

**Brief on Malaria Review and Planning Meeting for East and Southern Africa
Jointly organized by WHO IST (ESAMC), EARN, SARN and the HWG.
6 – 9 July 2009, Windhoek, Namibia**

Introduction:

With a little more than 1.5 years remaining to achieve the 2010 Universal Coverage targets now is the time to review country progress towards the targets and to assess which countries are on track to achieve the targets and which countries will need additional partner support to achieve them. The workshop focused on reviewing country programme implementation progress and supporting each country to develop an operational plan and "road map" for the achievement of the 2010 Universal Coverage Targets. These inputs will also inform the development of the 2010-2011 RBM Partnership Workplan.

Participants from 21 East and Southern African country programmes (Angola, Botswana, Burundi, Comoros, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan (North and South), Swaziland, Tanzania (including Zanzibar), Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe) were invited and attended the workshop, while; Rwanda, Kenya and Djibouti did not make it. In order to review country programme implementation and develop the roadmap to the 2010 targets five people from each country were invited to participate in the workshop. Each team included up to three people from the National Malaria Control Programme (Programme Manager, Vector Control Officer and Health Promotion (IEC/BCC) Officer). The WHO National Professional Officer and a representative of the Global Fund-PR were also invited. The mix of participants facilitated planning discussions concerning the 2010 roadmap including technical support needs, LLIN distribution strategies, access to and use of malaria control interventions, and the potential to expedite Global Fund disbursements and/or reprogramme grants to meet the targets.

The workshop objectives were:

1. To review country progress, strategic orientations and technical updates
2. To identify major bottlenecks and solutions for achieving 2010 country targets
3. To develop a roadmap to achieve 2010 targets
4. To provide a forum for partners' contributions to the roadmap
5. To update the EARN and SARN 2009 Work plans and Develop the EARN and SARN 2010-2011 Workplans

WORKSHOP OUTPUT

Technical Updates

- Steps in elimination
- Process/phases of Malaria Programme review
- Routine core data elements
- Utilization of interventions (ITNs, IRS, IVM)

EARN and SARN Updates

- Bottlenecks in disbursements of GF grants
- Weak surveillance systems contributing to incomplete data
- Low utilization of some interventions e.g. ITNs
- Unrealistic indicators
- Increased morbidity and mortality trends in some countries.

Rate Limiting Factors

- Procurement bottle necks (consider VPP)
- Stringent GF conditions- delay disbursements
- Inadequate resources

TA Needs

- Review of Strategic Plans and programme
- QA guidelines on RDTs
- Epidemiological stratification

Recommendations

1. Nations encouraged to procure standard nets as country specific nets delay production
2. Tender procedures for commodity procurement can be done before the funds are available but orders should not be confirmed
3. RDT procurement figures should be higher than the ACT doses as more cases will be tested than the ones that receive ACTS

4. Political will, partner support and ambitious goals are key to achievement (eg. Zambia and Ethiopia)
5. Integrated strategies are very effective in controlling malaria
6. Mass Drug Administration combined with IRS strategy is not recommended for highly endemic areas if no guaranties of sustainability.

Agenda Summary

	Morning	Afternoon
Day 0	Arrivals	Arrivals
Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Official opening Objective 1: To review country progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strategic Orientations and Technical Updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Country Progress Updates (RBM rating)
Day 2	Objective 2: To identify major bottlenecks and solutions for achieving 2010 country targets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Access and utilization of interventions (plenary then group work) ▪ Report back 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report back Objective 3: To develop a roadmap to achieve 2010 targets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Country peer review of progress and plans
Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Country peer review of progress and plans ▪ Identification of support needs including TA 	Objective 4: To provide a forum for partners' contributions to the roadmap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mapping of partner response to country needs
Day 4	Objective 5: To update the EARN and SARN 2009 Workplans and Develop the EARN and SARN 2010-2011 Workplans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EARN and SARN Network meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EARN and SARN Network meetings ▪ Meeting Conclusions and Next Steps
Day 5	Departures	Departures

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Detailed Agenda

Day 0, Sunday, 5th July 2009

Time	Activity	Facilitator/Presenter
	1) Arrival of participants 2) Registration and Administrative Support 3) Preparation of Files and CDs 4) Facilitators Meeting 5) IST-ESA and NPO meeting	WCO, IST, Paluku

