



Twenty-third Meeting of the RBM Partnership
Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group (MERG)

17-19 September 2014
Oxford, United Kingdom
Malmaison Oxford

AGENDA

Objectives:

1. Discuss refocusing of global strategies
2. Review efforts to further strengthen capacity for M&E of malaria in endemic countries
3. Examine data needs to better inform malaria control efforts in a changing epidemiologic environment
4. Discuss and define a strategy to better communicate M&E efforts
5. Discuss MERG business issues

Wednesday, 17 September 2014

Morning Chair: Abdisalan Noor, KEMRI-Wellcome Trust

9:30–9:45am Welcome and introductions (*Jui Shah, MEASURE Evaluation*)

9:45–10:15am Building a new MERG: Overview of meeting themes and goals (*MERG Co-Chairs*)

10:15–10:30am *Coffee/tea break*

Objective 1: Discuss refocusing of global strategies

Expected outputs:

- Address M&E needs in these strategies
- Develop a framework for GMAP indicators

10:30–11:00am Overview of Global Technical Strategy for Malaria (*Richard Cibulskis, WHO*)

11:00–11:30am Overview of Global Malaria Action Plan (*Helen Prytherch, consultant to RBM*)

11:30–12:30am Discussion on M&E needs and indicators in global strategies (*Abdisalan Noor, KEMRI-Wellcome Trust*)

12:30–2:00pm Lunch

Afternoon chair: *Alastair Robb, DFID*

Objective 2: Review efforts to further strengthen capacity for M&E of malaria in endemic countries

Expected outputs:

- Develop a framework and action plan for M&E capacity assessment

2:00–2:45pm Regional capacity for M&E of malaria
WARN (*Anthony Oforu, Ghana Health Service*)
EARN (*Selam Mihreteab, NMCP Eritrea*)

2:45–3:15pm Baseline capacity assessment for malaria M&E in Kenya (*Abdinasir Amin, ICF International and Ann Buff, CDC*)

3:15–3:45pm Coffee/tea break

3:45–4:00pm Achievements and challenges: Training courses on M&E of Malaria (*Yazoume Ye, MEASURE Evaluation/ICF International*)

4:00–5:00pm Discussion on regional progress and remaining challenges (*Abdisalan Noor, KEMRI-Wellcome Trust*)

5:00–5:15pm Revival of capacity building task force (*MERG Co-Chairs*)

5:15–5:30pm Wrap-up and preview of Day 2 (*Erin Eckert, USAID*)

5:30pm End of Day 1

6:00–7:00pm Optional social outing: Punting

Thursday, 18 September 2014

Morning chair: Yazoume Ye, MEASURE Evaluation

Objective 3: Examine data needs to better inform malaria control efforts in a changing epidemiologic environment

Expected outputs:

- Develop guidance on malaria biomarkers, particularly in low transmission settings
- Refine guidance and indicators on case management in different transmission settings

9:00–9:30am	Results from DHS 7 questionnaire revision (<i>Fred Arnold, The DHS Program</i>)
9:30–10:10am	Use and interpretation of biomarkers in large surveys
10:10–10:30am	Special initiative on country data systems (<i>Ryuichi Komatsu, Global Fund</i>)
10:30–11:00am	Coffee/tea break
11:00–11:40am	Indicators for case management (<i>Mike Lynch, WHO</i>)
11:40am–12:00pm	Using facility-based data for malaria control (<i>Erin Eckert, USAID</i>)
12:00–1:00pm	Discussion on data needs and relevant guidance (<i>Rick Steketee, PATH</i>)
1:00–2:30pm	Lunch

Afternoon chair: Anthony Ofosu, Ghana Health Service

Objective 4: Discuss and define a strategy to better communicate M&E efforts

Expected outputs:

- Develop framework and action plan on communicating data, results, and related messages

2:30–2:45pm	P&I Series update (<i>Eric Mouzin, RBM</i>)
2:45–3:00pm	Communicating results: Lessons learned from the Intervention Coverage Measurement Group (<i>Thom Eisele, Tulane University</i>)
3:00–3:15pm	Disseminating new BCC indicators and developing BCC research priorities (<i>Thom Eisele, Tulane University</i>)
3:15–3:30pm	ITN coverage estimates in the World Malaria Report (<i>Pete Gething, University of Oxford</i>)
3:30–4:00pm	Coffee/tea break

- 4:00–4:30pm A multi-country initiative on strengthening use of data for malaria decision making (*David Schellenberg, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine*)
- 4:30–5:00pm Update on SME TEG (*Richard Cibulskis, WHO*)
- 5:00–5:15pm Wrap-up and preview of Day 3 (*Erin Eckert, USAID*)
- 5:15pm *End of Day 2*

Friday, 19 September 2014

Morning Chair: Erin Eckert, USAID

Objective 5: Discuss MERG business issues

Expected outputs:

- Summarize general plans and specific action items for MERG
- Draft MERG workplan 2014-2015
- Create task forces to carry out specific action items

- 9:00–10:30am MERG and SME TEG synergy (*MERG Co-Chairs*)
- 10:30–10:45am *Coffee/tea break*
- 10:45am–12:00pm MERG action items and workplan (*MERG Co-Chairs*)
- 12:00pm *End of Meeting*
- 12:00–1:30pm *Lunch*