

RBM Vector Control Working Group

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The purpose of the RBM VCWG is to support the implementation of Vector Control Guidance generated by WHO and to harmonise and galvanise those efforts towards achievement of the global malaria elimination targets. The VCWG disseminates the normative and policy-setting guidelines of the World Health Organization (WHO) by helping to translate these norms and standards to international and country-level partners. It also supports the generation of evidence to inform global policy and guidelines, to protect the efficacy of existing tools and stimulate the development of new tools. Aiming at coordinating the support to malaria-affected countries with regard to implementing WHO guidelines, the VCWG provides an essential forum where diverse partners of the vector control community from the public sector, the private sector, research and academia, and civil society, can come together, to reach a common understanding of the threats and opportunities, to learn from each other and to develop the necessary networks and activities to overcome these challenges.

The VCWG has six work streams on **IRS IRM Priorities; LLIN Priorities; Larval Source Management; New Tools New Challenges in Vector Control; IVM, Evidence and Capacity; VBD & the Build Environment.**

Vector control specialists around the world join the VCWG distribution list, which counts 1615 entries as of January 2019, to receive vector control news, project updates, publications, guidelines and job advertisements. The annual meeting welcomes the partners who join on their own costs. As of 2015, a *registration fee of CHF 250* was introduced to cover the rental of the meeting rooms, catering and technical expenses of the annual venue. The participation of selected affected-countries at the annual meetings is ensured via leverage funds*.

This year, the RBM VCWG-14 meeting counts 265 (as of 15.1.2019) participants from 52 countries, representing all 6 WHO regions (AFRO, PAHO, SEARO, EURO, EMRO, WPRO) (Figure 1). Of the 52 countries represented, 16 are malaria free, 4 have the potential to eliminate malaria by 2020 and 32 are still malaria endemic (Figure 2). All constituencies are represented, the majority of the participants are from the private sector (32 %), affected countries (22 %) and research & academia (20 %) (Figure 3). In regards to gender balance, 65% of the participants are male and 35% are female.

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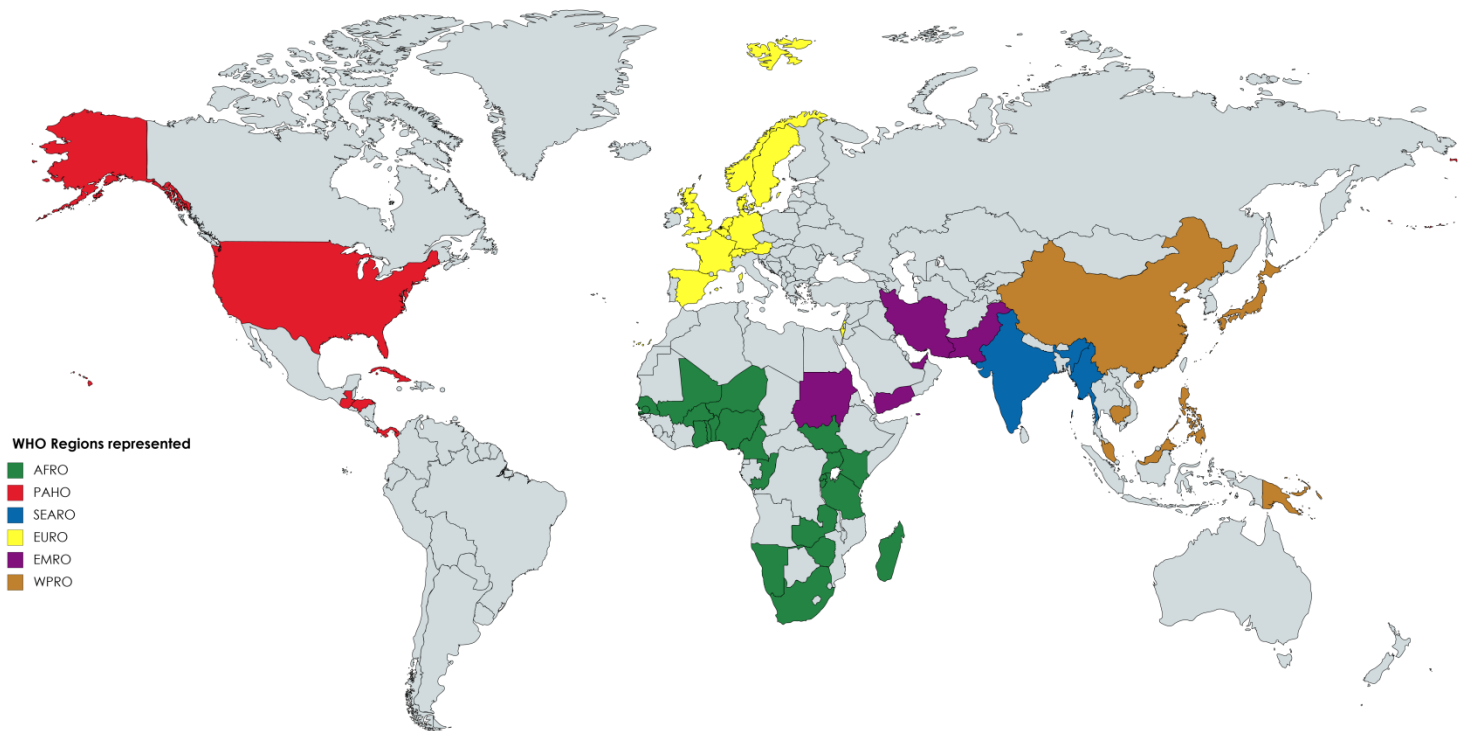
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<https://endmalaria.org/our-work-working-groups/vector-control>

**The selected affected-country participants of the RBM VCWG-14 meeting are sponsored by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Swiss TPH and through the participation of 10 companies to the exhibition on vector control innovation (Arctec, BASF SE, Bayer, Goizper Group, In2Care BV, Leowin Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Mesto Spritzenfabrik, New Mountain Innovations, Inc, Syngenta, Vestergaard).*



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AFRO Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania, The Gambia, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

PAHO Cuba, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, United States of America

SEARO India, Myanmar

EURO Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Israel, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

EMRO Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

WPRO Cambodia, China, Japan, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines

Figure 1: Countries represented in the VCWG-14 meeting

Fig 2: Malaria status of countries represented at VCWG-14

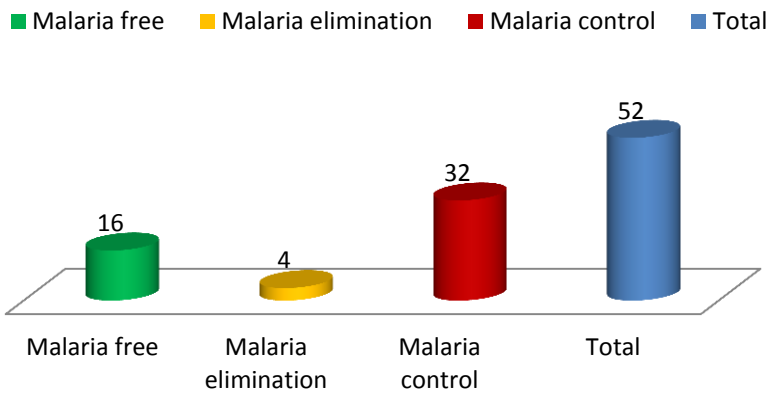


Fig 3: Constituencies represented at the VCWG-14

