



RBM Partnership Board Teleconference 24 November 2004

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Participating Constituencies:

- DRC
- Ghana
- UK
- USA
- Private sector
- WHO
- UNICEF
- World Bank
- EXS

Proposed Agenda:

- 1) Global Strategic Plan 2005 - 2015
- 2) Working Group TOR
- 3) ACT Supply Situation
- 4) Miscellaneous

The agenda was approved.

Agenda Item 1: Global Strategic Plan: 2005 - 2015

Summary:

- Drafting subcommittee met 9 & 10 November:
- WHO, World Bank, UNICEF, Private Sector present;
- Drafting subcommittee members provided required additional feedback
- All working copies components of drafting subcommittee members integrated into one master document
- Some of the major additions are:
 - Added section on targets to be in line with malaria targets of the Millennium Development Project:
 - Revision of Structure and roles of Partnership
 - Chapter on "Added Value" of Partnership
 - Full revision of Finance and Donor coordination chapter

- Expansion of procurement aspects by incorporating MMSS
- Putting Strategy into Action tables: Identification of lead partner to address priorities within each strategic component
- Risks and risk management
- The 2 day editing process attempted to make the document more systematic in style
- Document sent to Drafting Subcommittee on 24 November NOW for final review. Process completed by Sunday 28 November.
- Monday 29 November, circulation to full Board for review and approval of content prior to launch editing process.
- December 8, start of editing, layout of French & English version by Geneva based subcontractor, to generate an appealing and easily readable document
- Dissemination to Board prior to teleconference on first Wednesday in January (5.1.2005) for final Board clearance for printing

Action:

- The Board requested the Secretariat to develop a communication plan for the launch of the document
- The Board indicated that the editing process should not produce a document that will suggest the existence of a new initiative but should underline how it intends to strengthen the Roll Back Malaria movement by
 - Improving quality of services delivered,
 - Increasing coverage of service delivery
 - Improve effectiveness of service delivery
- The Board reaffirmed that the document should now move towards completion and that focus should be on editing to slim down the document, to reduce duplications and to make it an attractive document.
- Board approved the proposed calendar for finalization the Global Strategic Plan

Agenda Item 2: Working Groups

Summary:

- WG Chair and Co-Chair meeting 8 & 9 November
 - Physically present: Chair of ITN, Co-chair of MIP, designated representative of the Case Management WG chair, Secretariat of Communication WG
 - Teleconference: Chair MIP, Co-chair ITN
 - Unable to participate: MERG Chair & Co-chair attending the Tropical Health Conference in Miami; Chair of Finance WG traveling to Geneva for the drafting subcommittee meeting 9 & 10 November
- The meeting discussed Achievements and Challenges of WG work since March 2003, discussed the WG Review report (by Malaria Consortium), reviewed and revised TOR to be in line with recommendations of the WG Review report and Board observations
- The summary report on meeting and recommendations, the finalised working group review paper and proposed changes to the TOR to reflect country focus and product orientation with chairs and co-chairs for final review until 28 November.
- The documents will then be circulated to Board for adoption
- Major elements that the meeting considered:
 - Funding of WG Workplan needs to be clarified (Resource Mobilisation Subcommittee)
 - Board to review and endorse all WG products (e.g. MIP have many documents and consensus statements)
 - Membership review to be inclusive and unbiased
 - Strengthen malaria endemic country membership, and enhance focus on implementation barriers by locating WG Secretariats with a subregional RBM

partner (as was done for communication WG whose secretariat is located in Kampala)

- Chair, Co-Chair and Secretariat should have different institutional affiliations

Action:

- Board recognized that it needs to identify as soon as possible the appropriate mechanism for the financing of critical actions and products produced by WG

Agenda Item 3: ACT supply situation

Summary:

- Update by MMSS on ACT related actions by partners
 - Meeting Copenhagen UNICEF, RBM & ACT suppliers; planned meetings with Novartis and RBM and China suppliers with EDM;
- Current information indicates that the ACT shortage is due to a combination of factors
 - A substantial increase in ordered volumes
 - Increase in price at farm level for speculative purposes
 - Buyers in China may be preferential purchasers, thus decreasing access to API for external producers

Action:

- The RBM Board took note on developments on multiple fronts
- Mandated the Secretariat to organise a face-to-face meeting for concerned Board members, before Christmas 2004, for the purpose of information sharing and identifying next steps in resolving the supply shortage
- The Board recognized that resolving the shortage will require
 - in the short term the prioritization of ACT access at country and region within country level
 - moving productions preferentially towards pediatric formulations
- The expansion of cultivation of API beyond China and Vietnam is planned, January 2000 is expected planting date. However, availability of seed is limiting this approach to reduce shortage. WHO and USAID address the barriers.

Agenda Item 4: Miscellaneous

Summary:

- A to Z launch
- RBM MOU (as reviewed by the 3rd and 4th Board meeting) approved by GFATM Board
- Board subcommittee to follow-up with DG WHO regarding identity of RBM Partnership and secretariat (USA, UK (succeeding Holland), WB, Private Sector and chair Ghana)
- Board subcommittee Forum V (Italy, UK, WHO, NGO, Private Sector, Research and Academia) needs to get organised (chair, next steps, convene regular meetings etc)
- Next teleconference either in 2 weeks (15 December) or on 5th January. Dates 29 and 22 December unlikely to be good for many.
- Japan has expressed interest to become much more active in the RBM Partnership. Japan will identify a Focal Point. Japan currently revises / updates its Okinawa communicable disease strategy by April 2005.

- Following initial discussions on CPA deployment at 6th Board meeting, a consultation between Gates Foundation, World Bank, WHO, UN Foundation, Exxon-Mobil, Millenium Development Project will meet on 10 December to further discuss a concept paper. USA will join the group as well. The CPA concept paper will then be submitted to the full Board for adoption.
- Discussions funding of the Youssou Ndour malaria concert and his West Africa tour indicated that specific budgets need to be generated to identify funding of various components. Indication of growing buy-in by sponsors into this event.

Action:

- At the planned ACT shortage meeting in Geneva (before Christmas), Board members present were reminded that this might offer a good opportunity to meet with WHO DGO to follow-up on the 6th Board recommendation regarding continued dialogue on RBM Partnership / Secretariat identity
- Ensure coordinated Country Support for round 5 GFATM applications regarding the deployment of ACTs i.e. prioritisation of countries and regions
- Board subcommittee Forum V needs to become fully operational as Forum V is only 12 months away.
- Next teleconference will take place on 5 January 2005
- USA to follow-up with Japan on Focal Point designation and on identifying means to interact with Japan in the updating of the Okinawa communicable disease strategy