

## WARN MISSION IN IVORY COAST

As part of the monitoring of activities included in the 2012 countries roadmap, a mission of the RBM West Africa Regional Network (WARN) was initiated in Côte d'Ivoire from February 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> 2012.

In addition to the WARN Coordination office, many other partners participated to the mission including: the NMCP, the WHO country office, UNICEF local representation, PSI, CARE and finally Speak Up Africa.

Regarding the specific objective of evaluating the roadmap implementation, the mission was able to identify the country different needs in technical assistance. The partners have discussed the implementation process of the Global Fund Round 8 grant within the "No-Cost Extension" phase after meeting the key players involved in the execution of this grant. Recommendations were made to all stakeholders and WARN is committed to provide all necessary technical assistance. The mission worked closely with the editorial board of the review final report. The NMCP had the opportunity to present their findings to the Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Health in the presence of all partners active in the country. It was agreed that a team would work on the report and would share the latest document before Friday, March 2, 2012. The checklist will be signed within the coming weeks.

The joint mission also allowed the partner Speak Up Africa to assess the country's media landscape to determine feasible actions for the greater visibility of Ivory Coast. Moreover, the mobilization of national actors was a key objective of the mission. Meetings were organized with companies such as MTN, Sanofi and DHL to confirm their proven interest in the fight against malaria and to eventually collect the necessary elements for the development of an advocacy action plan for the country. The mission also aimed to assess the possible communication activities for the World Malaria Day in support of the NMCP. Speak Up Africa in collaboration with WARN Coordination Office will be responsible for the elaboration of the different proposals to address to the partners and thus ensure maximum success and visibility of World Malaria Day.

