



Board Decisions

6th RBM Partnership Board Meeting 28 - 29 September 2004 Accra, Ghana

Item 1: "Draft Agenda"

The Board

- 1) had a quorum (list of participants attached) and
- 2) adopted proposed agenda

Item 2: "Secretariat Progress Report April 2004 - September 2004"

Working Groups

The Board

- 3) identified RBM Working Groups as the primary mechanism of the RBM Partnership for the provision of strategic guidance and best practice consensus.
- 4) recommended that RBM Working Groups address specific implementation barriers
- 5) recommended that RBM Working Groups be able to identify best-practices with regard to overcoming barriers in "Implementation" in addition to their role in responding to specific technical concerns of countries such as "the use of diagnostics and deployment of ACTs".

RBM Partnership identity

The Board

- 6) reaffirmed that the RBM Partnership is an inclusive movement and that the RBM "brand" needs to reflect this inclusiveness
- 7) instructed the 2003 Board subcommittee regarding the impact evaluation of WHO's internal restructuring (USA, UK (succeeding Holland), WB, Private Sector and the chair Ghana) to reconvene; and mandated it to review the need for follow-up with WHO DGO regarding RBM Partnership identity concerns identified during the August 2003 RBM Partners consultation, that were later communicated to WHO DG by letter of the Board chair on September 5, 2003; and in review the extent to which the WHO DGO response, provided to the 4th Board meeting (September 2003), addressed these identity concerns.



Item 3: "The WHO AFRO / EMRO Abuja Progress Report"

The Board

- 8) acknowledged the publication date of mid November 2004 of the interim Abuja Progress report produced by WHO. A French version will be available mid December 2004.
- 9) instructed the RBM Partnership Secretariat to create a map of all planned national and household surveys that will be tracking progress towards Abuja targets up to the end of 2005.

Item 4: "Constituency reports"

The Board

- 10) noted that African states nominated Benin, Nigeria and Tanzania at the 2004 WHO AFRO Regional Committee as new constituency representatives, as of March 2005, to replace the outgoing Ghana, Senegal and Zambia.
- 11) instructed the RBM Partnership Secretariat to officially inform nominees and to arrange with African Board members an appropriate handing over process.
- 12) approved an additional Board seat for South East Asia and Western Pacific countries.
- 13) instructed the RBM Partnership Secretariat to engage a regional mechanism for nomination of a Board member for South East Asia and Western Pacific.
- 14) noted that the validation process by constituency countries from the Americas of the nomination of Venezuela was still ongoing
- 15) noted that the Private Sector constituency renewed the mandate of Bayer and welcomed the alternate Novartis.
- 16) approved an additional Private Sector Board seat and welcomed Exxon-Mobil as Board member and GSK as an alternate.
- 17) noted that WHO and World Bank are developing institutional strategies that will be aligned with the RBM Partnership's vision, mission and objectives.



Item 5: "Accelerating access to primarily preventive interventions"

The Board

- 18) adopted the concept of using immunization activities (campaigns, routine EPI) and Antenatal Care Services in accelerating access for vulnerable populations (U5s, pregnant women, populations living in emergency situations, people living with HIV/AIDS) to free or highly subsidized ITNs.
- 19) recommended to RBM Partners the rapid adoption of the WHO Expert Committee recommendations on "Malaria & HIV".
- 20) instructed the RBM Partnership Secretariat to liaise with the WHO Expert Committee on "Malaria & HIV" and other relevant bodies for the purpose of identifying recommend programmatic deployment strategies
- 21) recommended that the appropriate mix of ITN delivery mechanisms be defined within a country context, as documented in the ITN strategic framework.
- 22) requested the RBM Partnership Secretariat to disseminate, whenever necessary, a reinforcing press statement regarding the "consensus of using a country led, mixed delivery model" (see recommendation item 21 above).
- 23) requested the ITN Working Group to produce a roadmap for the rapid deployment of LLINs, on the making operational of long lasting re-treatments for existing nets and on the intensified efforts of retreating existing nets.

Item 4: "Resource Mobilisation for the 2004 / 2005 Workplan"

The Board

- 24) adopted the Resource Mobilisation Subcommittees report (attached) and recommended its implementation
- 25) Requested the RBM Partnership Secretariat to review and clarify funding gaps for 2004. Should take into consideration available contributions, including secondments, in-kind contributions etc
 - i. Inform the sub committee of this gap as soon as possible, but preferably not later than mid October 2004
 - ii. Develop a plan B, in the event that 2004-2005 gaps are not closed



Item 5: Partners Forum V, Yaoundé, 18 / 19 November 2005

The Board

- 26) adopted the Forum V Subcommittees recommendation that a "RBM Week" be jointly planned with MIM
- 27) charged the subcommittee to negotiate with the MIM Secretariat the implementation arrangements for the "RBM Week"
- 28) requested the Executive Secretary to launch a process that will generate the development of a RBM Research Agenda in support of the RBM Global Strategic Plan 2005 - 2015. An interim progress report to be provided at 7th RBM Partnership Board meeting. A final Research Agenda to be endorsed by MIM and the RBM Forum V as part of the Global Strategic Plan.

