

14th MERG Meeting

Cuernavaca, Mexico
25-27 January 2010

DRAFT SUMMARY & ACTION POINTS

Indicators and issues

- **Routine indicators**
 - MERG has a role in defining routine indicators
 - Need limited number of indicators, avoid proliferation
 - Routine indicators should mostly be for local use
 - Develop human capacity and prepare country M&E systems for elimination, if possible,

Indicators and issues

- Treatment indicator in HH surveys
 - Problematic
 - Other approaches?
- Economic Task Force
 - Task Force revitalized at the last MERG meeting
 - Share report of the last Task Force meeting
 - Standardized indicators approach needed
 - Available?
- Universal coverage indicator for LLINs
 - Review of evidence
 - Guidance needed
 - Albert Kilian focal person

Country M&E Strengthening

- **Country profiles:**
 - Develop as follow up of M&E strengthening efforts
 - More partners interested in follow up of M&E strengthening
 - Need more coordination with other partners
 - Involve countries as soon as possible
 - Consistency with work being done by AFRO IST Eastern/Southern

IT Task Force

- MDSS software
 - Many other packages/approaches
- Review of what is available
- Who provides TA
- Guidance to NMCPs
- How does this fit into the broader health system IT strengthening?
- Who will take lead on this Task Force?
- Who is interested in participating?

Other activities

- **ACT Watch**
 - Survey method adapted to MERG recommendations (sampling unit, selection method, etc)
 - Results:
 - High volume of drug through private sector (formal and informal), but mostly non-artemisinin
 - ACT mostly through public sector
 - Zambia: more drug through public sector
 - Benin and Nigeria: private sector
 - Drug quality not assessed

Impact Evaluation

- PMI effort
 - Time frame 2010-2012
 - Contribution to broader effort
 - High-level Report 2011
- Malaria Mortality Task Force meeting
 - Feb 10-12, Washington DC
 - Review/update “Rowe” approach
 - Coordination with Interagency Child Mortality Estimation Group; CHERG; Global Burden of Disease

Malaria M&E Training

- Measure Evaluation course in Ghana
 - Partners to assist in identifying candidates and providing support to participate in course
 - French version being developed
 - On-line training available?
- Zambia/Tulane courses
 - Open to others?
- MACEPA “Malaria 101”
- AMP course on post-campaign M&E
- Others?

MERG Business Issues

- **MERG work-plan 09-10**
 - Activity in the Partnership work-plan limited to high report event
- **RBM partnership evaluation report/recommendation:**
 - Recommended options for reorganization not endorsed by the Board
 - Board reviewed and redefined TOR of the 3 Task Forces
- **Upcoming MERG meeting:**
 - 1st or 3rd week of June
 - Europe: Switzerland or UK?