

ACT Scale Up Strategy in AMFm Countries

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ACT scale up through AMFm

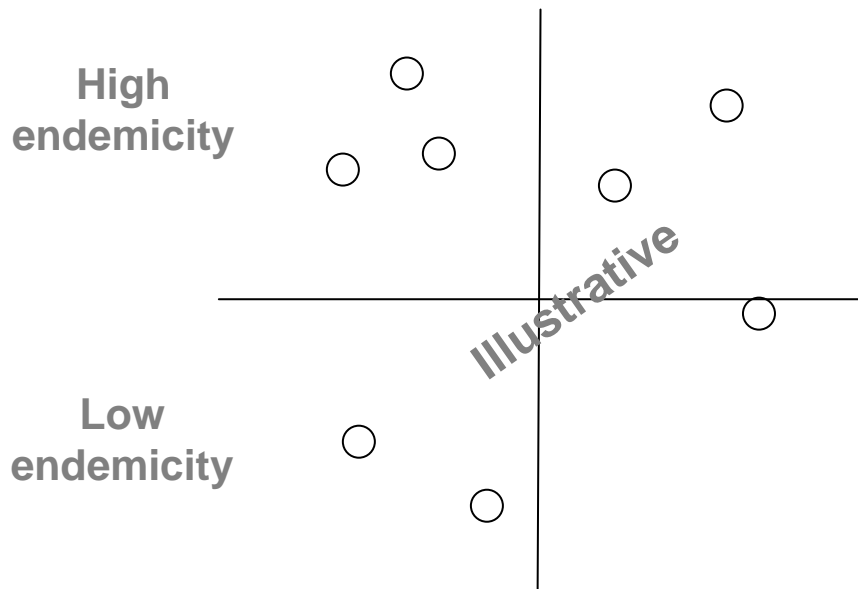
AMFm implementation challenges

- Overall ACT scale up & AMFm challenges
- Building on R8 lessons for AMFm

Developing model for partner support

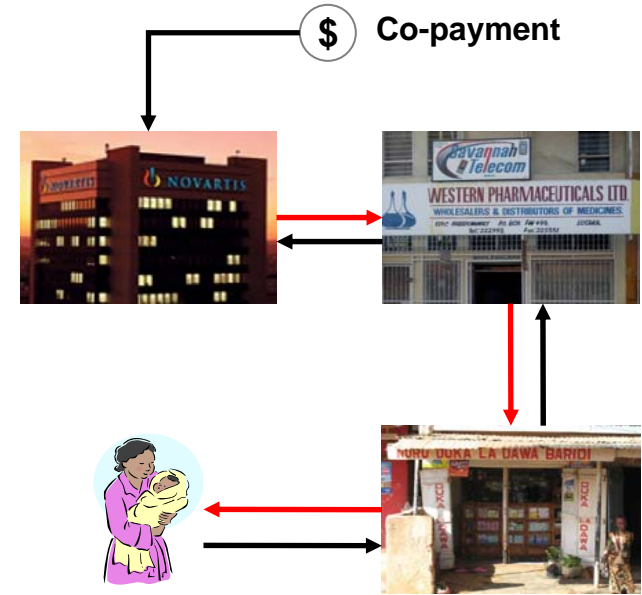
Eligible countries have proposed to leverage the AMFm as a flexible tool for achieving universal treatment access goals...

Each country presents a unique landscape...



