**RBM MIP Working Group meeting, April 9, 2020**

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Agenda Items:**

1. **Introduction of new co-Chair:**
   1. Elections: The MiP WG held elections since Elaine’s term came to an end.
      1. Julie Gutman from CDC was nominated uncontested and will be replacing Elaine as the new co-Chair.
      2. Normally handover would occur during the MiP WG annual meeting, but instead we are moving forward with this virtually.
   2. Outgoing Chair: A huge thank you to Elaine for everything she has done over the years for the WG
      1. Elaine’s commitment, leadership, and technical support for many years is appreciated by all
      2. Elaine has been one of the driving members of the group and we would like her to please continue as an integral member of the WG
         1. She has left big shoes to fill
         2. We are sad to not be able to recognize her contributions to the WG in person
         3. Elaine vows to continue to collaborate to support WG efforts
   3. Incoming Chair:
      1. We welcome Julie warmly as the new co-Chair
         1. Julie is a very active WG member with a lot of expertise to contribute
         2. It’s been a joy working with Julie and we have all learned so much from her so we’re delighted to have her as a new co-Chair
2. **COVID-19**
3. MiP guidance for countries:
   1. MiP WG task force has drafted guidance for countries
      1. These are pulled largely from what has already been published by WHO
      2. They provide a summary of recommendations for MiP and highlight recommendations for ANC
      3. We will use RBM platform to help disseminate this guidance to countries
      4. ANC/IPTp are both part of essential services and it’s recommended these continue during the pandemic with as many safeguards as possible
         1. Waiting for more inputs from MH team
      5. Will circulate draft to larger WG once fully compiled
4. Maternal Health:
   1. WHO has received many requests from countries regarding how to continue routine maternal health care services during COVID
   2. The MCH WHO group has been working on determining a specific package that should be provided by countries with new guidance on how to maintain essential services
      1. This is very high level guidance so there is still a need to address the specifics of ANC provision
   3. Issues in interpreting some WHO messaging/guidance
      1. Strong advice from WHO leadership to ensure guidance given by countries is clear and linked to WHO guidance
5. Community IPTp (C-IPTp):
   1. TIPTOP was designed to test the approach of C-IPTp with the aim to increase IPTp3 uptake in 4 countries and build an evidence base for WHO.
      1. TIPTOP developed a project brief with partners WHO, MMV, ISGlobal
         1. Aim of brief is to contextualize global COVID guidance
            1. Overview of COVID; general measures for protection
            2. Useful tips for community delivery of IPTp around different components of IPTp (community meetings, household visits, etc.)
         2. Available in English and French: <https://www.tiptopmalaria.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/TIPTOPCOVID-19-Guidelines-Final.pdf>
      2. Delivery of SP is still happening in all 4 TIPTOP countries, but also being adapted and contextualized to COVID
6. Discussion:
7. Q: Is there going to be guidance for health care workers working at ANC?
8. Response:
   1. There is already some guidance on the WHO website for this
      1. It is being updated regularly so it is worth looking at it often
   2. The brief developed by the WG will include information on separate waiting areas for sick people/pregnant women; ensuring there is a triage system, etc.
      1. It includes links to these resources from WHO and aims to be a practical guide about how ANC can be done safely
   3. Some countries are closing private facilities, but private facilities should be considered when sharing information and working with partners on this
9. Useful links:
   1. Global Fund Guidance: <https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/covid-19/>
   2. The COVID-19 Risk Communication Package For Healthcare Facilities: <https://iris.wpro.who.int/handle/10665.1/14482>
   3. Guidance for health workers: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance/health-workers>
   4. Rational use of personal protective equipment (PPE) for coronavirus disease (COVID-19) Interim guidance 19 March 2020: <https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/331498/WHO-2019-nCoV-IPCPPE_use-2020.2-eng.pdf>
   5. Maintaining Essential Services: <https://www.who.int/publications-detail/covid-19-operational-guidance-for-maintaining-essential-health-services-during-an-outbreak>
10. Other materials/partner efforts:
    1. Uganda has developed something related to COVID
    2. SBCC WG is producing a supplement to the GMP guidance that came out, in collaboration with RBM.
       1. This should be ready next week and will be circulated
       2. During the SBCC call this week they asked members to share materials developed around COVID and will set up a way to share this with all WGs.
    3. There is a WHO group/ task force working on community services including communication.
       1. Hoping this will come out next week.
    4. Malaria Consortium is planning a study in Uganda looking at COVID and malaria in hospitalized patients
    5. Nigeria: In addition to rapid response, the MOH is also using SMS to encourage hand washing, social distancing, etc.
       1. They are also developing SBCC materials on how to handle COVID in all regions.
11. **World Malaria Day (WMD) and Update on Call to Action**
12. Call to Action: A 5 year renewal of Call to Action for IPTp
    1. Sub group developing a communications plan with a staged rollout
    2. Call to Action Efforts/Deliverables:
       1. Video: IMPACT Malaria is developing an MiP advocacy video for a general audience around IPTp for WMD
       2. MiP Infographic: The infographic developed several years ago is being updated and will target an audience of decision makers.
          1. English version should be ready in time for WMD and French version soon after that.
       3. Article: London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine is working on an article: *MiP in the context of malaria elimination agenda, including East Asia*.
          1. This is a work in progress and will not be ready by WMD.
13. WMD:
    1. Jhpiego is creating a package of stories from its malaria portfolio and will post these to the website and share them through social media channels
14. **WG Updates**
15. Annual Meeting: The meeting scheduled for April 29 – May 1 in Geneva has been canceled.
    * 1. The co-Chairs are currently looking into other options for the meeting, including potentially a larger meeting at ASTMH in November in Toronto