



Partnership To End Malaria

13th Annual Meeting
Vector Control Working Group
7 -9 Feb, 2018, Geneva

CONTEXT

Responding to the enduring challenges to effective & sustainable malaria vector control:



Qu'est-ce qu'on fait??



RESPONSE:

Seek to - increase synergies; step cross sectoral boundaries; be efficient & nimble; be relentless!

MEETING OBJECTIVES

Workshop to:

- a. To reflect on experiences/lessons, particularly during the past 2 years of VCWG-WS work plan development and implementation.
- b. Contextualize experiences/lessons [2-year post launch of AIM, GTS, RBM Advocacy Plan] – to inform consensus on Work stream.
- c. Refine priorities and plans of the work streams, and strengthen VCWG-wide strategic approaches and tactics – to AIM, GTS/RBM-Adv.
- d. Clarify in-house issues, including election of new co-chairs.

METHODOLOGY:

- a. Work Streams to deliberate for 3hrs; generate consensus to drive work plans/timelines/outputs; then provide succinct summary of output to plenary
- b. WHO (recent and ongoing work entomology/vector control; overview product prequalification procedures)
- c. Briefs from regional groups (AMCA, APMEN, PAMCA, PIAM)
- d. Side Event on vector control in humanitarian emergencies
- e. Panel discussion on vector-borne disease: exploring additional opportunities for integrated/intersectoral approaches to VBD control

OUTCOME:

- a. Improved work stream work plans; sharpened tactics & outputs
- b. Improved knowledge about, and increased collaboration with, regional vector control partners
- a. Specific actions to promote multi-sectoral approaches and further integrate work of VCWG into overarching VBD control efforts identified

SUMMARY CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS

SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS:

VCWG

Significant progress made by all work streams, sharper work plans and specific action items identified

Improved knowledge about, and increased collaboration with, regional vector control partners

Need to further improve info-exchange and collaboration between

SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS:

Significant technical expertise exist in Africa but not effectively utilized for VC. Need for national policies/plans to i) ID role of entomology, Biologist, ecologists in VBD control and ii) include plans to effectively mobilize and sustain capacities

Need for effective supplementary tools, if the goal of malaria elimination is to be achieved

Significant and fast-paced technological innovations, which present new opportunities to expand the scope of VC across the full spectrum of vector life cycle.

- a. Need to strengthen north-south collaboration for knowledge transfer and joint-field evaluation of innovations within impacted countries

SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS:

Need for increased focus on malaria control in emergencies (tool development, implementation and evaluation guidelines). These scenarios also provide incredible opportunities to gather end-use and performance data on new tools.

Issues around residual malaria transmission (e.g. outdoor/crepuscular transmission) present excellent opportunities to overlap vector control approaches that simultaneously targeting malaria vectors and aedine and culicine vectors of other diseases (e.g. dengue, CHK)

- VCWG initiative to mobilize multi-sectoral action is laudable
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NEXT STEPS:

- Update of VCWG ToRS
- Elections for VCWG Co-Chairs
- Newsletter, twice per year
- Related to the annual meeting:
 - The presentations will be uploaded to the RBM website (VCWG webpage), after the approval of speakers
 - The meeting report (VCWG-13) will be circulated and posted on the webpage in March
 - Evaluation form