Small private sector for fever treatment

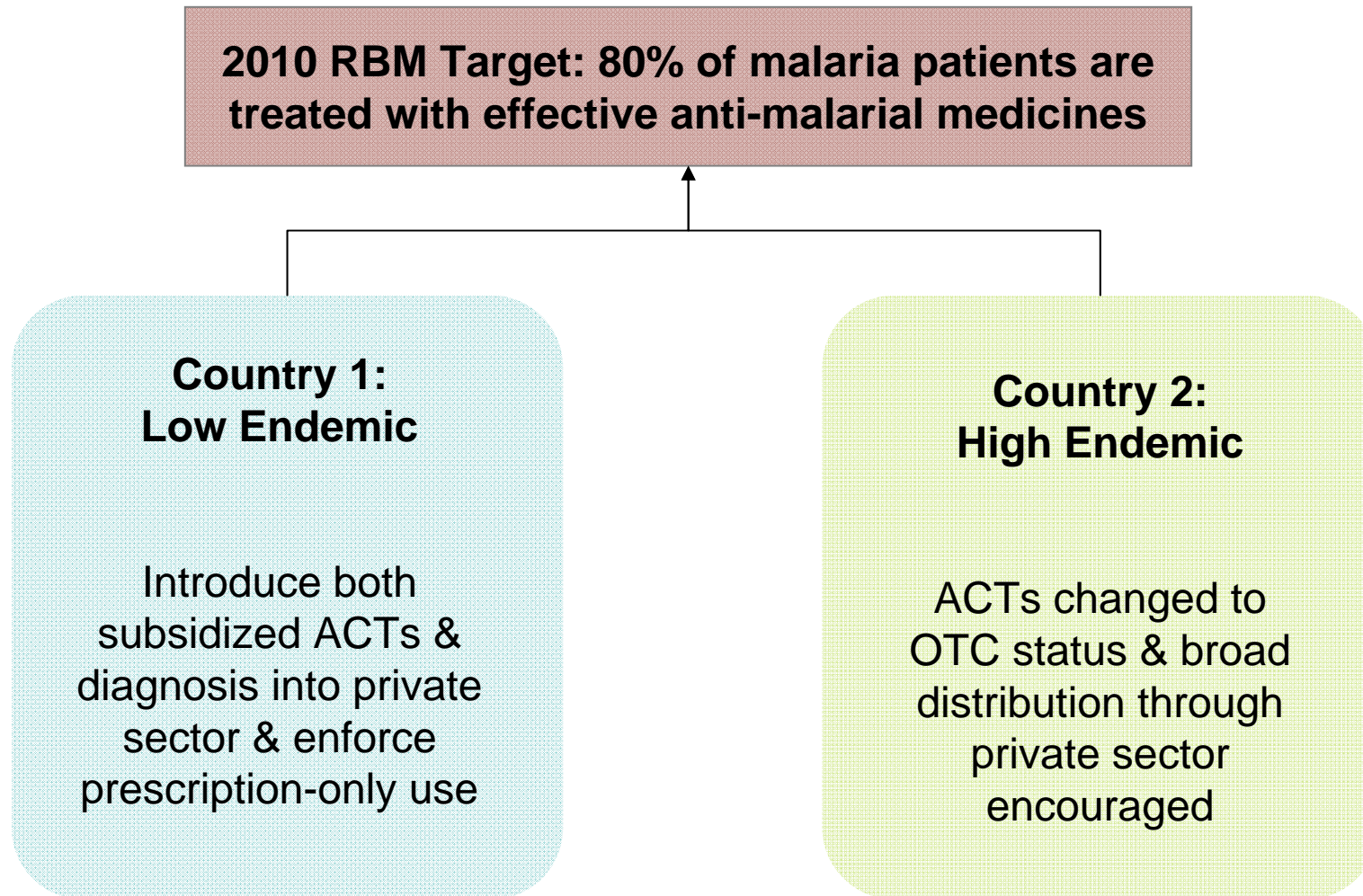
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- ACTs
- Payment

