



Final Draft

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7TH ROLL BACK MALARIA PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING 31 MARCH TO 1 APRIL 2005

1. Election of the new chair and co-chair of the Roll Back Malaria (RBM) Partnership Board
 - a. Nigeria is unanimously elected for 1 year as chair of the RBM Partnership Board
 - b. Bayer is unanimously re-elected for 1 year as vice chair of the RBM Partnership Board

2. Progress Report
 - a. Adoption of the minutes of the 6th RBM Partnership Board meeting (28 - 29 September 2004, Accra, Ghana)
 - b. Adoption of the Executive Secretary's Progress Report
 - c. Malaria Endemic Country constituency
 - Africa
 - Calls on African governments to honour **their commitment to allocate** at least 15% of annual budget to **fund** the scaling-up and improvement of quality of health **services**;
 - Calls on OECD donor countries to accelerate cancellation of Africa's external debt in favour of increased investment in the social sector.
 - Calls on all partners to urgently address the human resource crisis in Africa
 - Endorses the Global Strategic Plan and recommends its adoption by all partners
 - Calls on all partners to fully support the RBM partnership's workplans
 - Calls on the World Bank to launch its "Booster project" as soon as possible, especially in support of ACTs and ITN/LLIN at **no cost** to vulnerable groups
 - Calls on all partners to provide support to country procurement efforts

- Calls on all partners to rapidly identify operational "Best Practices" from countries with strong track record of Global Fund project implementation; and to identify underlying **reasons why** countries lose Global Fund resources;
- Calls on all partners to initiate activities that will enable African countries produce at least 50% annual Artemisia annua **required** for ACT **within the next 2 years**;
- Calls on malaria endemic countries to ensure inclusion of cross border activities in malaria control plans
- Calls on WHO to coordinate external & internal peer review **processes** on country achievements towards Abuja commitments
- Calls on WHO AFRO to ensure that countries have sufficient advanced notice for the timely commencement and completion of the external & internal peer review process on country achievements towards Abuja commitments.
- Calls on WHO to provide information on known side effects, in particular allergies, **with the use of LLIN**

South Asia

- Calls on the RBM Partnership to ensure that the global strategic plan 2005-2015 supports vector control & personal protection strategies that are based on local evidence regarding "best practice" in choosing the most appropriate mix of strategies

The Americas

- Calls on the RBM Partnership to include *Plasmodium vivax* malaria control in the global strategic plan 2005-2015

d. The Research & Academia constituency

- **Engage** in a process, up to November 2005, that will develop a global RBM research agenda by building on the "WHO-TDR Malaria Research Challenges and Priorities" report.
- **Engage** to promote the integration of operational research in control activities, in particular in GFATM funded programmes.
- **Engage** to strengthen information sharing within the constituency regarding the RBM Partnership's development

- **Calls** on all partners to fully support malaria R&D through product oriented Public Private Partnerships
- e. The OECD donor constituency
- UK requested that RBM Board members and their constituencies contribute to the web based consultation on "The Challenge of TB and Malaria Control"
<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/consultations/tb-malaria.asp>
- f. Other constituencies
- Adoption of all other constituency reports
3. Report by the Resource Mobilization Subcommittee
- Requests the RBM Partnership Secretariat to identify and to report back to the subcommittee on an analysis of the content of the existing Secretariat workplan with regard to
 1. core activities related to implementing the RBM Partnership's Operating Framework
 2. Other high **value added** activities
 3. Other activities
 - Requests the RBM Partnership Secretariat to summarize the impact of current funding levels on staffing levels and product development
 - Will engage discussions with each constituency regarding the usefulness of the membership fee concept;
 - Will provide the full Board with recommendations at an upcoming end of the month teleconference
 - Will evaluate further the usefulness of increasing the number of OECD donor country Board seats, and will present a proposal to the 8th RBM Partnership Board for approval, if this strategy is retained
 - Recommends the secondment of a specialized resource mobilization consultant to the Partnership
 - Requests all constituencies to consider staff secondment to enhance Secretariat workplan implementation
4. Report by the Forum V Subcommittee
- elects UK as chair of the Board subcommittee
 - Subcommittee develops a proposal on roles and responsibilities of "RBM Champions" by building on existing UNICEF and UNF TOR for goodwill ambassadors
 - Subcommittee ensures high level (heads of state, prime minister) participation from Africa (2-3), South Asia (1) and the Americas (1) at the upcoming Forum V.

