



# RBM

ROLL **BACK** MALARIA PARTNERSHIP

## AFFORDABLE MEDICINES

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## FACILITY - malaria

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**Update**

# Progress since November 2007

- **November 2007:** RBM Board endorsed the AMFm design, asked the AMFm Task Force to work on outstanding implementation challenges and invited the Global Fund to consider taking on full responsibility as AMFm manager
- **December 2007 – February 2008:** RBM AMFm Task Force worked on outstanding implementation challenges and presented preliminary recommendations at February 1 meeting in London
- **February 2008:** EC endorsed the report of the Task Force as the basis for its recommendation to the Global Fund PSC and Board to consider that the Global Fund manage AMFm
- **April 2008:** UNITAID Board expressed its support in principle for the AMFm and Global Fund Board agreed to have the Secretariat prepare to host and manage the AMFm as a business line within the Global Fund

# Achievements

- **Interim report on progress against outstanding AMFm implementation challenges highlighted consensus reached on the approach to:**
  - Pharmaceutical standards and treatment guidelines
  - Supporting interventions
  - Business plan for managing the AMFm
  - Supplier sourcing and forecasting
  - Resource mobilization
- **Indications to RBM Partnership that a number of donors are strongly interested in providing additional finance for co-payments and supporting interventions**
- **UNITAID to propose potential role and added value of involvement in AMFm (including financial support)**
- **Global Fund Board asked the RBM AMFm Task Force to continue to contribute to the development of the AMFm**

# Remaining issues and next steps

- **RBM AMFm Task Force to continue to contribute to the development of the AMFm and to pursue all options to maximize access** (including targeting the poorest through free distribution of ACTs through the public and NGO channels)
- **Key remaining issues** include:
  - Country preparedness to expand access to ACTs
  - Resource mobilization and synchronization
  - Evaluation
  - Reaching the poor
- **Next steps:** RBM AMFm Task Force to continue working and to provide technical guidance to the Global Fund Secretariat and Board Committees, including the AMFm Ad-Hoc Committee, in time for September Committee meetings and November Board meeting

