

Thirty-Second Meeting of the RBM Partnership  
Surveillance, Monitoring, and Evaluation Reference Group (SMERG)  
Virtual Meeting, 18-20 May 2021, 8:00am – 12:00 noon EST  
(12:00pm-4:00pm GMT)

**Meeting Agenda**

<b>Main Theme:</b>
Streamlining SMERG to fully play its role of coordinating and advisory body to guide actions aimed at improving the malaria surveillance, monitoring, and evaluation system in endemic

<b>Objective:</b>
<b>Objective 1:</b> Discuss and define SMERG technical role in coordinating and harmonizing partners' efforts and supporting countries in the context of public health emergency
<b>Objective 2:</b> To define actions to streamline and better coordinate monitoring and evaluation effort for malaria control and elimination.
<b>Objective 3:</b> To discuss and agree on the best strategy to better coordinate and document efforts aimed at improving malaria surveillance and use of the information.
<b>Objective 4:</b> To provide update on SMERG affair and the other RBM working groups.

**Tuesday, 18 May 2021**

*Chair of the session: Médoune Ndiop, Senegal NMCP, co-chair SMERG*

Time (EST)	Topic	Présenter
8:00–8:10am	Participant log-in	
8:10-8:20am	Introduction	Médoune Ndiop, NMCP Senegal, SMERG Co-Chair
8:20-8:30am	Opening remarks and welcome	Melanie Renshaw, Co-Chair- CRSPC
8:30-8:45am	Overview of objectives and meeting agenda	Molly Robertson, PATH, SMERG Co-Chair
<b>Objective 1: Discuss and define SMERG technical role in coordinating and harmonizing partners' efforts and supporting countries in the context of public health emergency.</b>		
8:45-10:15am	<p><b>Panel Discussion:</b> Lesson learnt from COVID-19 and the prerequisite from the perspective of SME identified to respond to public health emergency.</p> <p><b>Country/NMCP's perspectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did you see any decreases in outpatient department (OPD) attendance, and if yes, what did you do to mitigate this? <i>(If possible, show supporting data)</i></li> <li>• Did COVID-19 increase malaria mortality? If yes, how did you know and how was this handled? <i>(If possible, show supporting data)</i></li> </ul>	<p>Moderator: Arnaud Le Menach, CHIA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mozambique (Candrinho Baltazar, NMCP)</li> <li>• Nigeria (Cyril Ademu, NMEP Nigeria)</li> <li>• Zanzibar (Mohammed Ali – ZAMEP)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do we have any clear steps that can help mitigate measurement challenges any future public health emergency? That is, what adjustments have taken place that have helped to define this step-by-step approach?</li> <li>Any other best practices and lessons learnt that you would like to share?</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Partners' perspectives (WHO/GMP, PMI Measure Malaria, and Global Fund):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What kind of activities occurred at WHO/GMP and Global Funds to understand the impact of COVID-19 on malaria?</li> <li>What was the process from the shift of finances to COVID-19? How did malaria benefit?</li> <li>Have any further guidelines been developed on integration of COVID-19 surveillance activities into malaria surveillance?</li> <li>Do you have any additional information to share, especially in light of the country/NMCP's perspectives?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abdisalan Noor, WHO/GMP</li> <li>Misun Choi, PMI Measure Malaria</li> <li>Estifanos Shargie, Global Fund</li> </ul>
<i>10:15-10:30am : Break</i>		
10:30-11:15am	Synthesis and key take home message and action points from the panel discussion	Arnaud Le Menach, CHAI, USA
11:15-11:30am	Close-Out of Day 1 and Outlook for Day 2	Médoune Ndiop, NMCP Senegal, SMERG Co-Chair

