

Twenty-eighth Meeting of the RBM Partnership  
Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group (MERG)

18 – 20 October 2017  
Mbour, Senegal  
Le Lamanatin Hotel

**AGENDA**

**Objectives:**

1. Assess innovations in collecting and using surveillance data
2. Identify examples and opportunities to use routine monitoring data to improve programs
3. Examine developments in large-scale evaluations
4. Improve global indicators to measure progress
5. Address RBM and MERG business issues

**Wednesday, 18 October 2017**

*Morning Chair: Erin Eckert, USAID*

9:00–9:10am            Opening remarks and welcome by the NMCP Director (*Omar Sarr, Senegal NMCP*)

9:10–9:20am            Overview of goals and meeting agenda (*MERG Co-Chairs*)

9:20–9:30am            Introduction of incoming co-chairs (*MERG Co-Chairs*)

**Objective 1: Assess innovations in collecting and using surveillance data**

9:30–10:00am            Senegal’s experience using surveillance data during a rapid transition from high to low burden (*Moustapha Cisse, Senegal NMCP*)

10:00–10:30am            Overview of field study tour on Senegal’s home based management system (*Medoune Ndiop, Senegal NMCP*)

10:30–11:00am            Using the new DHIS2 malaria module to improve surveillance (*Ryan Williams, WHO*)

11:00–11:30am            *Coffee/tea break*

11:30am–1:00pm            Discussion on the evolving needs of surveillance data (*Arantxa Roca-Feltrer, Malaria Consortium*)

1:00–2:00pm            *Lunch*

Afternoon chair: Molly Robertson, PATH

**Objective 2: Identify best practices and opportunities to use routine monitoring data to improve programs**

2:00–2:20pm	Integrating epidemiological and IRS data from hotspots ( <i>Adama Kone and Abdoulaye Diop, Senegal Africa IRS Project</i> )
2:20–2:40pm	Integrating epidemiological and IRS data in full-coverage IRS districts in Mali ( <i>Christelle Gogue, PATH</i> )
2:40–3:00pm	Use of DHIS2 to inform programmatic decision making in LLIN distribution campaigns: Lessons learned from DRC ( <i>Bram Piot, PSI</i> )
3:00–3:30pm	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
3:30–4:00pm	Using routine data for decision making ( <i>Alioune Camara, Guinea NMCP</i> )
4:00–5:00pm	Discussion on strengthening collection, analysis, and use of monitoring data to improve programs ( <i>Julie Thwing, CDC</i> )
5:00pm	<i>End of Day 1</i>

**Thursday, 19 October 2017**

*Morning chair: Ruth Ashton, MEASURE Evaluation*

**Objective 3: Examine developments in large-scale evaluations**

9:00–9:15am	Brief Overview of Global Fund’s prospective country evaluations ( <i>Ryuichi Komatsu, Global Fund</i> )
9:15–9:30am	Progress on Senegal’s prospective country evaluation ( <i>Roger Tine, Universite Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar</i> )
9:30–10:00am	Monitoring diagnostic practices using routine data ( <i>Julie Thwing, CDC, Alioune Camara, Guinea NMCP, and Medoune Ndiop, Senegal NMCP</i> )
10:00–10:30am	Developing a framework for conducting evaluations in moderate and low transmission settings ( <i>Yazoume Ye, MEASURE Evaluation</i> )
10:30–11:00am	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00am–12:00pm	Discussion on new developments and future of population-level evaluations ( <i>Yazoume Ye, MEASURE Evaluation</i> )
12:00–1:30pm	<i>Lunch</i>

*Afternoon chair: Fred Arnold, The DHS Program*

**Objective 4: Improve global indicators to measure progress**

1:30–2:00pm	Results from the “source of nets” questions and recommendations for improvement ( <i>Bolanle Olapeju, John Hopkins University Center for Communication Programs</i> )
2:00–2:30pm	Elevating the importance and use of the population ITN access indicator ( <i>Hannah Koenker, John Hopkins University Center for Communication Programs</i> )
2:30–3:00pm	Changes to data collection of standard indicators in malaria endemic countries: 6th Round of MICS ( <i>Ashraf Mohamed Mrabet, UNICEF</i> )
3:00–3:30pm	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
3:30–3:45pm	Finalized changes to household survey indicators ( <i>Cameron Taylor, The DHS Program</i> )
3:45–4:00pm	Use of Health Network Quality Improvement System to monitor and improve quality of malaria case management: a case study from Nigeria ( <i>Cristina Lussiana, PSI</i> )
4:00–5:00pm	Discussion on improving global indicators to measure progress ( <i>Lia Florey, USAID</i> )
5:00pm	<i>End of Day 2</i>

## Friday, 20 October 2017

*Morning Chair: Medoune Ndiop, Senegal NMCP*

### Objective 5: Address RBM and MERG business issues

9:00–9:15am	SMC Task Force: Progress and future plans ( <i>Eric Hubbard, Catholic Relief Services, and Arantxa Roca-Feltrer, Malaria Consortium</i> )
9:15–9:30am	IRS Task Force: Progress and future plans ( <i>Molly Robertson, PATH</i> )
9:30–10:30am	<i>Working session for Task Forces</i>
10:30–11:00am	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00am–12:00pm	MERG Terms of Reference changes and funding for endemic country representation ( <i>Erin Eckert, USAID</i> )
12:00–12:15pm	Review action items for MERG ( <i>Coralie N’Gbichi and Jui Shah, MEASURE Evaluation</i> )
12:15–12:30pm	Wrap-up and conclusion ( <i>MERG Co-Chairs</i> )
12:30pm	<i>End of Meeting</i>
12:30–1:30pm	<i>Lunch</i>