



Partnership
To End Malaria

Vector Control Working Group Update

VCWG co-chairs Keziah Malm & Justin McBeath

Vector Control Working Group

Purpose

The Vector Control Working Group align partners on best practices to reach and maintain universal coverage with effective vector control interventions

Vector Control Working Group (VCWG) Terms of Reference, revised in April 2018.

English: <https://endmalaria.org/sites/default/files/RBM-VCWG-TORs-Approved-by-Board-Apr18.pdf>

French: <https://endmalaria.org/sites/default/files/FR-RBM-VCWG-TORs-Approved-by-Board-Apr18.pdf>

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Main Objectives

- The main objectives of the VCWG are aligned with RBM's mandate:
 - **Provide** a forum for the dissemination of the normative and policy-setting guidelines of WHO and best practices for adaptation and implementation by international and country-level partners
 - **Support** the generation and interpretation of evidence to inform global policy and guidelines
 - **Protect** the efficacy of existing tools and stimulate the development of new tools
 - Aim at **coordinating** the support to malaria-affected countries
 - Diverse partners reach a common understanding of the threats and opportunities, learn from each other and develop the necessary **networks** and activities to overcome these challenges

Vector Control Working Group Structure

- ❑ Oldest RBM Working Group
- ❑ Co-chairs:
 - *Keziah Malm (NMCP, Ghana)*
 - *Justin McBeath (Bayer, UK)*
- ❑ Coordinator: Konstantina Boutsika (Swiss TPH)
- ❑ Workstreams with leads
- ❑ The Working Group is currently under restructuring to capitalize on related (but not currently connected) activities within the existing work streams.
- ❑ The aim is to focus the energies on priorities and deliver more tangible outcomes which support the goals of the Working Group.
- ❑ The new structure will be announced in October 2020.

Vector Control Working Group Outputs in the new structure

- ❑ Identify tool gaps or capacity needs & steer research priorities
- ❑ Policy clarification & evaluation pathways
- ❑ Implementation/operational scale-up support / training and capacity building initiatives

Representative involvement of VCWG from 2019

- **LLIN Priorities:** very useful information packages on LLIN access, usage and durability
- **IRS IRM Priorities:** plan the MOOC* on IRM
- **LSM:** co-authorship at the 'Larviciding to prevent malaria transmission', Cochrane review
- **New Tools, New Challenges in VC:** joint symposium with IVCC during the 6th PAMCA meeting on Vector control innovations to drive progress in malaria and other mosquito-borne disease control (September 23-25, 2019 Yaounde, Cameroon)
- **IVM, Evidence and Capacity:** joint workshop with UN Foundation on Vector Control in Humanitarian Emergencies, September 27, 2019, Washington DC
- **VBDs and Built Environment:** grants through the BOVA Network

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15th Annual meeting

- ✓ Over 310 participants from 54 countries, representing all 6 WHO regions
- ✓ All constituencies were represented
 - ✓ 28% affected-country participation
 - ✓ Strong participation from private sector
- ✓ Women engagement in vector control

- ✓ Innovative financial model (meeting registration fee, CHF 300.- per person)
- ✓ Sponsorship of affected country participants
 - ✓ SDC commitment
 - ✓ Exhibition of new vector control tools (industry forum)

