG	TBD
11:40	RBM Global Malaria Dashboard	RBM Secretariat	TBD
<b>C.5</b>	<b>Multi-sectoral engagement and Advocacy</b>		
12:00	Best practices on Multi-sectoral engagement	RBM MSWG	TBD
12:20	Multi-sectoral engagement toolkit	Consultant	RBM MSWG
<b>13:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>		

14:00	End Malaria Funds	ALMA	TBD
14:20	Zero malaria starts with me campaign roll out	Speak Up Africa	
14:40	Best practices in implementation of SBC in malaria and guidance	RBM SBCWG	
<b>15:00</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>		
15:30	Implementation of HBHI approach and the Yaoundé Declaration.	WHO	
<b>C.6</b>	<b>General Updates by Donors</b>		
15:50	Updates on the GF fund grant implementation and critical actions	Global Fund	TBD
16:10	Assessment of Inclusion Efforts for Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons in the Global Fund Grant Cycle 2023-2025	UNF	TBD
16:30	Updates from UNITAID	UNITAID	TBD
16:50	Updates from PMI	PMI	TBD
17:10	Updates from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	BMGF	TBD
17:30	END of Day 3		

## Day 4

Time	Details of Activities	Facilitator/Presenter	Moderator
<b>D</b>	<b>Breakout sessions</b>		
08:00	Sub-Regional perspectives of malaria and best practices in cross-border coordination and collaboration	RECs	CRSPC
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>		
10:30	Orientation training on Community, Rights and Gender and use of Malaria Matchbox toolbox for assessment of barriers to access malaria interventions	GF EHRGE, RBM	GF
<b>12:30</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>		
13:30	Orientation training on Community, Rights and Gender and use of Malaria Matchbox toolbox for	GF EHRGE, RBM	GF



	assessment of barriers to access malaria interventions		
<b>15:00</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>		
15:30	Big Push	BCG	TBD
16:30	Closing the meeting - Summary of key points, recommendations, way forward and meeting evaluation	CRSPC Co-chairs	
17:00	END of Meeting		