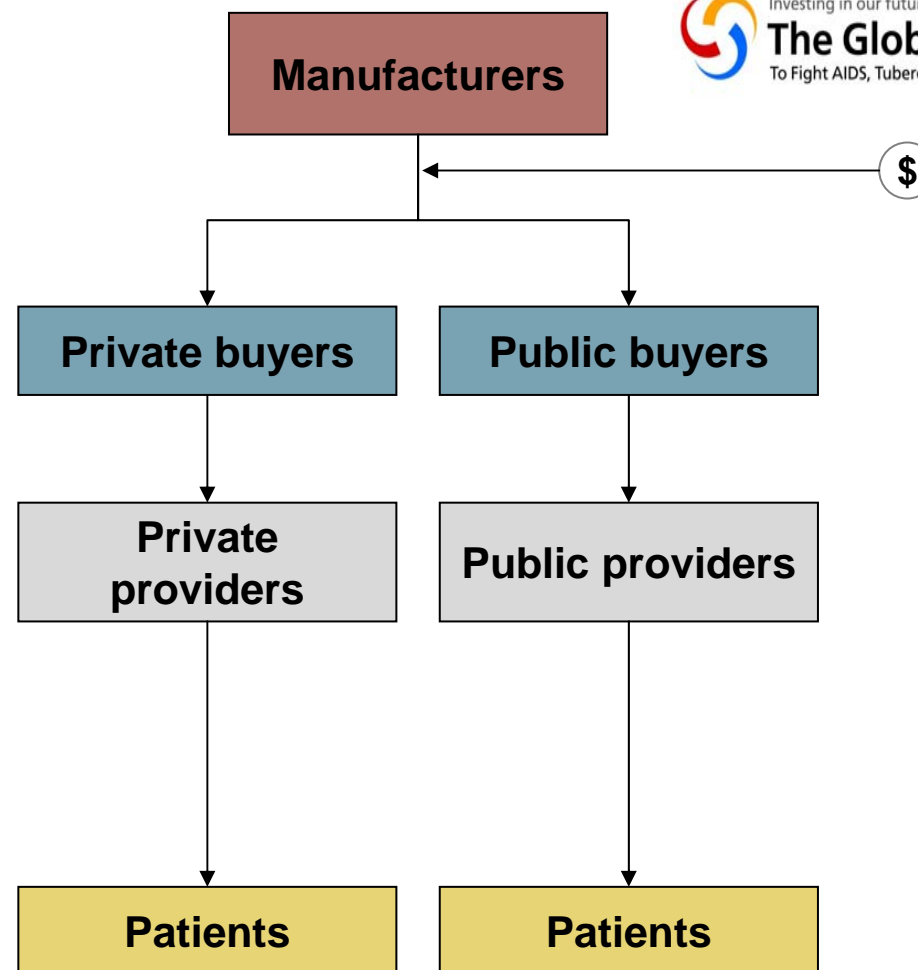
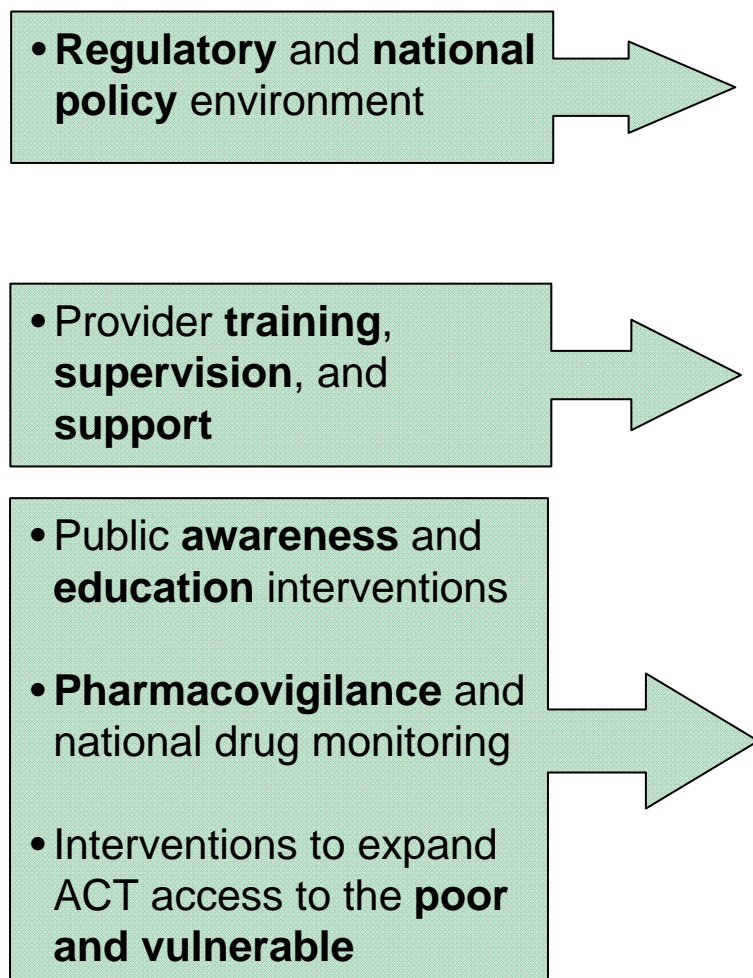
...and all have elected to use the AMFm as a tool to achieve a goal of universal ACT coverage