Item 6: Adoption of framework documents

The Board

- 29) adopted the RBM Operational Framework and By-Laws conditional on
 - o the updating of the statements regarding the RBM Partnership's vision, mission and objective statement to be in line with the final version of the RBM Global Strategic Plan (December 2004), and
 - o the modification of the reporting diagram to include the reporting requirement of the RBM Partnership Board to the Partners Forum
 - o the end of October Board Teleconference to be provided with revised TORs for RBM Working Groups, as mandated by the 5th Board meeting.
- 30) adopted the RBM Programmatic Strategy 2004-2008 representing the synthesis of the Strategic Orientations reviewed at the 5th Board meeting.
- 31) adopted the following process for the finalisation of the RBM Partnership's Global Strategic Plan 2005 - 2015
 - o October 31st 2004 deadline for constituency consultations on the draft strategy as posted on the web
 - o End of October Board Teleconference to be provided with synthesis of comments received
 - o Board drafting committee (volunteering members are WHO, UK, UN Foundation, World Bank, Private Sector) to be convened in early November 2004 for finalisation of Draft Strategic Plan.
 - o Adoption of RBM Partnership's Global Strategic Plan 2005 - 2015 at end of November Board Teleconference.
 - o Publication in English and French by December 31st, 2004.



32) acknowledged the intention of the drafting committee of the MMSS Framework & Business Plan to conclude work by mid October. The Draft will then be submitted for Board adoption and publication.

Item 7: Updates on Tools

The Board

33) instructed the RBM Partnership Secretariat to prepare a synthesis of lessons learned regarding the deployment of RBM costing tools for presentation at the 7th Board Meeting.

34) noted that in support of the scaling-up of ACTs

- the ACT Roadmap will be published shortly
- senior level discussions be engaged with China regarding the active deployment of artemisinin monotherapy.
- the RBM Finance Working Group engaged in developing implementation options with regard to the Institute of Medicine's recommendation on global ACT subsidy

35) requested the WIN to present the LLIN Business Plan for adoption at the 7th Board meeting

Any Other Business

The Board

36) received case examples of typical work undertaken by Subregional Networks in East and Southern Africa

37) recommended that Africa Malaria Day be expanded into a World Malaria event

38) recommended that a comprehensive Global Malaria Report be issued every 2nd year and a synoptic annual report be produced annually.

39) recommended to all RBM Partners to mobilise all required resources to make maximum use of the planned "Africa Live 2005" event, initiated by Youssou N'Dour; and instructed the RBM Partnership Secretariat to manage communications for the event through the Communication Working Group.

40) noted that SADC Ministers propose that President Mbeki become an RBM champion.

41) noted the proposal made by Exxon-Mobil regarding the proof of concept deployment of Country Partnership Advisors (CPA), jointly with country RBM Partners, in a limited number of countries



42) adopted India as the venue for the 7th RBM Partnership Board meeting to be held in the week of 28th March to 1st April, 2005.

A first vote of thanks by the Executive Secretary went to the outgoing World Bank Board Member, Ok Pannenberg. The Executive Secretary thanked him for the many years of relentless commitment to the RBM Partnership, for having guided so thoughtfully its transition to the current configuration that allows us now to book our first successes. A second vote of thanks went to the RBM Board chairman, George Amofah. The Executive Secretary congratulated the chair for having launched the Board as the RBM Partnership governance mechanism, for having forged a cohesive and decision taking board and for successfully having engaged the Malaria Endemic Country constituency from Africa.



Report of the RBM Resource Mobilization Subcommittee

6th Board Meeting, Accra, Ghana, September 28-29, 2004

Terms of Reference of the Resource Mobilization Subcommittee

- Assist the Secretariat to develop a resource mobilization strategy
- Assist the Secretariat to mobilize the resources in support of clearly defined deliverables
- Review implementation of resource mobilization strategy
- Inform the Board of pertinent resource mobilization issues

Subcommittee recommendations

- Secretariat should review and clarify funding gap for 2004.
 - Should take into consideration available contributions, including secondments, in-kind contributions etc
 - Inform the sub committee of this gap as soon as possible, but preferably not later than mid October 2004
 - develop a plan B, in the event that 2004-2005 gaps are not closed
- Efforts should be made to close funding gap for 2004 by end of November 2004
 - Sub-committee calls on all RBM Partners as a matter of urgency to examine all options available to them to contribute funds to meet the immediate cash need of the Secretariat
- Core funding for 2005 to be secured by end 2004, and by end 2005 to have secured funding for 2006-2007
- The Secretariat should develop a draft resource mobilization strategy
 - By end December 2004
 - To be finalized at next Board meeting in March 2005
 - Sub-committee will assist the Secretariat to develop such a strategy
- The Chair of Sub-committee to circulate ideas for resource mobilization for discussion during a teleconference tentatively scheduled for 25 October 2004



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