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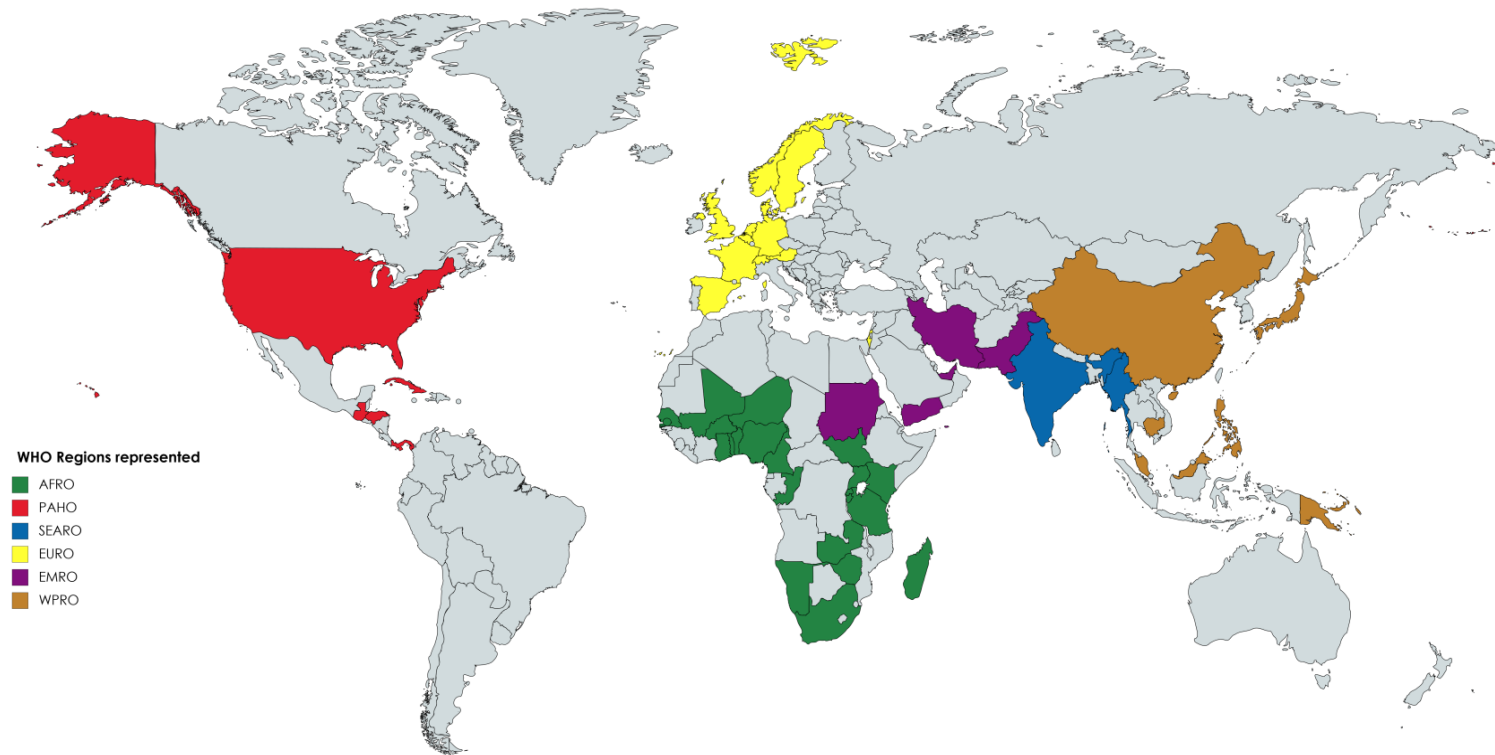
Our annual meeting helps to achieve

1. **Dialogue around best-practice sharing** (a unique blend of constituencies helps to achieve that)
2. **Information dissemination** (e.g. updates from RBM, WHO and others to the VCWG community)
3. **Aligning constituencies on challenges faced in malaria vector control** (and contributing towards evidence creation)
4. **Networking** - a unique concentration of interested parties



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Countries represented during the VCWG-15 meeting



WHO Regions represented

- AFRO
- PAHO
- SEARO
- EURO
- EMRO
- WPRO

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Knowledge sharing

- ❑ Distribution list (over 1700 members worldwide) share updates, publications, news, job advertisements
- ❑ RBM Working Groups web page
 - <https://endmalaria.org/our-work/working-groups/vector-control>
- ❑ E-newsletter twice per year (June and December)
 - **Latest Issue** ---- *RBM VCWG Newsletter June 2020, Issue 6:*
<https://mailchi.mp/e6d5432f1040/rbm-vcwg-newsletter-june-2020>
 - **For previous Issues here:** <https://endmalaria.org/our-work-working-groups/vector-control>
- ❑ Face-to-face annual and side (work stream) meetings

Plans to consider a virtual/hybrid annual meeting in 2021

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Issues for consideration

- Is there any specific topic which you believe it should be included on a panel discussion during the upcoming annual meeting?
- Are there any issues which you would like to bring to the attention of the VCWG?

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