...which has resulted in a range of proposed approaches to implementing the AMFm



The AMFm aims to achieve its objectives through a co-payment to reduce the price of ACTs, and interventions to ensure rational use

Supporting Interventions



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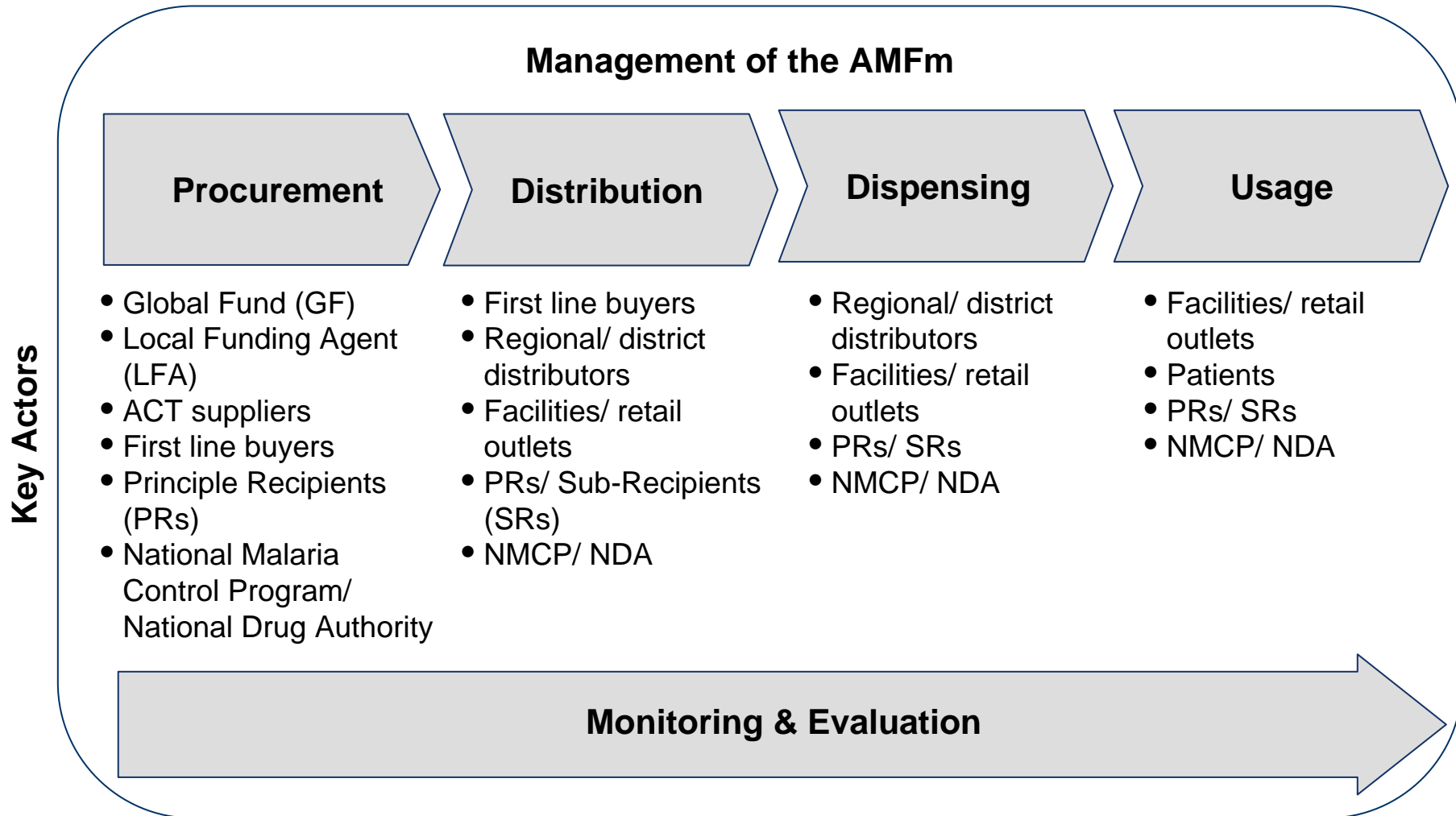


