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Twenty-ninth Meeting of the RBM Partnership  
Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group (MERG)

12 – 14 September 2018  
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania  
Serena Hotel

**AGENDA**

**Objectives:**

1. Discuss progress and challenges towards surveillance as a key intervention
2. Discuss data visualization and use for action
3. Address operationalization of surveillance guidelines
4. Examine developments in measuring malaria from survey data
5. Address RBM and MERG business issues

**Wednesday, 12 September 2018**

*Morning Chair: Arantxa Roca-Feltrer, Malaria Consortium*

- 9:00–9:15am            Opening remarks and welcome (*Dr. Mpoki Ulisubisya, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children*)
- 9:15–9:30am            Overview of goals and meeting agenda (*MERG Secretariat*)

**Objective 1: Discuss progress and challenges towards surveillance as a key intervention**

- 9:30–10:00am            Community-based entomological surveillance in Tanzania (*Winfred Mwafongo, Tanzania NMCP*)
- 10:00–10:30am            Challenges from one percent onward: Reactive case detection in Zanzibar (*Abdul-wahid Al-Mafazy, ZAMEP*)
- 10:30–11:00am            Surveillance approaches in Mozambique (*Baltazar Candrinho, Mozambique NMCP*)
- 11:00–11:30am            *Coffee/tea break*
- 11:30am–12:30pm            Discussion on evolving country needs for surveillance data (*Samson Katikiti, African Leaders Malaria Alliance*)
- 12:30–2:00pm            *Lunch*

Afternoon chair: Khoti Gausi, WHO AFRO

**Objective 2: Discuss data visualization and use for action**

2:00–2:30pm	Using an accountability dashboard to spark urgent action ( <i>Renata Mandike, Tanzania NMCP</i> )
2:30–3:00pm	Mapping human and malaria connectivity ( <i>Shengjie Lai, University of Southampton</i> )
3:00–3:30pm	Data use and data to action findings from the LINK project ( <i>Caroline Lynch, LSTMH</i> )
3:30–4:00pm	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
4:00–5:00pm	Discussion on MERG role in strengthening data to action ( <i>Estifanos Biru Shargie, Global Fund</i> )
5:00pm	<i>End of Day 1</i>

## Thursday, 13 September 2018

Morning chair: Michael Humes, USAID

### Objective 3: Address operationalization of surveillance guidelines

9:00–9:30am	Improving surveillance with a regional DHIS2 platform ( <i>Khoti Gausi, WHO AFRO</i> )
9:30–10:00am	Surveillance systems in Zambia, Senegal, and Ethiopia: Incorporating the WHO guidelines to different surveillance approaches ( <i>Michael Hainsworth, PATH</i> )
10:00–10:30am	Assessing and strengthening malaria surveillance in Mozambique ( <i>Arantxa Roca-Feltrer, Malaria Consortium</i> )
10:30–11:00am	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11:00–11:45pm	Malaria-specific data quality and surveillance assessment tool ( <i>John Painter, CDC</i> )
11:45am–12:45pm	Discussion on MERG role in operationalization of surveillance guidelines ( <i>Roger Tine, Université Cheikh Anta Diop</i> )
12:45–2:00pm	<i>Lunch</i>

Afternoon chair: Pamphil Silayo, UNICEF Tanzania

### Objective 4: Examine developments in measuring malaria from survey data

2:00–2:30pm	Results of a validation study of caregivers' recall of ACT in Mali ( <i>Ruth Ashton, MEASURE Evaluation</i> )
2:30–3:00pm	Source of nets questions and use of data ( <i>Bola Olapeju, Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs</i> )
3:00–3:30pm	Implications of RDT test sensitivity on interpretation of household survey data ( <i>Anna Bowen, CDC</i> )
3:30–4:00pm	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
4:00–4:30pm	Quantifying the malaria prevention gap: Proposed indicators for measuring human exposure to malaria vectors ( <i>April Monroe, Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs</i> )
4:30–5:30pm	Discussion on developments in measuring progress ( <i>Cameron Taylor, The DHS Program</i> )
5:30pm	<i>End of Day 2</i>

## Friday, 14 September 2018

*Morning Chair: Medoune Ndiop, NMCP Senegal*

### Objective 5: Address RBM and MERG business issues

9:00–9:30am	Updates from Roll Back Malaria ( <i>Kaka Mudambo, Roll Back Malaria</i> )
9:30–9:45am	Learning from impact evaluations of large SMC programs ( <i>Louise Maranda, Malaria Consortium</i> )
9:45–10:00am	SMC Task Force: Progress and future plans ( <i>Chrestien Yameni, Catholic Relief Services and Louise Maranda, Malaria Consortium</i> )
10:00–10:30am	IRS Task Force: Progress and future plans ( <i>David Larsen, Syracuse University</i> )
10:30–11:00am	Evaluation Task Force: Progress and future plans ( <i>Samantha Herrera and Ruth Ashton, MEASURE Evaluation</i> )
11:00am–12:00pm	<i>Working session for Task Forces Coffee/tea break</i>
12:00–12:15pm	Review action items for MERG ( <i>Jui Shah, MEASURE Evaluation</i> )
12:15–12:30pm	Wrap-up and conclusion ( <i>MERG Co-Chairs</i> )
12:30pm	<i>End of Meeting</i>
12:30–1:30pm	<i>Lunch</i>