

# EARN Adding Value to RBM in Africa

The Eastern Africa Roll Back Malaria Network (EARN) coordinates partner support on technical and operational issues for going to scale with effective malaria control interventions to countries. The network is built upon lasting relationships between RBM partners and the countries they support, allowing for the pooling of resources and joint planning to avoid duplication, whilst ensuring multidisciplinary expertise is available to its member countries.

As one of four sub-regional networks established in Africa, the EARN is the most functional. Founded in 2002, the EARN has been used as a pathfinder in determining the appropriate mechanisms and functions for the sub-regional co-ordination of RBM support to countries. The functions of the EARN sub-regional network include:

- Joint work planning (countries and partners). The joint work plan is based upon the needs and priorities identified by countries during an annual planning meeting attended by country level partners and network members. This is supplemented by needs identified in joint country support missions.
- Advocacy and promotion of global/regional policies
- Information/experience sharing amongst countries and partners
- Facilitate scaling-up best practices including how to address bottlenecks
- Support implementation of countries' strategic plans and GFATM proposals

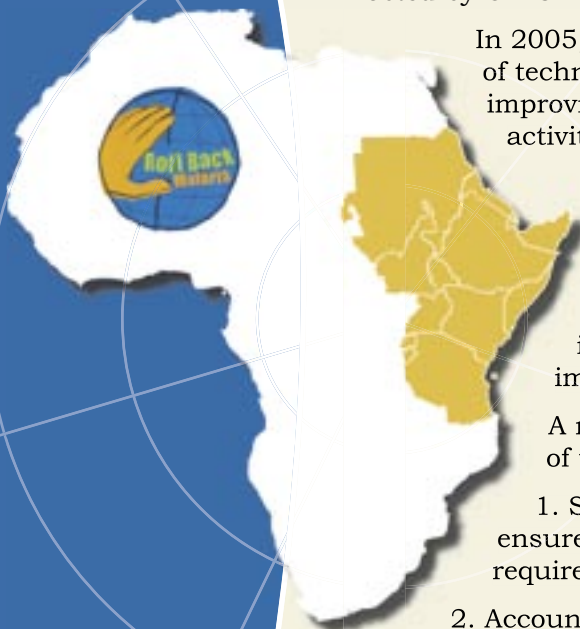
The EARN network is coordinated by a team of elected members, for which the financial support for much of this work is provided by their parent organization. In addition, the network is facilitated by an RBM focal point funded by the RBM partnership and hosted by UNICEF ESARO in Nairobi.

In 2005, EARN's Strategic Focus include improving the coordinated delivery of technical support, developing partner consensus on best practices, and improving the planning, implementation and monitoring of malaria related activities in Eastern Africa.

Since the formation of EARN, member countries in the sub-region have made considerable progress including realizing a substantial increase in funding for malaria prevention and control; improving their national malaria policy environments; adopting and scaling up evidence-based targeted interventions for malaria; improved their communication of plans and progress of implementation among stakeholders at national and global levels.

A recent survey of EARN partners recently concluded that membership of the EARN network assists them in the following ways:

1. Systematic joint review of progress and planning with countries to ensure evidence based plans, and partners are providing the support required
2. Accountability of partners on their commitments/resource mobilization
3. Capacity building and giving a voice to smaller partners
4. Technical information sharing including the use of the information centre
5. Resource sharing and a reduction in activity duplication
6. Improved legitimacy for partners when approaching donors



# EARN MEMBERSHIP

## Members:

- AMREF
- CDC Tanzania
- CRHS
- IMC
- JHU/CCP
- Malaria Action Coalition
- USAID/NetMark
- RCQHC
- USAID Kenya
- WHO-ICP
- WHO-CPA Kenya
- USAID REDSO
- RCCWE
- CCF
- CEEMI Gates Centre
- EANMAT
- JH Bloomberg Centre
- KeNaaM
- Malaria Consortium East & Southern Africa
- PSI
- MSH/RPM Plus
- USAID Uganda
- World Bank
- World Economic Forum
- WORLD BANK
- Global Fund
- CDC Kenya
- CORE
- IFRC
- USAID/JHPIEGO
- MACIS
- Merlin
- RBM Secretariat
- UNICEF ESARO
- Wellcome/KEMRI
- World Vision
- Malaria Vaccine Venture
- Aga Khan Foundation

## Co-ordination Team Members

- WHO RBM EAGL ICP
- Malaria Consortium East & Southern Africa
- USAID/NetMark
- UNICEF ESARO
- JHPEIGO
- RBM Secretariat Focal Point
- AMREF
- PSI
- MSH-RPM
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## COUNTRIES

- Burundi
- Djibouti
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Rwanda
- Somalia
- Sudan
- Tanzania inc. Zanzibar
- Uganda



*Disclaimer: Note that this map does not reflect a position by EARN or its members on the legal status of any country or territory or the delimitation of any frontiers.*

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