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The first restructure of the Vector Control Working Group in five years!

A reminder of what the VCWG is all about

The aim of the VCWG is to support the implementation of Vector Control Guidance generated by WHO and to harmonise and galvanise efforts towards malaria elimination targets

This meeting helps to achieve that through:

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 in this room

We have a new structure for VCWG from 2021

Activities of 6 workstreams are now integrated into 3 new ones

UNTIL END 2020

LLIN Priorities

IRS priorities

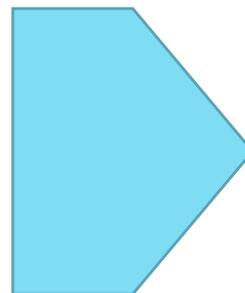
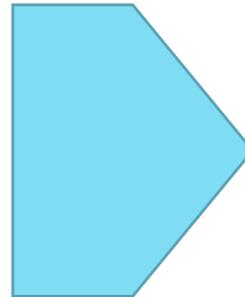
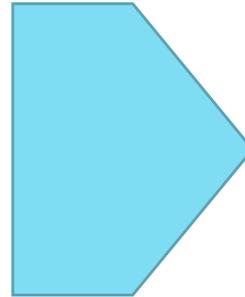
Larval Source Management

New Tools , New Challenges

IVM Evidence and Capacity Building

Insecticide Resistance Management

VBDs and the Built Environment



2021 ONWARDS

Enhancing the Impact of Core Interventions

Expanding the Vector Control Toolbox

Implementing the Global Vector Control Response

A Focus Group on Vector Control in Humanitarian Emergencies is maintained

1. Recognised as an ongoing Focus Group. VCWG to provide platform for initiative sharing and bridging to activities in workstreams
2. Not a formal workstream
3. Each workstream to take into account any specific needs recognised by the Focus Group

Each workstream aligns their workplans under three areas of focus output

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1. Identify gaps, capacity needs and research priorities
2. Policy clarification and evaluation pathways
3. Operational scale up and support

Why these changes?

1. Some common challenges between prior Workstreams (e.g. LLINs and IRS in terms of maximizing coverage, efficiency, efficacy)
2. Workstreams focus on the bigger picture objective (e.g. expanding the VC tool box) rather than individual components (larval source management)
3. Greater opportunity for identifying synergies between related workplans
4. Opportunity, through new Task Force approach for broader engagement of VCWG network

Creation of Task Forces to tackle workplan elements

Task Forces identified to work on specific work-plan topics; Task Force members may be selected from volunteers or from members of VCWG network who are known to work on a topic

Principles for selection of Task Force membership:

For working efficiency the Task Forces need to be limited in size; in order to ensure transparency and fairness in selection of participants for those who have volunteered; we share here the priority of criteria (and other considerations) which have guided that selection:

1. Task Force volunteer has indicated that she/he is currently funded to work on the topic
2. Task Force volunteer has indicated that she/he has specific experience to the topic
3. Availability to contribute
4. Desire to ensure that a diversity of representation is maintained (eg. based on relevant geography, organization type, gender balance)

The scope of the Task Forces will evolve over time and therefore there will be other opportunities in the future for VCWG members to be involved as other Task Forces are identified, relevant to the workplans of the workstreams.