



Partnership
To End Malaria

Case Management Working Group Update

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Case Management Working Group

Purpose and objectives

- ❑ To minimize wasteful duplication, maximize synergies, and encourage harmonisation and pooling of efforts for faster uptake and scale up of malaria case management strategies and interventions
- ❑ The main objectives of this group mirror the functions of the RBM partnership
 - **Convene: Provide a forum** for the dissemination of the normative and policy-setting guidelines of WHO and for sharing best practices for adaptation and implementation by international and country-level partners
 - **Support the scale up and implementation** of policies and strategies to ensure universal coverage and access to quality malaria case management in endemic countries
 - **Coordinate: Align and facilitate** collaboration between partners to avoid duplication and inefficiencies; sharing experiences and best practices; and identification of challenges or bottlenecks for discussion by the working group.

Synergy with the SMERG

Case management indicators

- ❑ Facility based performance indicators including quality of care indicators are available – same for CCM and iCCM - but
 - Not uniformly collected or collated especially QoC indicators
 - Not standardized e.g. there are disparities in how countries use “suspected case” e.g. many countries equate those tested with suspected cases, while others have different definitions.
- ❑ The challenge we have is with indicators measuring access to case management and quality of care in MIS/DHS surveys
 - These use fever in previous 14 days as proxy and are not so informative particularly as diagnostic testing is scaled up.
 - Still used in the WMR – but the report on these are not actionable.
- ❑ We propose that all stakeholders undertake a critical evaluation of the current and potential new indicators is needed, as is better guidance for countries on the collection and use of case management indicators for action.

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