



Partnership
To End Malaria

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Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group Update

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Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group Purpose

The purpose of the RBM Partnership to End Malaria's Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group (RBM MERG) is to facilitate alignment of partners on strategies and "best practices" in surveillance, monitoring, and evaluation (SME) of malaria control and elimination programs. It also identifies emerging questions and needs related to the implementation of SME initiatives, communicates these to appropriate partners, and brainstorms solutions.

Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group Terms of Reference:

English: https://endmalaria.org/sites/default/files/RBM-WG-MERG-TORs_1.pdf

French: <https://endmalaria.org/sites/default/files/MERG-TdR-1.pdf>

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Main Functions

- The main objectives of the MERG are aligned with RBM's mandate:
 - **Convene:** MERG brings together individuals and partners who are well versed in SME and have the ability to advise on, advocate for improved SME for the RBM Partnership
 - **Coordinate:** MERG is a forum to coordinate efforts in malaria SME
 - **Facilitate Communication:** MERG is a forums for communication and mutual learning.

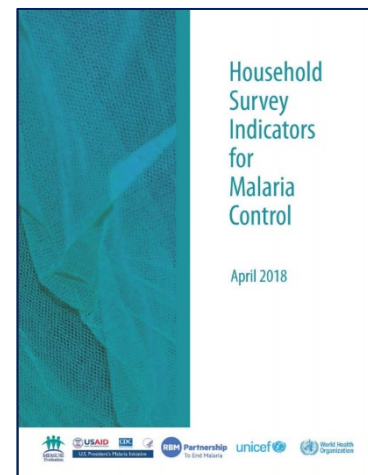
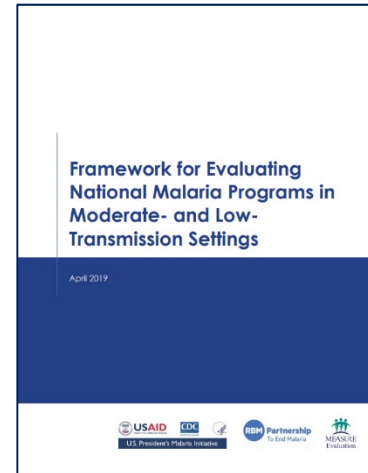
Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group Structure

- Co-chairs:
 - *Arantxa Roca-Feltrer (Malaria Consortium, UK)*
 - *Médoune Ndiop (NMCP, Senegal)*
 - ****Current elections underway****
- Coordinator: Allison Schmale (MEASURE Evaluation/ICF, USA)
- Task Forces
 - Evaluation
 - Health Management Information Systems (HMIS)
 - Indoor Residual Spraying
 - SOP/Surveillance
 - Seasonal Malaria Chemotherapy

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Recent Products

- ❑ *Framework for Evaluating National Malaria Programs in Moderate and Low Transmission Settings*
- ❑ *Framework for Evaluating National Malaria Programs in Moderate and Low Transmission Settings: Aide Memoire*
- ❑ *Household Survey Indicators for Malaria Control, April 2018*



Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group 30th Annual Meeting

□ June 5-7, 2019 in Accra, Ghana

- Optional study tour June 4, 2019 to visit malaria surveillance system sites in areas surrounding Accra

□ **Theme:** Discuss Malaria surveillance, monitoring, and evaluation progress and challenges in moderate and high-burden countries

- Updated partners and NMCP participants on current activities in malaria SME regarding the theme
- Overview of available tools and guidance for malaria SME
- Discussions around SME challenges, NMCP needs for better SME, and next steps to address these within the MERG

- Report:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1PyvASWE2htMMmEA6VjHgurDsunjZ6BsQ>

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Next Steps

- Members take on action items developed during the meeting; this includes:
 - Developing guidance for SME
 - Creating SOPs
 - Promote collaboration with other working groups
 - Facilitate communications and participation with NMCPs
- MERG Secretariat supports task force meetings to aid in collaboration between partners on action items
- Provide updates on action items at the next MERG meeting

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Meeting Overall Objectives

1. **Harmonize SME activities** to leverage partner resources and avoid duplicating efforts
2. **Identify and prioritize** actions for county, regional, and global SME work
3. **Identify critical SME bottlenecks** and organizing specific task forces to address the challenges and provide recommendations
4. **Promote operational research** to support evidence-based, efficient program implementation and use of the SME tools
5. **Identify and recommend strategies** for capacity building in SME
6. **Develop and maintain consensus** around SME strategies across partners and institutions
7. **Monitor changing needs for SME** as country programs, and the RBM partnership itself evolve



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Upcoming 31st Annual Meeting

- ❑ **April 29-May 1, 2020, Bangkok, Thailand**
 - Optional study tour April 28, 2020 TBD
- ❑ **Anticipated theme: includes discussing *Plasmodium vivax* and elimination and how to transfuse lessons learned in low transmission areas to the Africa region.**
- ❑ **We welcome your participation 😊**

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Knowledge sharing

- ❑ **To subscribe to the MERG Newsletter, email rbmmerg@gmail.com**
- ❑ Distribution list of over 600 M&E professionals worldwide
- ❑ RBM MERG website
 - ❑ <https://endmalaria.org/our-work-working-groups/monitoring-and-evaluation>
- ❑ Annual and side task force meetings supported as needed
- ❑ Monthly newsletter to share job postings, research articles, and updates from the MERG

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