## Wednesday, 19 May 2021

*Chair of the session: Amin Abdinasir, PMI Measure Malaria/ICF*

8:00 – 8:10am	Introduction to Day 2/ Recap of Day 1	<b>Amin Abdinasir, PMI Measure Malaria</b>
<b>Objective 2: To define actions to streamline and better coordinate monitoring and evaluation effort for malaria control and elimination.</b>		
8:10-8:30am	State of the monitoring and evaluation activities in countries with high malaria burden – measuring intervention coverage	Gausi Khoti, WHO/AFRO
8:30-8:50am	Monitoring the quality of malaria interventions (looking beyond coverage and impact)	Luigi Nuñez PSI USA
8:50-9:10am	WHO Surveillance Toolkit	Anderson, Laura, WHO

9:10-9:25am	Evaluating the impact of malaria interventions: Are the current metrics and methods still relevant?	Molly Robertson, PATH, SMERG Co-Chair
9:25-9:55am	<b>Discussion:</b> Questions and Answers	<i>Amin Abdinasir, PMI Measure Malaria</i>
9:55-10:05am <i>Break</i>		

**Objective 3: To discuss and agree on the best strategy to better coordinate and document efforts aimed at improving malaria surveillance and use of the information**

*Chair of the session: Lia Florey, PMI USA*

10:05-10:20am	Updates on the RBM SMERG SP&DQ Committee	Molly Robertson, PATH, SMERG, SMERG Co-Chair
10:20-10:50am	Gaps and emerging priority to address, and the main recommendation and mission assigned to the SP&DQ committee	Arantxa Roca-Feltrer, Malaria Consortium
10:50-11:05am	Success stories, lessons learned and best practices from Cameroon	Jean FOSSO, NMCP Cameroon
11:05-11:20am	Success stories, lessons learned and best practices from Mozambique	Candrinho Baltazar, NMCP Mozambique
11:20-11:35am	Success stories, lessons learned and best practices from a partner (RTI)	Jui Shah, RTI – Thailand
11:35-12:05pm	<b>Discussion:</b> Questions and Answers	Lia Florey, PMI USA
12:05-12:20pm	Close-Out of Day 2 and Outlook for Day 3	Yazoume Ye, PMI Measure Malaria/ICF

**Tuesday, 20 May 2021**

*Chair of the session: Molly Robertson, PATH, SMERG Co-Chair*

8:00 – 8:05am	Introduction to Day 3/ Recap of day 2	Molly Robertson, PATH
<b>Objective 4: To provide update on SMERG affairs and the other RBM working groups.</b>		
8:05–8:45am	Discuss and define the general role and structure to optimize SMERG operation	Molly Robertson, PATH, SMERG Co-Chair
8:45–9:15am	Update from active SMERG Task Forces (5mins each)	
	• Surveys	Cameron Taylor, DHS Program, ICF
	• HMIS Taskforce	Michael Hainsworth, PATH, USA
	• SMC Taskforce	Arantxa Roca-Feltrer, Malaria Consortium
	• IRS Taskforce	David Larsen, Syracuse University, USA
9:15-10:05am	Discuss how the SMERG can work in synergy and leverage other RBM working groups – Case Management, Malaria in Pregnancy, Multi-Sectoral, SBCC, Vector	Molly Robertson, PATH, SMERG Co-Chair Moderator

	Control, APMEN surveillance and response, CRSPC, SMC/SMC M&E.	<p><i>This will be an open discussion – Working groups will be asked to send two-slide updates, which the SMERG Secretariat will compile and share with members.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elizabeth Juma, WHO/AFRO</li> <li>• Charlotte Eddis, PSI</li> <li>• Albaster Graham, UN Habitat Switzerland</li> <li>• Bolanle Olapeju, JHU, USA</li> <li>• Keziah Malm, NMCP Ghana</li> <li>• Prof. Richard Maude, APMEN</li> <li>• Massaya Sirimatayanant, APMEN</li> <li>• Daddi Wayessa, CRSPC RBM</li> </ul>
<b>10:05-10:15am: Break</b>		
10:15-10:45am	<b>Discussion:</b> Questions and Answers	Médoune Ndiop, NMCP Senegal, SMERG Co-Chair
10:45-11:45am	Review action items for SMERG	Yazoume Ye, PMI Measure Malaria/ICF
11:45-12:00pm	Wrap-up and conclusion and end of meeting	Molly Robertson, PATH, SMERG Co-Chair