

Including Pharmacovigilance in Global Fund's Round 8 Proposal

With large amounts of funding from the World Bank, Global Fund, UNITAID and the US Government's President's Malaria Initiative; with the imminent establishment of the Affordable Medicines Facility for malaria (AMFm) which would reduce the cost of ACTs to the level of chloroquine; and with the Medicines for Malaria Venture expected to launch four new ACTs, including a pediatric formulation in 2009, the use of Artemisinin-based combination treatment (ACT) for uncomplicated malaria is being rapidly scaled-up.

It is for these reasons that RBM is encouraging countries to include pharmacovigilance as a critical component in its National Malaria Plan and to include a pharmacovigilance budget in its proposal to Global Fund, and any other donors supporting procurement and use of ACTs.