

RBM Multi-Sectoral Action Working Group

Brief update of MSWG-6 annual meeting

18-20 April 2024 in Kigali, Rwanda

ABOUT THE RBM MULTI-SECTORAL WORKING GROUP

The MSWG convenes and coordinates RBM Partnership members around a multi-sectoral action in the field of malaria to facilitate learning and share best practices from the field. The MSWG brings together different stakeholders across different sectors including health, science and technology, international cooperation, infrastructure, water and sanitation, environment, food and agriculture, education, security, finance, trade, social protection and justice. The aim is to align partners in their actions for new interventions as well as putting new life into those that already exist, and coordinate and manage these in new and innovative ways.

The MSWG welcomes new members and potential partners to join the MSWG distribution list to receive news on multi-sectoral actions, project updates, publications, guidelines and job advertisements.

THIS YEAR, the RBM MSWG-6 meeting was held in Kigali, Rwanda, with 77 attendees. The theme was "Human-made Malaria: Don't Be Part of the Problem, Be Part of the Solution." Participants came from 19 countries, representing five WHO regions: African (AFR), Americas (AMR), Europe-an (EUR), South-East Asian (SEAR), and Western Pacific (WPR) (Figures 1a & 1b).

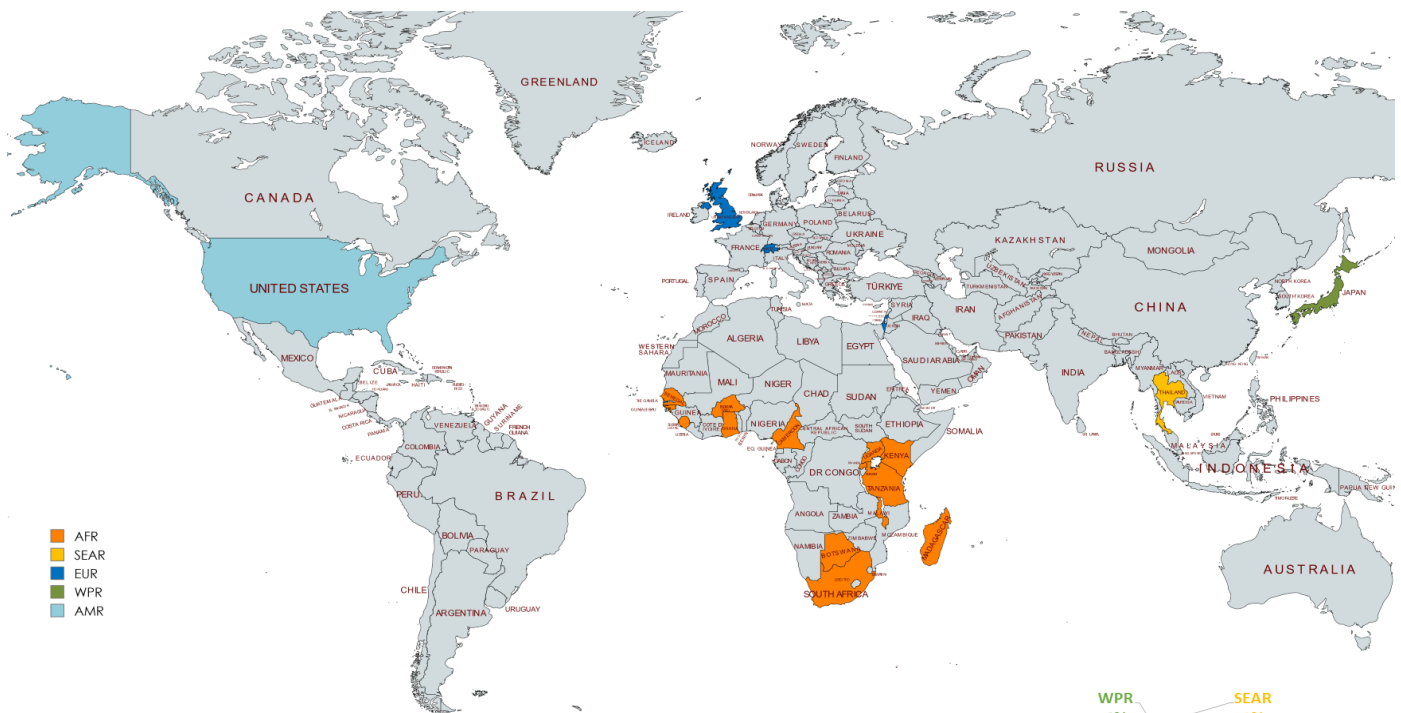


Figure 1a Country Regions of Participants at MSWG-6
AFR Botswana, Cameroon, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda
SEAR Thailand
AMR USA
WPR Japan
EUR Israel, Switzerland, United Kingdom

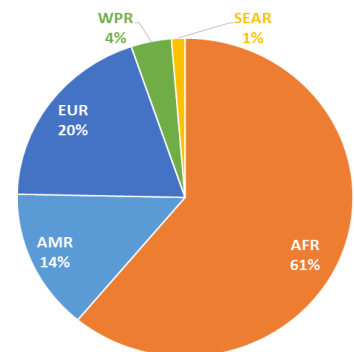


Figure 1b

CONSTITUENCIES

The majority (59%) of the participants were from the Global South.