Day 1, Monday, 6th July 2009

Time	Activity	Facilitator/Presenter
0800	Late registration and Administrative Issues	Secretary
0830	Administrative Announcements	AO, Namibia
0850	Meeting Expectations and Fears	Dr P Mbabazi
	Session 1: Opening Ceremony	
0905	Meeting Objectives and Outcomes	
0915	Overview of Conference Methodology	Mr K Gausi
0920	Presentation and Discussion of 2008-2009 ARPM Recommendations and Progress made	Dr J Namboze
0940	Official Opening	
1015	Photo and Tea Break	
Objective 1: To review country progress for the season 2008-09 towards achieving the 2010 Targets		
	Session 2: Strategic Orientations and Technical Updates	
1040	WHO AFRO presentation	AFRO
1050	Achievements of IST/MAL in ESA and discussion	Dr C Paluku
1110	Presentation on Malaria Programme Review	AFRO
1130	Technical Presentation (VC, CM,, PM, SME) and discussion	
1150	Malaria Management Tool	
1210	Discussion, Q&A	
	Session 3: Country Progress updates – according to RBM ranking	
1220	General presentation of RBM ranking of countries	
1235	Status of implementation of country malaria control activities	IST/MAL
1300	Lunch Break	
1400	Vector control and Discussion	
1445	Case Management and Discussion	
1530	Tea Break	
1600	PM and SME and Discussion	
1630	Discussions	
1700	End of Day	
1700	Facilitators' Meeting	WHO IST

Day 2, Tuesday, 7th July 2009

Time	Activity	Facilitator / Presenter
0800	Registration	AO/ Secretary
0815	Administrative Announcements	AO Namibia
0830	Summary of Key Points from Day One Rapporteurs	Rapporteurs Day 1
Objective 2: To Identify Major Bottlenecks and Solutions for Achieving the 2010 Targets (with focus on Behaviour Change Communication)		
Session 4: Identification of Technical Implementation Bottlenecks and Solutions		
0845	Evidence of inadequate utilization of interventions and key questions. Introduction to Group Work	IST
0900	Split Session: Countries split into 4 groups according to the following groups (1, 2, 3 to focus on addressing low uptake of interventions attributable to BCC (50% of the time)) 1) Indoor Residual Spraying 2) ITNs 3) Case mgt 4) Absorbing available and future funding (GFATM, PMI, ...)	Dr Govere
1030	Tea Break	
	Group Work continues	
1130	Plenary feedback Group 1	
1150	Plenary feedback Group 2	
1210	Plenary feedback Group 3	
1230	Plenary feedback Group 4	
1300	Lunch	
Objective 3: To Develop a Roadmap for achieving the 2010 Targets		
Session 5: Peer Review of Country Plans for Achievement of 2010 Targets		
1400	Country Plan Review Methodology	Protik
1410	Peer Review of Country Progress and Plans (Group Work). Identification of country specific challenges and solutions. Summary of way forward by country.	
1530	Tea Break	
	Group Work continues	
1700	End of day 2	
1700	Facilitators meeting	

Day 3, Wednesday, 8th July 2009

Time	Activity	Facilitator / Presenter
0800	Registration	AO/ Secretary
0815	Administrative Announcements	AO Namibia
0830	Report Back of country Group Work (1 per group)	Rapporteurs Day 1
0940	Evidence based communication for malaria programming	PSI
0955	Steps in developing a communication strategy	Zambia NMCC
1010	Communication Strategy	Dr Cossa
1030	Tea Break	
1100	Consolidation of plans and identification of TA needs	
1300	Lunch Break	
Objective 4: To provide a forum for partners' contributions to the 2010 roadmap		
Session 6: Partners contributions to country needs		
1400	Partners response to the country needs WHO, UNICEF, World Bank, GFATM, PMI, PSI, MACEPA, Malaria No More, Clinton Foundation, Malaria Consortium SRNs, ..., (list to be updated)	
1530	Tea Break	
1600	Partners response to the country needs (continues) WHO, UNICEF, World Bank, GFATM, PMI, PSI, MACEPA, Malaria No More, Clinton Foundation, Malaria Consortium SRNs, ..., (list to be updated)	
1730	End of Day 3	
1730	Facilitators meeting	IST-ESA

Day 4, Thursday, 9th July 2009

Time	Activity	Facilitator / Presenter
0800	Registration	AO/ Secretary
0815	Administrative Announcements	AO Namibia
Objective 5: To update the EARN and SARN 2009 Workplans and Develop the EARN and SARN 2010-2011 Workplans		
Session 7: Updating of the 2010 EARN, SARN and HWG plans		
0830	EARN and SARN meetings	
1030	Tea Break	
1100	EARN and SARN meetings (continue)	
1300	Lunch Break	
1400	EARN and SARN meetings (continue)	
1500	Meeting Conclusions and Next Steps	
1515	Closure	
1630	Meeting Ends	