The aim of the meeting is to update on the progress and to set the agenda for the annual meeting in January 2015.

Meeting report

The Harmonization Working Group (HWG) is producing Guidance Notes on maintaining the supply of antenatal care (ANC) and Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) nets during and after mass campaigns. This may be the best way of supporting country planning to maintain effective continuous distribution of LLINs. We should ensure alignment of the messages in the Continuous Distribution (CD) workstream Consensus Letter and the HWG Guidance Note.

Discussion of stratification and prioritization – many issues were raised during discussions at the meeting, including LLINs with/versus indoor residual spraying (IRS), how to stratify, whether urban areas require different strategies, etc. The group discussed whether these issues fall under the CD workstream per se or whether there is overlap with the other work streams (integrated vector management (IVM), Evidence-based interventions). How to move these issues forward appropriately within the VCWG should be a priority agenda item for January.

Other proposed agenda items for the January CD WS meeting included:

- Whether the CD workstream should expand to cover alternative vector control tools that may (or may not) be distributed continuously.
- Review of the problems that countries are facing in prioritizing distribution of LLINs (e.g. in their concept notes) and how they are addressing these.
- Improving the voice of vector control within the MPAC (as compared to case management).
- Examples of good stratification (e.g. Kenya) and how this links to universal coverage.
- Positioning the problem of underfunded vector control in relation to the global emphasis being placed currently on elimination and modelling.