



Terms of Reference for RBM Global ACT Subsidy Task force

Preamble

After publication of the Institute of Medicine Report in 2004 "Saving Lives Buying Time", the Roll Back Malaria (RBM) Partnership decided to examine further the ACT subsidy concept. In September 2005 the RBM Finance and Resource Working Group asked the World Bank to develop a detailed proposal for the design and operation of such a global ACT subsidy. Further to an open tender process, the World Bank contracted Dalberg Global Development Advisors to conduct an initial study on the feasibility and possible financial mechanisms of a global ACT subsidy.

An Expert Workshop and Consultative Forum on a High-Level Buyer Subsidy for Artemisinin-Based Combination Therapies (ACTs) took place in Amsterdam on 18 and 19 January 2007. In Amsterdam the malaria community strongly endorsed the project of a global subsidy and suggested the creation of a RBM Task Force to steer the project.

Meeting on 7 February 2007 the RBM Executive Committee approved the creation of the Global ACT Subsidy Task force with the following roles and responsibilities, membership, partnership engagement and timeline.

Roles and responsibilities:

This taskforce is the only RBM mechanism to forge consensus on recommendations to the RBM Board on key factors for a successful scale-up of ACT availability and use through the introduction of a global ACTs subsidy. More in particular this Task force will:

- Make recommendations on the following issues:
 - subsidy levels /ex factory price and estimate of required funding commitment
 - criteria for facility architecture (including hosting) and management (including governance)
 - communication strategy to promote uptake of ACTs
 - the responsible introduction of ACTs (monitoring of resistance, appropriate technical support, operational research, monitoring and evaluation, equity considerations, sustainability concerns)
- Mobilize political and financial support This means:
 - Political steering: The Task Force should reach out to donors, endemic countries, international organizations and civil society to create awareness and build support for the subsidy project
 - Resource mobilization: The Task Force should reach out to donors to mobilize necessary funding commitments for the subsidy
 - Integration into national programming: The Task Force should raise awareness of the subsidy among malaria-endemic countries to incorporate the subsidy into national malaria strategies

Membership:

Co-chairs: the United Republic of Tanzania and the Netherlands
UNICEF, WHO, World Bank, USAID/PMI, GFATM, BMGF, IOM, private sector, MSF, RFF
RBM Finance and Resource WG co-chairs
Facilitation and support by the Executive Director and RBM Secretariat
The Secretariat of the Task Force is assumed by the World Bank which subcontracts Dalberg

Partnership engagement:

Other donors to be included in at least an advisory capacity with this task force.
Task force to work closely with RBM Partnership bodies (constituencies, working groups) especially in the following areas:

- Communication strategy
- Architecture and management recommendations
- Monitoring of resistance
- Appropriate tech support
- Operational Support

Timeline:

March 07: Review and foster consensus on the draft technical proposal, the principles, process and timeline of a global ACT subsidy
April 07: Review and agree upon outline technical proposal, principles, process and timeline and submission for EC endorsement
9-10 May 07: Review, agree upon and submit outline technical proposal, process and timelines for Board endorsement
June 07: Review and agree upon a detailed technical proposal, process and timelines in view of the launch
November 07: Announce the global ACT subsidy