- Subcommittee recommends that the Chairman of the Board (Nigeria), the Chairman of the Forum V Organizing Subcommittee (UK) and the Partnership's Executive Secretary conduct a high level mission to Cameroon before the end of April.
- Subcommittee requests the Secretariat to provide the subcommittee with an updated and more detailed Forum V budget

5. Report by the RBM Partnership Identity Subcommittee

- The Subcommittee looked into a number of main points related to WHO hosting the RBM Partnership Secretariat and, more specifically, the definition of hosting, as well as the structure, reporting, communication and branding of the “Roll Back Malaria Partnership.”
- The Subcommittee agreed on the following process to achieve clarification.
 1. The Director of WHO RBM Department and the RBM Partnership Executive Secretary, with support from a facilitator, will jointly draft a note with two data inputs:
 - a functional data input comprised of two lists of respective functions of both organizations with minimal overlap and maximal differentiation
 - an administrative data input comprised of 2 or 3 options of partnership hosting rules, to be provided by Legal and Personnel on the basis of experience with other Partnerships hosted by WHO.
 2. The Director of WHO RBM Department and the RBM Partnership Executive Secretary share this draft with representatives of Private Sector (ExxonMobil) and the Foundations Constituency (UN Foundation).
 3. ExxonMobil and the UN Foundation submit a final draft to the Board
 4. The Board opens the dialogue aiming to reach a consensus on functional and administrative issues related to WHO hosting the RBM Secretariat.
 5. The timeline is to obtain this consensus is within three months from now.

6. Report by the RBM Partnership Working Groups

- Board commended WIN and MERG for relevance of their products and efficiency of their operations

- Board recommended that the Secretariat identify "Best Practices" with regard to managing WIN and MERG, in order to stimulate other RBM Working Groups to adopt similar working methods
- Board recommends that final TOR for Working Groups be adopted at one of the next end of the month teleconferences
- Board recommended that Working Group acronyms be internally consistent
- Board recommended that the Case Management Working Group review their recent consensus statement regarding the scaling-up of diagnostics when deploying ACTs in light of the WHO DRAFT report entitled "Role of parasitological diagnosis in malaria case management in areas of high transmission" which was distributed at the 7th Board meeting.

7. Report by the Measles and Malaria Campaign

- Board commended Red Cross for taking leadership in developing a methodology to deliver ITNs & LLINs through measles immunization ("M&M") campaigns
- Board called on all RBM partners to identify and rapidly share country experiences in using campaign approach for the purpose of improving the current "M&M" strategy

8. Report by the Subregional Networks of RBM Partners

- Board commended SRN in their provision of implementation support
- Board recommended that SRNs reports to Board meeting be country **result** and **performance** oriented

9. Report on Country Partnership Advisers

- Board adopted the recommendations of the December 2004 CPA stakeholder meeting;
- Board recommended that CPAs be deployed and evaluated in a limited number of countries with regard to their ability to respond effectively to coordination needs expressed by RBM country partnerships

10. Report on Improving ACT Access

- Board confirms that information gathering, procurement facilitation and brokering of supply chain management solutions are core functions of MMSS
- Board observed that core functions of MMSS surpass current staffing levels and called upon partners to contribute to increase the current MMSS capacity

- Board noted the Global Fund's efforts to reengineer its own management processes that facilitate the pooling of finances and procurements and direct payments if recipient countries make specific requests for this service.
- Board mandated the ad hoc Board subcommittee on ACT to continue discussions around a financial mechanism that will assist in overcoming the short term ACT shortage due to lack of orders (revolving fund, accelerated GFATM procedures etc).
- The Board calls upon all manufacturers of ACTs and LLINs to accelerate their submission for pre-qualification
- The Board recommended that the Zambia resolution be introduced by the African Group in Geneva (Coordinator Health Focal Points Benin) to the WHA as a complement to the existing malaria resolution

11. 8th Board meeting

- India will confirm to the Secretariat the hosting of the 8th Board meeting. Nigeria has offered to host the meeting if required.
- Dates: Mid to End of September taking into account the timing of the WHO IMCI-Malaria Task Force meeting.
- The Board requested that the next agenda be less dense and provide more time for substantive discussions on specific subjects.