



**Southern African Regional Network
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**SARN MISSION REPORT OF THE COUNTRY ROADMAP
UPDATE/UPLOAD/PUBLICATION MEETING**

**DISCOVERY HEALTH FORUM
JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA**

9th to 10th OCTOBER, 2014

**SARN Secretariat
Gaborone, Botswana**

1.0 Background

The roadmap remains an important tool for reporting progress made in the implementation of the country annual plan and the strategic Plan. It provides tracking mechanisms that shows the NMCP, partners, SARN and RBM activities that are **on track** and those **off track** and, it also acts as an early warning surveillance tool that alerts the partnerships of impending challenges. The arrival of the NFM CN process has kept many countries busy and the update and publication of the roadmap has suffered in the process. As a result, very few countries in SARN have updated and published roadmaps on the RBM website. To deal with this challenge, SARN and RBM Country Support Team undertook diagnostic missions to Botswana and Zimbabwe to establish challenges delaying the roadmap implementation. This exercise, confirmed that the Roadmap is indeed a good tool that works well and was welcomed by the partnership in the two countries. To ensure that all countries have updated and uploaded/published records of their roadmaps, SARN convened a workshop in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 09 to 10 October for the SARN countries M/E officers to work on the Roadmaps.

The main objective of the meeting was to review, update and upload/publish the roadmap, and prepare for 2015 reporting. Countries also started working on the 2015 roadmap as this will encourage all countries to publish their roadmaps by January 2015. The workshop offered an opportunity for countries to conduct peer review of each other roadmaps. Since SARN was also convening the E8 CN Elimination Strategic Framework back to back with the Roadmap meeting, the Program managers were available for any cross-consultation that the M/E officers required.

2.0 Objectives

The specific objectives of the meeting were to:

1. Review the roadmap tool, process and challenges delaying publication
2. Review, update and upload the 2014 country roadmaps
3. Carry out an analysis of all countries roadmaps and develop an action plan of all activities that are off track (to bring them on track)
4. Develop the 2015 roadmap

3.0 Main outcomes

- Botswana, Madagascar, Malawi, Namibia, Swaziland and Zimbabwe successfully reviewed and uploaded/published their roadmaps.
- South Africa reviewed the roadmap but needed to collect more data from the provinces/districts.
- Consensus reached on development of 2015 roadmaps and annual plans in line with each country's financial year.
- All countries provided data for the E8 CN prioritized districts and activities.
- Bottlenecks that had delayed roadmap upload were resolved and M/E officers left with heightened confidence in the use of the roadmap tool.
- The exercise further confirmed that the roadmap tool is not only a useful implementation tracking tool, but that it also works very well.

- Hold joint monthly reviews of roadmaps with WHO-IST as agreed.

4.0 Next Steps – Going forward

SARN in collaboration with RBM Secretariat and NMCPs will facilitate selection of consultants who will be trained to support countries to develop Annual plans which will be integrated into the roadmaps by December 2014. The consultants will then start in December to support the first batch of countries (Madagascar, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe) whose financial year runs from January to December.

In March 2015, the consultants with the facilitation of SARN will support the second batch of countries (Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland) whose financial year runs from April to March.

In June 2015, the consultants with the facilitation of SARN, will support the third batch of countries (Malawi and URT-Zanzibar) whose financial year runs from July to June.

5.0 SARN (RBM) Roadmap update/upload Team

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