

**TERMS OF REFERENCE:
COUNTRY REGIONAL SUPPORT PARTNER COMMITTEE (CRSPC)**

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1. Purpose

1.1. The RBM Partner Committees (PCs) are intended to formalise, consolidate and amplify the Partnership priorities of advocacy, resource mobilisation, and country/regional support. The work of these Partner Committees is expected to align with the global, regional and national priorities as well as with the RBM Partnership Strategy, Annual Budget and Work Plans.

1.2. The purpose of the Country and Regional Support Partner Committee (CRSPC) is to provide a platform to engage the RBM Partnership to harmonise and coordinate Partnership support at country and regional levels. The overall objective of the CRSPC is to optimise technical resources and strengthen capacities by improving partner coordination and delivering effective, high-quality technical assistance.

2. Areas of Focus

2.1. **Coordinate Partnership support** to countries and regions to identify resources to address critical gaps, bottlenecks, and challenges. In this coordination work, CRSPC helps ensure the latest normative guidance from WHO and optimal tools are available to national malaria programs (NMPs) and their partners at country-level and connects them, when requested, to the most relevant and suitable expertise available from across the Partnership (see Section 3). With the aim of reducing dependency on external assistance over time, CRSPC works with NMPs to embed capacity strengthening support in the Technical Assistance (TA) requests it funds. Regular reviews of TA provided to each NMPs will explore patterns of TA requests and seek more sustainable options.

2.2. **Convene Partners to facilitate exchange on best practices and diverse challenges** in program implementation. The CRSPC will routinely support fora, including quarterly and annual CRSPC meetings, that bring Partners, especially those from malaria-affected countries, together for cross-country learning opportunities on common issues or implementation challenges and working with the partnership to address these challenges. These fora also provide opportunities for CRSPC to compile and share feedback from countries on donor and other partner processes that impact NMPs and communicate this to the relevant donor or partner.

2.3. **Support resource mobilisation.** CRSPC efforts will complement the activities of the Advocacy Resource Mobilisation and Communication Partner Committee (ARCP) (which focus on global and high political leadership levels), including by supporting NMPs to:

- 2.3.1. advocate for increased funding from government and private sector entities (e.g., by assisting the development of investment cases, business plans, and supporting multi-sectoral efforts such as End Malaria Councils).
- 2.3.2. consider and propose additional potential new sources of funding to diversify their current funding base and to fill existing resource gaps. This could be linked to, but not limited to, climate financing or supporting countries to work more closely with International Development Banks and multilateral funding mechanisms.
- 2.3.3. access Global Fund resources in a timely way, ensuring these are strategically aligned to national malaria strategic plans. This includes convening partners for orientation and training on the Global Fund funding request tools and guidance. Following the TA Request process (Section 3), CRSPC deploys expertly trained consultants to provide TA to countries/regional entities. It also facilitates peer reviews of draft funding requests ("mock-TRPs") and following the submission and

the Global Fund review processes, the CRSPC supports countries during the subsequent steps needed as part of the Global Fund grant-making process.

2.4. **Ensure accessibility to and improve the content, knowledge, and use of publicly available RBM Partnership malaria dashboard** by socialising their existence and sharing guidance on its use through multiple, diverse channels (CRSPC annual meetings, CRSPC bi-monthly online meetings, conferences, RBM Working Group meetings, newsletters, etc).

2.5. **Support in-country malaria initiatives championed by local partners** such as the implementation of the Yaoundé Declaration, the High Burden to High Impact (HBHI) initiative, and the "Zero Malaria Starts with Me" campaign. CRSPC supports countries to advance these initiatives within their local context, including through the development and implementation of national malaria advocacy strategies, if requested via the process described below.

3. Process for responding to Technical Assistance requests

3.1. Working with NMPs, the CRSPC adopts a triage mechanism to decide on the appropriate Technical Assistance solution needed in the country while ensuring that the RBM Partnership is only approached as a last resort. This triage mechanism includes the following steps:

- 3.1.1. The NMP develops the terms of references (TORs) or a concept note detailing the TA needs and deliverables. Prior to approaching RBM for assistance, the NMP must ensure that there is no other source of TA available from within the country or regionally, including those which might be provided by community or civil society organisations.
- 3.1.2. In the event that the RBM Partnership is identified as needing to organise and fund the TA required, the NMP submits their request to that end and uses the form provided by the Partnership (electronic) that includes:
 - the TOR for the assignment, including its duration and expected deliverables;
 - demonstration by the NMP that it considered all other locally available solutions and that none was available; and
 - the names of up to three consultants the NMP has selected from a roster of pre-approved consultants (recruited and on-boarded with training sessions by the RBM Secretariat).
- 3.1.3. Once confident a gap exists that can only be filled by a RBM Partnership- provided consultant and upon approval by the CRSPC Co-chairs, the Secretariat initiates the process of deploying the most appropriate and best qualified TA provider.
- 3.1.4. Once the TA delivery is complete, the Secretariat, in consultation with the CRSPC Co-chairs as needed, conducts a post-TA evaluation as a quality assurance step. This entails sign-off by the NMP of the completed deliverables per the TORs assigned to the consultant and the submission by the NMP of an evaluation form. This process also considers any relevant feedback received from in-country partners and the findings are used for regular updates to the roster of RBM consultants.
- 3.1.5. At this stage, to facilitate continuous learning among partners, the CRSPC will also encourage the NMP to share with relevant stakeholders (in-country and globally) the deliverables resulting from CRSPC support.

4. Membership:

4.1. Members of the CRSPC are drawn from the RBM Partnership and reflect the skills and experience of the Partnership able to support the areas of focus as outlined above.

4.2. As described in Section 2.6 of the Partner Committee Standard Operating Procedures (PC SOPs), the RBM Secretariat maintains the listing of active members for each Partner Committee, updating this on an annual basis to ensure additional Partners are regularly invited to engage in the Partner Committees.

5. Roles and Responsibilities

5.1. CRSPC will normally be led by two PC Co-chairs, in coordination with the Partner Committee Manager and/or (an)other representative(s) of the Secretariat that the CEO designates and will be supported by a Partner Committee SG. These roles are described in Section 3 of the PC Standard Operating Procedures (PC SOPs).

5.2. Recognising the breadth of focus areas and the need to respond in a dynamic and timely fashion, the Co-chairs and SG, supported by the PC Manager, may establish specific workstreams to coordinate work around key thematic areas and specific needs or events. If applicable, these workstreams will be led by two co-chairs with the relevant experience and knowledge.

6. Reporting

6.1. As described in the PC SOPs (Section 2), the work of Partner Committees is coordinated and overseen by the CEO.

6.2. At a minimum, the Partner Committee Co-chairs report to the Board on an annual basis.