RBM Partnership Working Group on Insecticide Treated Netting Materials (ITNs)

Inaugural Meeting
Palais des Nations, Geneva
September 8 – 9 2003
Agenda – Day 1
Introductory Session

0900 - 1030

- Introductions / Objectives of Meeting
  Cham/de Savigny
- Welcoming remarks from RBM
  Nafo-Traoré
- RBM’s country-focus strategy
  Teuscher
- Setting the stage for the ITNs WG: Milestones so far
  de Savigny
- Starting line: Latest from the M&E Initiatives
  Miller / Lines
- Late breaking news on national scale-ups of ITNs
  Participants

Responsible
Our meeting objectives...

1. Review and finalize Terms of Reference for the RBM WG on ITNs

2. Determine and agree on deliverable WG products for the next two years

3. Develop the WG’s work plan and budget for the first 12 months
Setting the stage for the RBM Working Group on ITNs

Milestones so far....
Critical Path of ITNs Research and Implementation

- **Efficacy**
- **Effectiveness**
- **Changing Norms**

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Milestones so far...

  - 4 historic large-scale mortality trials completed
  - 1st International Implementation Workshop held

- **TDR ITNs Task force for Operational Research (1995-1998)**
  - Over 20 implementation research projects supported
  - Home treatment kits developed & tested
  - Social-marketing and vouchers pioneered
  - 1st International ITNs Conference held

- **RBM Technical Support Network for ITNs (1998-2003)**
  - 2nd International ITNs Conference held; advocates going to scale
  - Successful advocacy; Abuja Declaration – April 2000
  - 15 countries developed National ITNs strategic plans
  - Other countries feature ITNs prominently in their strategic plans
  - Progress on taxes & tariffs in 17 countries
  - **ITNs Guidelines developed:**
    - ITNs manual for national control program managers
    - Simplified guidelines for insecticide treatment of materials
    - Netting specifications published
    - Strategic Framework for Scaling-up ITN Programmes in Africa
Strategic framework for partners

**PUBLIC SECTOR**
- National generic demand creation
- Consumer protection & regulatory issues
- Create enabling environment (e.g. taxes)
- Research

**COMMERCIAL SECTOR**
- Brand-specific demand creation
- Product development
- Distribution to general population at commercial price

**Demand creation**
- Behaviour change
- Transitional opening up of markets: Market priming
- Local demand creation
- Additional niche supply to special target populations e.g. refugees

**NGOs**
- Bring partners together

**Consumer information**
Milestones so far...

- RBM Partnership Working Group on ITNs – A rolling start...
  - Scaling-up ITNs
    - WG established March 2003
    - Legacy of the last TSN work plan pursued
    - Satellite group on Monitoring & Evaluation Indicators already started work
    - Satellite group on Targeted Subsidies (Workshop, Lusaka)
    - Regional workshops on framework for scaling-up ITNs (Libreville, Harare)
    - LLINs development being monitored/promoted

- First meeting of core members of the partnership (September 8-9 2003) to chart the next steps
Striking a balance between subsidized and commercial strategies
WG for Scaling up ITNs: Deliverable product groups

- Strategic & tactical frameworks (8)
  - Includes targeted subsidies, etc
- Enabling environment & best practices (4)
  - Includes taxes, tariffs, regulatory issues
- Indicators & methods for M&E (5)
  - Includes secondary analysis, dissemination
- LLIN standards & monitoring (9)
  - Includes forecasting, procurement, supply issues
  - (All include identification of implementation research questions)

- Plus secretariat hosting, funding & management
Call for expressions of interest to host the Secretariat for the RBM Partnership Working Group on Scaling-up ITNs

- Develop terms of reference for Secretariat to include:
  - Functions (e.g.)
    - Manage resources provided by RBM Secretariat and other donors
    - Provision of FTEs for WG coordinator and support staff
    - Logistical and secretarial support to WG secretariat
    - Host/organize meetings of core group and satellite groups
    - Manage conference calls for WG
    - Manage web based, list-serve or e-mail communication among for the WG membership for WG activities
    - Conduct regular monitoring of WG activities
    - Provide regular updates to WG
    - Prepare and distribute meeting reports
    - Follow-up recommendations of the WG
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- Develop terms of reference for Secretariat to include:
  - Describe selection process and review criteria
  - Review process
  - Time frame – 2 year periods (assumes WHO continues as Secretariat for the next year).
  - Backup selection
  - Circulate within core group.