

**MALARIA MEASLES PARTNERSHIP
MINUTES OF THE TELECONFERENCE CALL- 17 August 2005**

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Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Review of the minutes of the last teleconference
3. Country Progress Reports
4. Update on others countries

Next conference call

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Agenda items and issues	Points of discussion/ Follow up action
1. Introduction	
2. Review of the minutes of the last teleconference	
3. Countries progress reports	
<p>1.1. Eq Guinea Issues: Confirmed start date of campaign; date ITNs can be in place; status of survey and funding Actions: WHO, UNICEF and ARC to contact in country colleagues to confirm campaign dates and ITN distribution plan. UNICEF to contact country office to see if US\$ 30,000 in ARC funds are available for assessment. WHO to request questionnaire from Togo for assessment team.</p>	<p>Tentative dates for the campaign: 10 -20 September 2005 UNICEF SD reports ITNs for Bioko Island to arrive at Malabo (port on Bioko Island) on 04 September 2005. Need to know details of distribution to determine when nets will be available. Will campaign be postponed if nets can not be in place on time? ARC requests UNICEF to see if US\$ 30,000 is available to fund assessment. Request questionnaire from the Togo assessment.</p>
<p>1.2. Chad Issues: No Minister of Health now.</p>	<p>ITNs will be distributed with routine EPI, not with measles campaign activities. Plan of Action for ITN distribution will be completed no sooner than Dec. 2005.</p>
<p>1.3. Mozambique Issues: Still await official written confirmation from MoF on LLITNs, but no difficulties anticipated.</p>	<p>MoF to provide official, written clearance when available – it is hoped next week. ARC has informed CVM of all its September visitors. Social mobilization: Activities started this week. Before the second polio round, 19-23 September, will stress getting kids vaccinated. After that, message will focus on malaria and bednets. Red Cross as well as many NGOs in Manaka and Sofala Provinces. Bednets will be distributed 12 – 17 December. Preliminary logistics mission to provinces leaves 21 August 2005. CDC staff will arrive soon for a preliminary assessment visit.</p>
2. Update on others countries	
<p>4.1 Togo Issues: Availability of preliminary analyses and conclusions from assessments – excellent access so far.</p>	<p>Liverpool School team due in country August 29. CDC team to join AED next month for work on the questionnaire to assess the role of volunteers.</p>
<p>4.1 Ghana Issues:</p>	<p>IFRC waiting for TORs, protocol and budget for the three-year post-campaign assessment in December 2005.</p>
<p>4.2 Tanzania Issues: Actions: ARC to contact Datadyne to obtain the assessment form and make it available to partners.</p>	<p>One month post-campaign assessment next month – contract with Datadyne (WashDC) – in three ARC supported districts. CDC and MoH to work on this also.</p>
<p>4.3 Malawi Issues: Need 90,000 LLINs or \$400,000. Exxon-Mobil & IFRC potential donors – no new information this week, maybe on the next call.</p>	<p>Hope to hear on the Exxon-Mobile funding for LLITNs next week. Please note: these LLITNs are for routine services in tranches over at least one year. The first tranche is due in October 2005.</p>
<p>4.4 Niger Issues: Impact of the emergency health response to the food crisis on the plans for the measles campaign and later bednet distribution. Actions: IFRC to contact Stefan Hoyer for an update. UNICEF to provide an update on what it knows about the impact of the emergency response on current plans.</p>	<p>The food crisis in Niger has affected all health activities of UNICEF and WHO and probably of the government and other partners. There is a weekly food crisis health meeting with government and all partners every Wednesday. Measles and malaria activities are part of the emergency response. It is not clear to those on the call how all of this affects the plans and preparations for the 12 -25 September measles campaign and the use of the bednets that will arrive in October 2005. Currently there are 50,000 bednets in country (loan) and 50,000 more coming from UNICEF/Supply Division. Polio NIDs are currently scheduled for November and December 2005. CRC is still assessing support for the 265,000 additional nets – one half of which will reportedly be used in Agadez and Diffa. CRC expects to be able to fund all or nearly all the 265,000 nets.</p>
<p>4.5 Angola Issues: USAID support. Actions: ARC can perhaps provide an update on USAID role, if USAID is not on the call.</p>	<p>A conference call for planning will occur on 24 August 2005. More information will be available after that. Clarification: the nets from the Global Fund are for children and pregnant women and will be delivered over a few years. Global Fund figure is 1.3 million nets in the first two years USAID support to be clarified.</p>

