

RBM MiP Working Group meeting, November 1, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Participants:

1. Mike Toso, HC3
2. Erin Ferenchick, the Global Fund
3. Maud Majeres Lugand, MMV
4. Julie Gutman, CDC
5. Jenny Hill, LSTM
6. Samantha Salcedo-Mason, PSM
7. Kristen Vibbert, MCSP/Jhpiego
8. Elaine Roman, MCSP/Jhpiego
9. Kathryn Bertram, JHU
10. Matt Chico, LSTMH
11. Ali Cameron, UNITAID
12. Ib Christian Bygberg, University of Copenhagen

Agenda Items:

1. Work Plan Overview and Update

- The work plan is based on ideas developed during the July WG annual meeting in July where important ideas were formulated and activities earmarked for prioritization. Kristen has reached out to partners asking for assistance in fleshing out activities and identifying partners to take the lead. We encourage all WG partners to review the work plan and consider which activities your organizations might be interested in working on.

ACTION ITEM: *If there are any additional activities you would like to see added to the work plan or if you would like to build further upon existing activities, please send your inputs to Kristen, Elaine and Viviana by Friday, November 4th.*

- The updated work plan will be sent out prior to the WG meeting at ASTMH. It will be included in the same email as the ASTMH Meeting Reminder.

2. Partner Updates:

*i. **SBCC Strategy Guide:*** Michael Toso, HC3

The guidance is a supplement, rather than a comprehensive strategy guide (as there are many general SBCC strategy guides available from any number of partners). After looking at SBCC strategies in a number of countries at PMI's request, several gaps emerged and this guidance looks to close those. The areas we hope to improve and the focus of this guide are:

- Integrating MiP issues into an SBCC situation analysis
- Segmenting MiP audiences and developing problem statements
- Choosing measurable MiP communication and behavior objectives
- Drafting the MiP section of a malaria SBCC strategy document

Next Steps:

- Comments and feedback have been incorporated and in the next month there should be an iKit available.

- We have our first RBM SBCC WG (formerly RBM CCoP) MiP task force on Thursday and this will be presented

Discussion:

What are the plans for dissemination?

- We are finishing up next year's work plan and communicating with PMI about going to a couple different countries to make sure this is something that is accessible and not too difficult in approach.
- PMI Partners meeting next week will be a great opportunity to discuss this further.
- At ASTMH:
 - Mike will ask PMI's permission to bring hard copies to the upcoming MiP meeting at ASTMH. It is still a draft until final confirmation from PMI.
 - We will certainly be able to provide a few slides that give an idea of what the iKit will look like.
- The healthcompass.org website has trending topics and we hope to promote the guide through that as well.

With the implementation kit it would be great to have an accompanying webinar.

- We hope to promote the guidance PDF and implementation kit with a webinar in January (still working on an exact date).

ii. Anemia Studies: Ib Christian Bygberg, University of Copenhagen

- We are screening about 1400 women before pregnancy for anemia in NE-Tanzania
- Conclusions:
 - Between 8%-12% are malaria positive
 - We follow almost 400 during pregnancy and many more become positive with about 50% who at one time or another had malaria.
 - SP resistance could be a factor
- Data are very preliminary, and unpublished.
- The primary aim of the work is not malaria but anemia and its possible short and long-term consequences, but those interested in more details can find them in Clinical Trials NCT 02191683.

Discussion:

How is parasitemia being confirmed?

- Using mRDT to confirm parasitemia and then confirmed with microscopy.

iii. Cardio Safety Study: Matt Chico, LSTMH

- Cardio safety study was just launched in mid-Sept.
- The study measures the cardio-safety of dihydroartemisinin-piperazine (DP) and the pharmacokinetics of piperazine in pregnancy women, as well as the prevalence of the genetic mutation amongst malaria parasites located at codon 581 in the same population.
- It involves 200 women--half have no parasites and half are asymptomatic for parasitemia.

3. ASTMH:

- MiP Posters/Presentations:
 - For the past 3-4 years, we have compiled a table outlining all of the MiP posters, symposia and oral presentations occurring at ASTMH to share with WG members. It's

a nice “cheat sheet” table for those interested in MiP. The response this year from WG members has been minimal, but we would like to have a comprehensive list to share. The more we can include, the better.

ACTION ITEM: *If you are aware of a colleague or another organization that is presenting, please share that information with Kristen by Friday, November 4th so she can add it to the chart.*

- **WG Meeting:**

- We will be hosting a WG meeting on the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 15th from 7:00-8:00am. This is a great opportunity to have a mini face-to-face meeting.
- It’s a unique opportunity to bring together people who don’t typically directly engage with the WG (PMI, MOH representatives, other partners, etc.) It creates visibility to the work of the WG, but also casts the net wider among stakeholders.

ACTION ITEM: *If you have not received an invitation to the meeting or if you have colleagues who are not on the WG, but have an interest in MiP, please send their contact information to Kristen by Friday, November 4th so she can extend the invitation.*

- It’s important everyone who is coming RSVPs so that we have an accurate headcount for the room/breakfast.
- Agenda:
 - General update/overview of the work plan
 - Update on the new WHO ANC Guidelines by Clara Menendez, depending on if they are released prior to the meeting.
 - Specific updates on new products/tools.
 - Open session time for participants in the meeting to talk about what is happening in their countries at the field level, what concerns they have around their MiP programming. This fits with a WG priority to address the needs of countries.
 - Kristen will send out a meeting reminder which will contain the agenda.

Discussion:

- Work plan has an item: “MiP advocacy in the context of elimination through ASTMH symposium”. What is this exactly?
 - This came out of the discussions in July
 - There is an ASTMH symposium with the title: “Malaria Pre-Elimination: Ensuring Correct Care of Reproductive Age Women”. Clara Menendez and Larry Slutsker are co-chairing this.
 - Aside from the symposium, this item is currently just a theme and not an activity and we are waiting for more input from members on how we want to frame this better. If we keep it in the work plan, we will really need to define the activities behind it.

4. ASTMH:

- The RBM WG websites were down for a spell, but are now back up and running. All of the documents from the July annual meeting (presentations, meeting report, participant list) will be posted to the RBMMiPWG website: <http://www.rollbackmalaria.org/architecture/working-groups/mip> in the next week or two.

Discussion:

- MiP stories for public consumption: do we want this to be a part of the website?
 - Yes!

ACTION ITEM: *Please send these to Kristen, Elaine and Viviana so that we can take a look and figure out the best way to promote them.*