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Eighteenth Meeting of the RBM Partnership  
Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group (MERG)

24-26 January 2012  
Dar es Salaam Tanzania

**AGENDA**

**Objectives:**

1. Receive updates from malaria endemic countries and discuss country perspectives on M&E system strengthening
2. Receive updates from partner organizations
3. Discuss challenges and innovations in measuring case management
4. Review ongoing MERG taskforce work
5. Discuss recent disease burden estimates
6. Discuss measurement of malaria in low-endemicity or elimination settings
7. Discuss MERG business issues

**Tuesday, 24 January 2012**

*Morning Chair:* R. Cibulskis

9:00 – 9:30am Welcome and Introductions  
Overview of goals and meeting agenda; review of previous meeting minutes (*R. Cibulskis*)

**Objective 1: Receive updates from malaria endemic countries and discuss country perspectives on M&E system strengthening**

9:30-11:00am Country perspectives on M&E system strengthening needs

- Tanzania (*R. Mandike*), Malawi (*M. Luhanga*), Uganda (*Ebony Quinto*), Nigeria (*S. Oresanya*), Kenya (*J. Opondo*), Rwanda (*R. Alphonse*), Zanzibar (*A. Ali*)

11:00-11:30am *Coffee/tea break*

11:30am-12:00pm Update on Tanzania Malaria Impact Evaluation and Progress and Impact Series Report (*R. Mandike, P. McElroy*)

12:00-12:15pm Roll out of new approach to malaria support supervision in Kenya (*J. Opondo*)

12:15 – 2:00pm *Lunch*

*Afternoon chair: E. Mouzin*

**Objective 2: Receive updates from partner organizations**

2:00-2:30pm World Malaria Report 2011 (*R. Cibulskis*)

2:30-2:45pm Results from 2010 high-level report (*H. Newby*)

2:45-3:00pm RBM P&I Series: Country reports (*E. Mouzin*)

3:00 – 3:15pm Elimination Report and case studies on elimination (*R. Cibulskis*)

3:15-3:30pm ACTwatch update (*K.O'Connell*)

3:30-3:45pm Survey updates

- DHS/MIS update – (*F. Arnold*)
- MICS 4/5 update – (*H. Newby*)

3:45 – 4:15pm *Coffee/tea break*

4:15-5:00pm Global Fund: New 'Access to funding' policies and implications for M&E (*E. Korenromp and N. Zorzi*)

5:00pm End of Day 1

## Wednesday, 25 January 2012

*Morning Chair:* H. Newby

### **Objective 3: Discuss challenges and innovations in measuring case management**

- 9:00– 9:20am Update: Case Management Indicators (M. Lynch)
- 9:20– 9:40am Measuring malaria services and case management in Service Provision Assessment (SPA) Surveys (*F. Arnold*)
- 9:40– 10:00am Study protocol for assessing the validity of the diagnosis and treatment questions in the MIS/DHS/MICS in Zambia (*T. Eisele*)
- 10:00-10:45am Discussion of challenges and innovations in measuring case management (*H. Newby*)
- 10:45–11:00am *Coffee/tea break*

### **Objective 4: Review ongoing MERG taskforce work**

#### **Morbidity Taskforce**

- 11:00-11:15am Methods and results for the HMIS district-level analysis of OPD parasitologically confirmed cases in Zambia 2009-2010 (*T. Eisele*)
- 11:15– 11:35am **Other MERG Task Force activities**
- Capacity Building Task Force (*E. Patton*)
  - Economics Taskforce (*N. Cadge*)

- 11:35am-12:00pm **Routine Systems Taskforce**  
Update: Malaria Surveillance Guidelines (*R. Cibulskis*)

12:00 –1:30pm *Lunch*

*Afternoon chair:* B. Nahlen

#### **Survey and Indicator Guidance Taskforce**

- 1:30-2:15pm Discussion: Update to Guidelines for Core Population-Based Malaria Indicators (*H. Newby and E. Patton*)
- 2:15-2:30pm Update: Malaria Indicator Survey Package (*L. Florey*)

#### **Mortality Taskforce**

- 2:30-3:00pm Discussion of RBM MERG guidance for program impact evaluation (*Y. Ye*)

### **Objective 5: Discuss recent disease burden estimates**

3:00-3:15pm	Results from a meta-analysis assessing the association of malaria prevention and pregnancy with low birth weight and neonatal mortality using nationally-representative datasets ( <i>T. Eisele</i> ).
3:15-3:45pm	Malaria Atlas Project for Africa ( <i>A. Noor</i> )
3:45-4:00pm	CHERG Disease Burden Estimates ( <i>R. Cibulskis</i> )
4:00-4:15pm	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
4:15-5:00pm	Discussion of recent disease burden estimates ( <i>E. Korenromp</i> )
5:00pm	End of Day 2

### **Thursday, 26 January 2012**

*Morning Chair:* *F. Arnold*

### **Objective 6: Discuss measurement of malaria in low-endemicity or elimination settings**

9:00-9:30am	Parasitaemia testing among all age groups and in low endemicity settings ( <i>A. Noor</i> )
9:30 – 10:00am	From control to pre-elimination: a case study in South America ( <i>L. Villegas</i> )
10:00 –10:45am	Discussion of the measurement of malaria in low-endemicity or elimination settings ( <i>A. Noor</i> )
10:45 –11:00am	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>

### **Objective 7: Discuss MERG business issues**

11:00am – 11:45pm	Discuss MERG business issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MERG workplan 2012-2013 (<i>MERG Co-Chairs</i>)</li><li>• Plans for upcoming MERG meeting (<i>E. Patton</i>)</li></ul>
11:45am-12:15pm	MERG summary and Action Items ( <i>H. Newby and E. Patton</i> )
12:15pm	End of Meeting
12:15-1:00pm	<i>Lunch</i>