<p>4.6 Zimbabwe Issues: Status of emergency appeal for 340,000 ITNs. Actions: UNICEF to follow up on the status of the appeal and report back.</p>	<p>UNICEF reported the effort to raise funds is progressing, but was not able to provide information on the procurement of the 340,000 ITNs.</p>
<p>4.7 Sierra Leone Issues: Dates of campaign CRC funding of LLITN? Actions:</p>	<p>Measles campaign in 2006, tentatively scheduled for May, could be postponed until October 2006. If CRC funds the 1,090,000 ITNs, they will only be available in May 2006. If the measles campaign occurs in May, the LLITNs can not be distributed during the campaign. If the measles campaign is in October 2006, the LLITNs could be distributed during the campaign.</p>
<p>4.8 Cameroon Issues: Availability of nets. Sufficient time to secure more nets? Action: UNICEF to contact country office to confirm there are 300,000 LLITNs in country and determine how these nets (only 17% of need) will be used.</p>	<p>The total need is 1,735,000 bednets. Global Funds figure states they funded 106,000 nets and there are another 824,000 bednets available, 300,000 of which are LLITNs. Still 805,000 bednets short and time may not be sufficient to secure more nets. Thus, there is a 46% shortfall when all types of nets are considered. Key issue is fulfilling this shortfall in nets – but is there money and time to do this? In addition, the issue of the equitable use of the 300,000 LLITNs (only about 17% of the total need) was raised. How will these be used? Will the plan for their use take equity into account? How will the target population be chosen?</p>
<p>4.9 Benin Issues: MOH report. Action: AFRO to provide MOH update report on ITNs, campaign.</p>	<p>AFRO has yet to obtain the MOH report.</p>
<p>4.10 Rwanda Issues:</p>	<p>There is a measles campaign scheduled for late 2006. There is general interest in including bednets in the campaign. Global Fund states will fund 992,000 LLITNs through mid-2007 (for routine services).</p>
<p>4.11 Kenya Issues:</p>	<p>Measles campaign scheduled tentatively for August 2006. The Global Fund Principal Recipient in Kenya is the Ministry of Finance.</p>
<p>4.12 Guinea-Bissau Issues:</p>	
<p>5 AOB</p>	
<p>5.1 Global Fund Nets Issues:</p>	<p>Aika-Ruwa Temu provided via e-mail an excellent summary of ITNs and LLITNs funded by the Global Fund by country – approved funding, though not all distributed yet. Also provided a copy of the Joint Mosquito Net letter. Everyone should have gotten these.</p>
<p>5.2 USAID Issues: Details of USAID support.</p>	<p>USAID was invited to join in on the calls, but did not call in today. Details of USAID support through the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) not yet available. Hope to have more information by next week.</p>
<p>5.3 Remaining 2005 Funds Issues: Clarify remaining CRC funds/nets for 2005</p>	<p>CRC does have uncommitted funds and nets still. CRC wants to fund integrated campaigns, not campaigns with vouchers.</p>
<p>5.4 Minutes on the Web Issues:</p>	<p>It was approved to put last week's minutes on the RBM website. Agreed that minutes should go out to participants the day of the call, corrections should be submitted in one day and then the corrected minutes can be on the web by Friday.</p>
<p>5.5 Schedule for activities Issues: How better to keep up to date on planned activities. Actions: AFRO to provide to all partners a schedule in EXCEL for planned measles campaigns and bednet distributions.</p>	<p>AFRO to provide a schedule of planned measles campaigns and bednet distributions and that AFRO keep this up-to-date and available. This suggestion was supported by all.</p>
<p>5.6 Tracking Global Fund Activities Issues:</p>	<p>Larry Casazza pointed out that the Global Fund website http://www.theglobalfund.org Shows the distribution and spending of funds, allowing anyone interested to track these activities.</p>
<p>5.7 Manufacturers on the Call Issues: Allow Vestergaard and Olecet to participate in the calls. Actions: UNICEF/Supply Division to provide a written statement on their</p>	<p>Andy Gay raised the issue of allowing Vestergaard and Olecet, the two manufacturers of LLITNs to participate on the calls. The was supported by most participants. There is concern that the exclusion of them results in more difficult communications with the final consequence that the programme is hurt. It is more difficult to match supply with demand --- fewer LLITNs are available and they get to where they are needed slower. UNICEF has argued against allowing manufacturers on these calls before and will</p>

opinion on this by the next call.	provide a written statement on this for next week's call.
5.8 Action Points.....	See individual listings.