

## Thirtieth Meeting of the RBM Partnership Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group (MERG)

5-7 June, 2019  
Accra, Ghana  
Kempinski Hotel

### AGENDA

#### Objectives:

1. Discuss malaria surveillance, monitoring, and evaluation (SME) progress and challenges in moderate and high-burden countries
2. Define measurement needs to monitor change in quality of malaria interventions
3. Share experiences, best practices, and lessons learned on using strategic information to improve quality of malaria programming
4. Examine developments in measuring progress along the malaria transmission continuum
5. Address RBM and MERG business issues

#### Wednesday, 5 June 2019

*Morning Chair:* Medoune Ndiop, Senegal NMCP, MERG Co-chair

8:30–9:00am Participant registration (*Allison Schmale, MEASURE Evaluation*)

9:00–9:15am Opening remarks and welcome (*Program Manager, Ghana NMCP*)

9:15–9:30am Overview of goals and meeting agenda (*MERG Co-Chairs*)

#### **Objective 1: Discuss SME progress and challenges in moderate and high-burden countries**

9:30–10:00am High burden, high impact: Progress update (*Ebenezer Baba, WHO*)

10:00–10:30am Current interventions implemented in high burden countries: Scale of projects, the Ghana example (*Keziah Malm, NMCP Ghana*)

10:30–11:00am Increased program coverage and trends in morbidity and mortality: Why malaria trends are not improving? (*Yacouba Savadogo, NCMP Burkina Faso*)

11:00–11:30am *Coffee/tea break*

11:30am–12:00pm Technical instruments used in measuring coverage: Are they suitable? (*Ruth Ashton, MEASURE Evaluation*)

12:00–1:00pm Discussion on the main challenges faced by the NMCPs with regards to implementing interventions with sufficient quality (*Erin Eckert, PMI*)

1:00–2:00pm Lunch

Afternoon chair: Yazoume Ye, MEASURE Evaluation

**Objective 2: Define measurement needs to address quality of malaria interventions**

2:00–2:30pm Surveillance, monitoring, and evaluation approaches to ensure quality measurement of key program indicators (*Arantxa Roca-Feltrer, Malaria Consortium*)

2:30–3:00pm Do current SME systems address the NMCP needs: Experiences implementing continuous improvement and adaptive learning onto programs (*Arantxa Roca-Feltrer, Malaria Consortium*)

3:00–3:30pm Coffee/tea break

3:30–4:00pm Toward using malaria data in DHIS2: How can we confidently measure burden and progress? Overview of a desktop tool to assess malaria data quality (*Anna Bowen, CDC*)

4:00–5:00pm Discussion on what questions do NMCPs need to answer regarding coverage and quality of interventions and what type of data would answer those questions (*Michael Humes, PMI*)

5:00pm End of Day 1

## Thursday, 6 June 2019

Morning chair: Erin Eckert, PMI

### Objective 3: Share experiences, best practices, and lessons learned on using strategic information to improve quality of malaria programming

9:00–9:30am	HMIS Task Force: Landscape and recommendations of DQA Tools ( <i>Michael Hainsworth, PATH</i> )
9:30–10:00am	SOP Task Force: Progress and future plans ( <i>Michael Hainsworth, PATH</i> )
10:00–10:30am	NMCP perspective in measurement and data improvement tools to improve quality of malaria interventions ( <i>Wahjib Mohammed, NMCP Ghana</i> )
10:30–11:00am	Coffee/tea break
11:00am–12:00pm	Discussion on tools available for SME and ownership of them by NMCPs ( <i>Arnaud Le Menach, CHAI</i> )
12:00–1:30pm	Lunch

Afternoon chair: Thom Eisele, Tulane University

### Objective 4: Examine developments in measuring progress along the malaria transmission continuum

1:30–2:00pm	Revisions to the core malaria questions in population based surveys, updates from The DHS Program ( <i>Cameron Taylor, The DHS Program</i> )
2:00–2:30pm	Assessing impact in low and moderate transmission settings ( <i>Ruth Ashton, Tulane MEASURE Evaluation and Debra Prosnitz, ICF/MEASURE Evaluation</i> )
2:30–3:00pm	Linking routine data with population based data to optimize measurement of progress along the malaria transmission continuum ( <i>Punam Amratia, MAP</i> )
3:00–3:30pm	Coffee/tea break
3:30–4:00pm	NMCPs' perspective on measuring progress along the continuum – What would they want to see? ( <i>Thierry Franchard, NMCP Madagascar</i> )
4:00–5:00pm	Discussion on the way forward regarding potential tools and steps needed to embed those tools in NMCPs ( <i>Thom Eisele, Tulane University</i> )
5:00pm	End of Day 2

## Friday, 7 June 2019

Morning Chair: Arantxa Roca-Feltrer, Malaria Consortium

### Objective 5: Address RBM and MERG business issues

9:00–9:15am	SMC Task Force: Progress and future plans ( <i>Louise Maranda, Malaria Consortium</i> )
9:15–9:30am	IRS Task Force: Progress and future plans ( <i>Christelle Gogue, PATH</i> )
9:30-10:00am	Update from other RBM Working Groups ( <i>Ebenezer Baba, Case Management Working Group; Gladys Tetteh, MIP Working Group; TBD, Multi-Sectoral Working Group; Dr. Bolanle Olapeju, SBCC Working Group; Dr. Keziah Malm, Vector Control Working Group</i> )
10:00am–12:00pm	<i>Working session for Task Forces Coffee/tea break</i>
12:00–12:15pm	Review action items for MERG ( <i>Allison Schmale, MEASURE Evaluation</i> )
12:15–12:30pm	Wrap-up and conclusion ( <i>MERG Co-Chairs</i> )
12:30pm	<i>End of Meeting</i>
12:30–1:30pm	<i>Lunch</i>