New WHO Policies and Structures

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WHO Global Malaria Programme: four key roles

I. Set, communicate and promote the adoption of evidence-based norms, standards, policies, and guidelines

II. Keep independent score of global progress

III. Identify threats to malaria control and elimination as well as new opportunities for action

IV. Chart the course for malaria control & elimination

Develop approaches for capacity-building, systems strengthening, and surveillance

WHO Global Malaria Programme – 2011 products (1)

- Global Plan for Artemisinin Resistance Containment (GPARC), January
- Good Procurement Practices for Malaria Rapid Diagnostic Tests, March
- Monitoring the durability of long lasting insecticide treated nets under field conditions, June
- Consideration of Mass Drug Administration for the Containment of Artemisinin Resistance in the Mekong Region, June
- Achieving universal access to malaria diagnostic testing: an operational manual July
- Implementation manual for intermittent preventive treatment in infants (IPTi), July
### WHO Global Malaria Programme – 2011 products (2)

- WHO Product Testing of Malaria Rapid Diagnostic Tests, 3rd round (with FIND, TDR, & CDC), July
- Measuring exposure to antimalarial medicines in therapeutic efficacy studies, September
- Global malaria surveillance guidelines, September
- Elimination Scenario Planning Tool, Q3
- End of life management of ITNs and LLINs (interim guidance), Q3
- Progress & impact report: malaria elimination (with RBM & PATH), Q4
- Progress & impact report: malaria control outside Africa (with RBM & PATH), Q4
- Malaria control and elimination in border areas, Q4
- Larval source control, Q4?
- World Malaria Report 2011, December 2011

### Malaria Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) - background

- Setting policy, norms and guidance on malaria control is primary role of WHO/GMP
  - Malaria Expert Committee - 20th (last) meeting in 1998
  - Technical Expert Groups (TEGs) - since mid-2000s
  - Ad-hoc Technical Consultations as needed
- Scale up of malaria control + major investment in research = rapidly evolving policy environment for new tools and technology
- GMP is strengthening the policy setting process to be more
  - Timely
  - Transparent
  - Accountable
**MPAC: Current Status**

- GMP Advisory Group on policy setting was convened in Geneva on 21-22 March (2011)
  - Review previous and existing WHO/GMP policy setting processes
  - Consider successful models from other WHO departments
  - Propose draft ToR for new policy setting body
- Selected model based on SAGE, to be called Malaria Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC)
- Draft ToR of MPAC sent to over 40 resource persons and stakeholders on 21 April; ~90% response rate
- ToR awaiting high-level WHO approval; goal: start open call for nominations in August, appoint members in September, and first meeting for January 2012

**MPAC: basic elements**

The Malaria Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) will provide independent strategic advice and technical input to WHO for the development of policies related to malaria control and elimination

- 15 members, integrators, with broad range of expertise, professional affiliation, geographical representation
- To meet twice a year
- Open call for nominations
- Nominated by selection committee
- Appointed by WHO for three-year terms, renewable once
- Recommendations to be published within two months of meetings
PROPOSED Evidence Review Groups

- ERG a
- ERG b
- ERG c
- Standing TEG on chemotherapy

SAGE

JTEG (with IVB)

Other WHO departments

VCAG (with NTD)

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