

RBM MiP Working Group meeting, February 4, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Participants:

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12. Erin Ferenchick, Columbia University
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15. Jenny Hill, Liverpool School...
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17. Julie Gutman- PMI/CDC

Happy New Year to everyone on behalf of Elaine and Viviana!

Agenda Items:

1. MiP Advocacy Strategy- CCP

Update by Katherine & Emily:

- Matt Lynch and Emily Ricotta spoke of this during annual meeting in July
- Since then they have been able to hone in on the direction of the guide through discussions
 - The guide will include some of the content that everyone has seen and commented on, but there will be a bit of a shift of focus so that this becomes more of a practical How-To Guide for country level stakeholders
 - The idea is to provide guidance at the country level so that the messages and infographics being developed become useful in an advocacy platform
 - The step by step guide will provide additional guidance on how to do this with high level MiP advocacy priorities being highlighted
 - The guide will show step by step on how to take the information and use it on country level on advocacy
 - It will also help countries define their own country priorities to move their advocacy agenda forward

Question posed to the group: Would an MiP scorecard be helpful/ value added to include in this tool so countries can see where they are now in relation to MiP priorities?

Responses:

- Matt Chico: Scorecard is a great idea and messaging from the global level can be reinforced at the country level. Could refer to the Call to Action which contains specific targets proposed for increasing coverage and then discuss with countries what their targets are and what they are aligned with.
- Kate, JSI: It would be great to use something that is less of a flat out measurement and more of a living document so it could be used to identify if the country is doing well, but also the next steps to use as a Launchpad to inspire action. It could be used to help identify different opportunities for getting messages out, in NMCPs and with RH.
- Elaine: The RBM Progress and Impact Series on Maternal Health and Malaria has an action section that outlines key steps by health system area. This could link well with set targets and highlight to key stakeholders where there are gaps in implementation and where priority efforts need to focus
- Erin: This discussion is similar to past conversations regarding creating dashboards
- Maurice: Almost all African countries have ANC scorecards with the global agreed indicators, such as ANC/SBA coverage, etc. Some countries have these scorecards for the district level as well as the country level. Scorecards are mostly for key indicators that countries have decided to track rather than policy.

ACTION: Maurice can share some scorecard examples with the group.

2. MiP Messages/Infographic: Jhpiego/MCSP

This is in response to a recognized need for reinvigorating conversation around the importance of addressing MiP to increase prioritization of addressing MiP at the country level

- The product is an infographic with complimentary key messages.
- This will target policy makers and program managers and serve as a reminder for why we need to prioritize MiP and why IPTp-SP is still an important life-saving tool in accelerating MiP prevention and control.
- Next steps: Share infographic with working group in the coming weeks. Finalize with branding using RBM logo and disseminate across countries, in collaboration with WHO.

3. Global Updates- RMNCAH (Global Strategy 2.0, GFF, renewed GF MoUs, etc.)- Global Fund

Erin: There are a few moving pieces in the global discussion in RMNCAH including an updated global strategy 2.0

- There are recently renewed MOU partnerships between GF and UNICEF, UNFPA, World Bank with the objective of trying to integrate MiP with RH so MiP is critical component of ANC, targeting strengthened ANC
- Integration is key in recognizing this is a MCH issue and RH people are at forefront to move this forward at the country level in collaboration with NMCP
- Another objective is a commitment to harmonization at the country level

Global Financing Facility: There was a recent meeting in Geneva between GFF, GF and GAVI

To date GFF has:

- Developed a business plan
- implemented in 4 front runner countries
- Now selecting additional countries for implementation
 - Requires buy-in from key global stakeholders

Elaine: Wouldn't it be nice if the WG could highlight successful integration with MiP and other infectious diseases? There is a huge opportunity for this since there is a lot of momentum around promoting integration, but funding is still very vertical and most countries are still lacking the how-to guidance on implementation

- Need strong platforms in place for ANC and at the community level for inclusion of MiP
- SRH and HIV is a good example of successful integration
- Could have countries themselves document what they have done and why it has worked
- Need to think about how we can prioritize integration

ACTION: Contact Elaine, Erin or Viviana if you would like to work on this idea

If we don't integrate we will not get results or see impact!

