**RBM MIP Working Group meeting, April 14, 2021**

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Agenda Items:**

1. **Update on Call to Action**
   1. Technical webinars
      1. MiP M&E Brief held in January
         1. There was feedback on the brief raised by WHO about differences between WHO brief and MiP WG brief in order to provide clarity and avoid confusion around population based vs. facility indicators. Hope to finalize this by mid-May
      2. Community Engagement held in April
   2. OAFLAD: Submitted concept note with long-term engagement plan for First Ladies
      1. Still waiting for formal feedback
      2. Leadership of OAFLAD recently changed so this may take time
2. Partner Updates based on MiP WG 2021 work plan

***See updated workplan attachment sent with meeting minutes for additional updates***

* 1. Activity 1.1: ANC training manual is based on current WHO recommendations with the 8 contact model
  2. Activity 2.1: 1st trimester ACTs. It will be reviewed again by the Guideline Development Group (GDG) on malaria chemotherapy, based on results of the updated systematic review by LSTM, probably in June-July.
  3. Activity 3.1: Looking at using WhatsApp platform to connect country-level MiP TWGs
     1. Increased collaboration across countries is included in many GF proposals
        1. During grant implementation the GF can look into opportunities for collaboration, but depends on countries to follow up
        2. Need very specific actionable items to move things forward

1. Other Updates:
   1. TIPTOP: In Nigeria C-IPTp is being implemented in 3 districts
      1. ISGlobal is conducting key research studies and will begin endline studies this year.
      2. The SP drug resistance study will have baseline, mid-term and endline samples collected by ISGlobal for lab analysis.
         1. The originally selected lab is no longer able to support this so WHO is undergoing a contracting process with a newly identified lab to complete the required analysis. Baseline/endline results are expected end 2021.
   2. COVID-19 Mitigation: Global Fund received $3.5 billion from USG and $140 million from Germany for COVID 19 mitigation
      1. Allocation letters have been sent to every country with 15% of grant allocation plus potential 15% extra for disease mitigation. It does not cover MiP specifically, i.e.: malaria commodities, but includes funds for mitigation of Covid on health
         1. Covers vaccines, oxygen, LLIN campaigns, PPE, handwashing stations, etc.
         2. GF conducted briefing for SSA countries yesterday
   3. Is there any guidance from WHO on COVID vaccines in pregnancy?
      1. There is an ongoing study on the mRNA vaccines in pregnancy in the U.S.
      2. Please see the following page on the WHO website: <https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/coronavirus-disease-(covid-19)-vaccines-safety>
         1. “Is it safe for pregnant women, those planning to become pregnant, and breastfeeding mothers to receive COVID-19 vaccines?
            1. Based on what we know about these vaccines, we don’t have any specific reason to believe there will be risks that would outweigh the benefits of vaccination for pregnant women. While pregnancy puts women at higher risk of severe COVID-19, very little data are available to assess vaccine safety in pregnancy.
            2. For this reason, those pregnant women at high risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 (e.g., health workers) or who have comorbidities which add to their risk of severe disease may be vaccinated in consultation with their health care provider.
            3. It is not yet clear whether COVID-19 vaccines can be excreted through breastfeeding. To determine the best course of action, the developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother’s clinical need for immunization against COVID-19. WHO does not recommend discontinuing breastfeeding after vaccination”
2. Annual Meeting Planning
   1. Decided to do a virtual meeting instead of in-person given the COVID realities
   2. Conducted poll to determine preferred topics, dates, time commitment
      1. Oct 6-8 is the next MPAG meeting so these dates should not be considered
3. World Malaria Day
   1. The WG sent out some key MiP messages
      1. These are being translated into French and updated messages will be shared at the end of this week, with some photo tiles to add visuals to the messaging.

**ACTION: We would appreciate partners sharing these messages through their social media channels and professional networks to promote MiP efforts**

1. **Presentation:** Malaria & Gender Action Community update, *Michal Fishman, Managing Director, Global Strategic Communications, Malaria No More*

***Please see slide presentation attached with meeting minutes***

As a reminder, ways to get engaged are as follows:

* Advocate
  + WHO Global Technical Strategy Update (Note: GTS update has been shared with Member States for review. It will be finalized following the WHA and WHO anticipates publishing in June.)
  + Generation Equality Forum (June)
  + Commonwealth Heads of GovernmentKigali Summit on Malaria & NTDs (June)
* Raise your/your organization’s voice
  + Draw the Line Against Malaria campaign (now –June)
  + “Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world.” (International Women’s Day; World Malaria Day)
* Get involved
  + Join our action community
  + Share lessons and best practices

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