32\textsuperscript{ND} SMERG MEETING UPDATE

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Streamlining SMERG to fully play its role of coordinating and advisory body to guide actions aimed at improving the malaria surveillance, monitoring, and evaluation system in endemic
4 Objectives of the 32nd SMERG Meeting

**Objective 1**
Discuss and define SMERG technical role in coordinating and harmonizing partners’ efforts and supporting countries in the context of public health emergency

**Objective 2**
To define actions to streamline and better coordinate monitoring and evaluation effort for malaria control and elimination.

**Objective 3**
To discuss and agree on the best strategy to better coordinate and document efforts aimed at improving malaria surveillance and use of the information.

**Objective 4**
To provide update on SMERG affair and the other RBM working groups.
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<td>1.1 Measuring malaria mortality remains a challenge for most countries. This may require a clear guidance on assessing quality of data, analyzing and interpreting trends.</td>
<td>Develop a guidance document on measuring mortality, including assessing quality data, analyzing and interpreting trends</td>
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<td>1.2 Optimizing the role of community health workers in rollout of malaria service delivery, and malaria surveillance</td>
<td>Create a taskforce on community health or assign this to the SP&amp;DQ committee to develop a guidance document</td>
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### Objective 2: Define actions to streamline and better coordinate monitoring and evaluation effort for malaria control and elimination.

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<th>Gather best practices, challenges etc. from the roll-out of the WHO malaria surveillance toolkit and, based on these, develop a technical assistance model for the SMERG</th>
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| 2.2 Coordinating with WHO/GMP:  
- WHO malaria surveillance reference document is undergoing, revision – Coordinate SMERG contribution to the revision.  
- Rollout of WHO malaria data repositories in countries – Any roles for SMERG – supporting use, assessing value added? | SMERG co-chairs to follow up WHO/GMP | 2nd |
Objective 3: To discuss and agree on the best strategy to better coordinate and document efforts aimed at improving malaria surveillance and use of the information

- Need for streamlining and coordinating efforts towards standardizing the collation of information and ensuring communication across all partners and countries
- Ensure that collation of information and information sharing is part of the SP&DQ workplan?

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ACTION ITEMS – Objective 3
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