They included representatives from governmental agencies (21%), civil society (13%), research/academia (13%), the private sector (12%). Additionally, participants from research/academia (15%) and the private sector (9%) came from the Global North, while UN/Multilateral Institutions made up 8%, and foundations/philanthropy accounted for 5% (Figure 2).

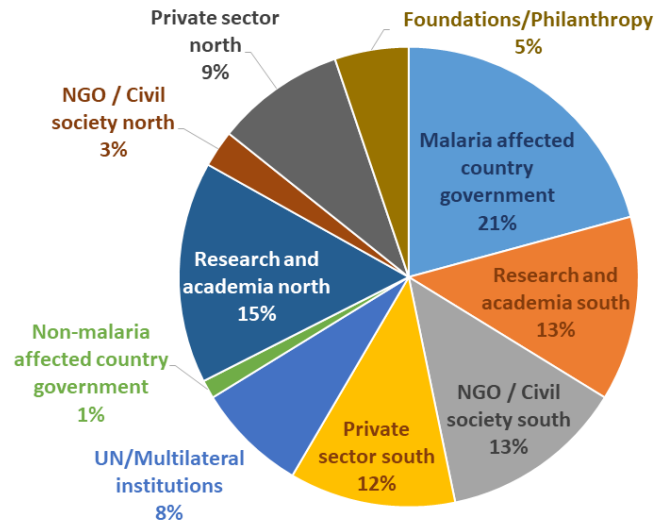


Figure 2 Constituencies at MSWG-6

GENDER BALANCE

Figure 3 illustrates the gender distribution across various constituencies (57% male, 42% female, and 1% preferred not to answer).

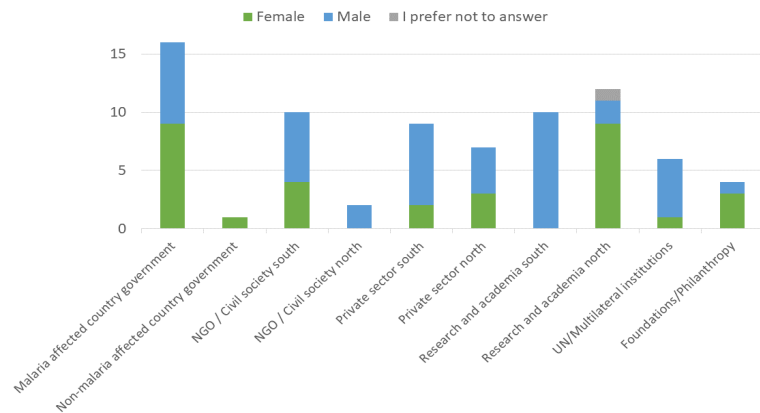


Figure 3 Malaria-affected countries at MSWG-6

MALARIA-AFFECTED COUNTRIES

Of the 19 represented countries, 14 were malaria-affected (Figure 4), accounting for 73.7% of the participants. The majority came from Tanzania, Ghana, Uganda, Kenya, and Madagascar.

SPONSORING

The annual meeting welcomes partners and participants who attend at their own expense. A registration fee covers the rental of meeting rooms, catering, and technical expenses for the venue. Participation of representatives from selected affected countries is ensured through leveraged funds (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and RBM Secretariat).



Group photo from the from the MSWG-6 in Kigali

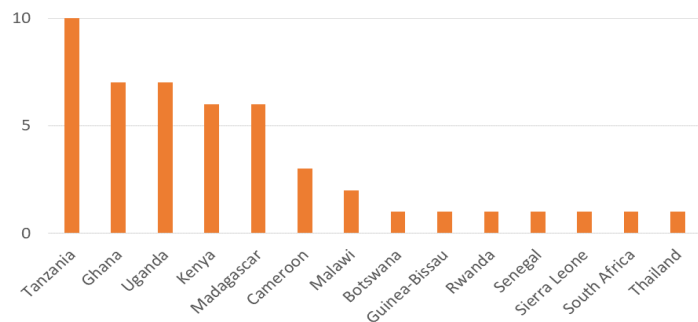


Figure 4: Malaria-affected countries at MSWG-6