



Fifteenth Meeting of the RBM Partnership
Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group (MERG)
21-22 June 2010
Glion, Switzerland

Action Items

Objective 1 Review findings of expert consultation on mortality and implications for impact evaluation

- Time line for completing this work will continue to be followed (**Hannah Gould and Erin Eckert**)
- IHME and CHERG to be engaged early and for the duration of this work (**Thom Eisele with CHERG**)

Objective 2 Review the role of modeling in M&E

- LiST manuscript and report to be produced and disseminated (**Thom Eisele**)
- LiST & STPH collaborating to examine linkage in methods and outputs (**Thom Eisele and Amanda Ross**)
- Examine the role of MERG in continuing to engage in modeling – in terms of understanding the models and using the information generated (**Agenda item at next Meeting**)

Objective 3 Discuss support to various GF initiatives including the next round of applications, current initiatives on M&E, and programmatic measurement

- MERG to review and comment on Global Fund CSS and malaria indicators (**Marcel Lama**)
 - “Volunteers” identified and provided with documents
 - Comments to be received by July 30, 2010

Objective 4 Review current status of data collection, use of data, and global level reports

- Create a map of all surveys leading up to 2010 reporting and their timing (**Lia Florey**)
- Discuss preliminary reports of surveys leading up to 2010 reporting with parties responsible to make sure that needed indicators will be included in preliminary report; Potentially create a template of what would need to be included in preliminary report (**Rick Steketee, DHS and UNICEF**)
- Put together for email group to follow up on 2010 reporting (**Elizabeth Patton**)
 - Group-UNICEF, CDC, PMI, World Bank, WHO (Richard Cibulskis, Nathan Bakyaïta, Khoti Gausi), Global Fund (Marcel Lama, Ryuichi Komatsu, Eline Korenromp, Daniel Low-Ber) DHS, MEASURE, Thom Eisele, Rick Steketee to be involved in:
 - Planning for Data availability
 - Data analysis and information assembly across multiple sources
 - Authoring
 - Compiling data
- WHO requests review support for Global malaria surveillance guidelines and suggests potentially creating a standard M&E plan template that includes surveillance (**Mac Otten and Nathan Bakyaïta**)
- Dissemination of PMI reports which identify strengths a gaps in the M&E Plans of 18 countries to other members of the MERG (**Steve Yoon**)

Objective 5 Consider new indicators and new estimation methods based on survey data

- Matt Lynch to pull together a group of interested individuals to draft BCC indicators and tab plan before the next MERG meeting (**Matt Lynch**)
- PSI to share data on behavior that may be useful to those interested in BCC (**Kathryn O'Connell**)
- PMI ,Malaria Consortium, MEG and WHO/EMRO and others to pull together a group to systematically look at the M&E needs on the road towards elimination (**Steve Yoon**)
- To consider writing an editorial or manuscript on ITN use in response to articles based on anecdotal evidence that have been circulating recently (**Thom Eisele**)
- Develop a table and tabulation plan for DHS/MICS/MIS surveys from net roster data to address "use" (**Survey Task Force, UNICEF and DHS**)

Objective 6 Update on recent capacity building initiatives and discuss future needs

- Former MERG notes and capacity building task force notes to be reviewed and involved parties to be contacted to document past capacity building efforts and current needs and issues in the field (**MEASURE Evaluation**)

- Final report from M&E of Malaria Programs Workshop in Ghana to be shared **(Elizabeth Patton)**
- Materials from M&E of Malaria Programs Workshop in Ghana to be posted on RBM Toolkit **(Elizabeth Patton)**
- Partners present at meeting will encourage country level partners to get engaged in Malaria Program Review

Objective 7 Review MERG Administrative issues: To discuss MERG roles and responsibilities in the RBM Partnership and its “harmonized workplan”, membership, participation in and actions of the Task Forces, and other MERG issues.

- MERG members to provide leads on potential members for an IT Task Force, which will begin communication before the next MERG meeting in January **(Tom McLean)**
- Skills matrix/listserv to be created and utilized for MERG Co-Chair to consult with interested MERG members about certain questions/decisions **(Rick Steketee and Elizabeth Patton)**
- WHO (Richard Cibulskis) to become MERG co-chair
- The next MERG meeting will be held in early January in Thailand, Cambodia, or Abu Dhabi. The MERG Secretariat will send out a save the date, explaining visa considerations to MERG members in September. **(Elizabeth Patton)**
- Timeline of MERG meeting planning to be created **(Erin Eckert and Elizabeth Patton)**
- Identify point people to represent other RBM working groups in MERG and provide these groups with contact information for MERG point people **(MEASURE)**
- Find point people from Clinton Foundation and IHME to attend future MERG meetings **(MEASURE Evaluation)**
- Identify regular members to represent endemic countries **(MEASURE Evaluation)**