**RBM MIP Working Group meeting, May 15, 2017**

**Meeting Minutes**

Participants:

1. Julie Gutman, CDC
2. Jenny Hill, LSTM
3. Kristen Vibbert, MCSP/Jhpiego
4. Elaine Roman, MCSP/Jhpiego
5. Matt Chico, LSTMH
6. Valentina Buj, UNICEF
7. Barbara Rawlins, MCSP/Jhpiego
8. Lisa Nichols, Abt Associates
9. Mike Toso, HC3
10. Erin Ferenchick, The Global Fund
11. Barney McManigal, WWARN
12. Bill Brieger, Jhpiego
13. Mary Nell Wegner, MHTF
14. Sr. Wani Lahai, NMCP, Sierra Leone
15. Maddie Marasciulo, Malaria Consortium
16. Pascal Magnussen, University of Copenhagen
17. Silvia Schwarte, WHO
18. Anna Lucas, ISGlobal

**Agenda Items:**

1. **MERG Update**, ***Barbara Rawlins, Team Lead Monitoring and Evaluation Team, Jhpiego/MCSP***

The MERG Meeting took place in Geneva in March. It was a great discussion of how different WGs will coordinate with the new RBM structure moving forward.

Two key takeaways:

1. Identified a small group within the MERG that is interested in working to look at some of the products the MERG is producing from an MiP perspective. This group is interested in getting engaged with the MiPWG to create an M&E brief to complement the existing M&E Guide that is a bit outdated given the new ANC Guidelines, and place a bigger focus on MiP.
2. There is a new malaria module under development for DHIS2 and it includes info on case management. This could serve as a job aid for country programs using DHIS2. During the MERG meeting they learned that the case management part of the module doesn’t have a disaggregator for pregnancy status. Barbara asked at the meeting if it would be possible to add this and Elaine and Viviana are following up with Brian Williams at WHO to see if this is possible.

*Discussion:*

Even if this is added to the module, it is not captured as such in the registers so the registers would need to be updated as well and this is a very long process.

* If the module comes out without the disaggregator, it gives the impression that it is not important so even if it takes time to change the registers, it at least serves as a model of how countries should be structuring their DHIS2.
* This is an opportunity to show that WHO feels this is important and that this is an expectation of countries.
* If we don’t advocate for this now, it is a missed opportunity, irrespective of country ability at this time to capture this data. We need to show that this is something that needs to be prioritized. The work we are supporting in countries collectively is a great way to reinforce this.

*Moving forward:*

* Need to follow up on the module and on the brief for M&E using an MiP lens.
  + Which partners would be interested in being part of a smaller core team to develop the brief? This would be similar to the process we’ve used to develop products in the past and this would be a companion document with the MERG.
    - Jenny Hill, Matt Chico, Julie Gutman, Sr. Wani Lahai have all volunteered to be a part of this group.

***ACTION: Any other individuals who would like to be part of this group can email Elaine and Viviana.***

Next Steps:

* Barbara will develop a first draft of an outline by June 2nd
* The draft outline will be shared with core group members from both MiP WG and the MERG
* Then there will be an initial combined teleconference to discuss revisions and how to move forward

1. **Annual Meeting Update**

**Agenda:**

* *Draft:* A small group has developed a draft agenda which has been shared with a few partners. This feedback will be incorporated and then the updated draft will be shared with the WG. We’re trying to build a strong agenda now based on what we know is happening and what we are expecting to happen this year.

***ACTION: If you have not received a Save the Date for the meeting in September, please reach out to Elaine, Viviana and Kristen.***

* *Partner Products:* If possible, we’d like to do a product marketplace during the meeting where new tools/products are presented at tables and where participants can have smaller group discussions about them. This will depend on the number of products to showcase.

***ACTION: Please send any products/tools that support MiP programming or any major partner updates that you would like to share at the Annual Meeting, to Elaine, Viviana, and Kristen.***

1. **Update on Webinar: 2016 WHO Antenatal Care Recommendations and their implications for Malaria in Pregnancy Programming**

* This was a joint webinar with WHO, the Maternal and Child Survival Program and the MiP WG.
* The webinar highlighted the new ANC guidelines and the impact on MiP programming. There were over 70 participants with some very rich discussion at the end.
* If you were not able to attend the webinar, you can access the recording using this link: <https://connect.johnshopkins.edu/p1q179igf52/>.

1. **WHO ANC MiP Briefer**

This is an MiP Brief in the context of the updated WHO ANC guidelines

* The briefer is now finalized. We are waiting on one or two organizations to finalize their internal processes to get approval for use of their logos so they can be added to the final product.
* Once the brief is ready, together with WHO and WG partners, we will work to disseminate the briefer to countries to provide guidance for adapting the guidelines to their country context.

1. **Updates to WG Terms of Reference:**

We were asked to review these. Viviana and Kristen participated in a meeting of WG leads to discuss the updates needed based on the new RBM structure.

We will share the final TOR once we have feedback from RBM.

1. **Partner Updates:**
2. ***Wani Lahai, NMPC Sierra Leone***

Adopted an MiP communication strategy for IPTp and they now have a baseline for IPTp3 and they would like the national strategic plan to include more frequent dosing of IPTp3. The correct dosing and procurement of folic acid is a concern in many countries and the updated ANC guidelines help to provide additional clarity on this. This warrants additional discussionduring our Annual Meeting because it’s an important time to look at some of the challenges that have consistently remained over the years, such as folic acid.

1. ***Matt Chico, LSTHM***

* The cardio safety trial continues in Tanzania.
* Recruitment is expected to be complete by the end of 2017 with preliminary results available in the first quarter of 2018.

1. ***Julie Gutman, CDC***

* IPTp-SP vs. DP trial looking at adverse outcomes in women receiving SP vs. DP in Malawi
* Had hoped to finish recruitment by end of 2017, but will probably need to go into 2018.

1. ***Jenny Hill, LSTM***

* LSTM is leading two multi-country clinical trials on IPTp DP with or without Azithromycin co-funded by EDCTP and the MRC:
  + HIV uninfected women (Kenya, Malawi and Tanzania)
  + HIV infected women (Kenya and Malawi)

1. ***Mike Toso, HC3***

* The SBCC WG Annual Meeting will be taking place July 11th-13th in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. A call for abstracts for any projects with evidence contributing to the malaria SBCC community has just gone out. Abstracts are due May 19th. Please consider joining the meeting by registering at the following link: [www.malaria-meeting.org](http://www.malaria-meeting.org)