Suggestion: MiP case studies done under MCHIP could be existing materials that we could refocus for this purpose. There is evidence of strong partnerships between malaria control and RH, for example in Zambia

4. Annual Meeting Planning:

- Elaine: There has been communication with Jenny Hill about possibly doing a joint meeting this year that would involve 1.5 days focused on research with funding from Jenny Hill's group followed by 1.5 days for the WG Meeting
- Jenny: MiP consortium has funding from EDCTP and Gates to conduct research meeting to disseminate latest research on MiP
 - Two regional meetings, one in West and one in East Africa
 - MiP WG part would join the East Africa meeting, potentially in Nairobi or Kisumu, Kenya
 - This meeting would draw RH and NMCP people as well as researchers in country from countries that conducted the MiP trials and they would be invited to participate in the WG meeting
 - This is a great opportunity to draw on the research to identify our continued priorities towards MiP and link it to our mandate as a WG
 - Tentative date is set for early June. Please tentatively put this on your calendars!

ACTION: Please let Elaine know if there are any major conflicts with the early June time period: Elaine.Roman@jhpiego.org

5. Partner Work Plan Updates-

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16Q1_Y0W6bRrniI26xQMqvBuOQKcpU6rp0FaF8Tk_xpY/edit?usp=sharing

MiP M&E Guidance- Jhpiego/ MCSP

Elaine sent out link to work plan and it is in google docs so everyone can access it and make edits.

- RBM WGs want to share all work plans across the WGs to encourage collaboration amongst the WGs

M&E:

- Priority to update country guidance around M&E and MiP and provide a How-To guidance around the application
- Indicators have been updated so this would be the how-to companion to that
- Discussions are ongoing with MERG WG

6. Call for Proposals for symposia for ASTMH is out:

<https://www.astmh.org/ASTMH/media/Documents/ASTMH2016CallforSymposiaFINAL.pdf>

Elaine would like to know if groups are thinking about symposia submissions

Suggestions for proposals:

- Progress in IPTp uptake since the change in policy
 - Look at countries, specifically post-Ebola countries, as well as others to be included
- Preliminary conversations with Viviana and PMI about whether there is enough information about malaria elimination and MiP to propose a symposia
 - To integrate projects and evidence coming from countries outside of Africa/countries in the pathway of malaria elimination
 - Azucena: Suggestion to include LAC and south pacific region countries as part of the symposia on MiP and malaria elimination. Azucena can provide updates on these.

ACTION: Azucena will send some suggestions and follow up discussions can take place

- Suggestion from Matt: If discussing elimination: Mozambique study in NEJM regarding risk of malaria prevalence in pregnant women in declining transmission setting is a good resource
 - These results were already presented at ASTMH, but we could think of how to use the results of this analysis as a reference in the discussion of malaria elimination.
- Proposed symposia around scale up of coverage. Ideal if it could serve as a springboard for the 2016 World Malaria Report.

ACTION: Elaine to follow up with Andrea on this to see if he can provide content.

7. Zika Virus:

- Disproportional impact on pregnant women
- Discussions on prevention mechanisms and different vectors
- Many are looking to MiP folks for guidance on this
- WHO has announced this as a public health emergency
 - Main objective is to mobilize countries to be able to follow on anything that will happen in different countries in different regions
 - There is some data showing that during a recent survey in Africa there was more Zika virus present than Dengue and Yellow Fever.
 - People need to be mobilized and generate best evidence for link between Zika virus and neonatal malformation.

This is a great opportunity for us to reinforce in MH community that viruses and diseases disproportionately affect pregnant women.