Success and risk factors for AMFm

- Unique AMFm challenges
- Building on R8 lessons

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Components of successful AMFm implementation



Countries may face challenges in preparing for the launch of AMFm and in its ongoing implementation: Management



MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES

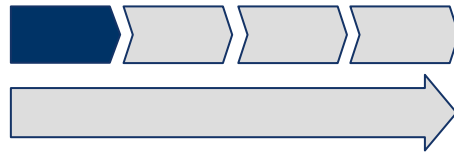
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- Timely and accurate information flow among national and international stakeholders
- Coordination among government, not-for-profit and private sector stakeholders

HIGHLIGHTED BY AMFM

- Rapid grant amendment to trigger buyer orders for co-paid ACTs
- Integration of AMFm into overall ACT scale up efforts
- Alignment of AMFm activities and grant amendment process with other GF grants and processes

Countries may face challenges in preparing for the launch of AMFm and in its ongoing implementation: Procurement



PROCUREMENT CHALLENGES

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- High quality ACTs are registered in countries as rapidly as possible

HIGHLIGHTED BY AMFM

- First-line buyer uptake of ACTs – particularly in the private sector
- Ensuring high competition among importers of co-paid ACTs (i.e. more than one importer per manufacturer)
- Developing and applying a global AMFm logo for co-paid ACTs

Countries may face challenges in preparing for the launch of AMFm and in its ongoing implementation: Distribution



DISTRIBUTION CHALLENGES

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- Weaknesses in public sector supply chain & logistics management lead to stock outs, particularly in rural areas

HIGHLIGHTED BY AMFM

- ACTs do not penetrate the private sector distribution system
- Insufficient demand for ACTs in the private sector to catalyze market shift
- Private sector supply chain applies high mark ups
- ACTs do not reach rural areas through either the private or public sector

Countries may face challenges in preparing for the launch of AMFm and in its ongoing implementation: Dispensing



DISPENSING CHALLENGES

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- Dispensers don't promote ACTs or offer the correct dose or instructions
- Patients prefer other anti-malarials over ACT

HIGHLIGHTED BY AMFM

- ACTs sold at a high retail price in private sector
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Countries may face challenges in preparing for the launch of AMFm and in its ongoing implementation: Usage and M&E



USAGE AND M&E CHALLENGES

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- Patients do not adhere to a full treatment course
- Overall ACT stocking and consumption data is not gathered and responded to in real time

HIGHLIGHTED BY AMFM

- Private sector availability and pricing data is not gathered and responded to in real time
- **Patients do not adhere to a full treatment course**

The R8 Grant Signing Assessment recommends steps to overcome AMFm grant amendment bottlenecks: For HWG

Issue	Key elements
Model of support to countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create timelines of deliverables for all GF processes• Intensive, consistent support that leverages in-country and out-of-country resources• Assistance on AMFm to be integrated with other support
Lower capacity countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-identify lower capacity countries
PR assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use the online PR LFA assessment for advanced PR review
Country focal points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use country focal points with clear roles & responsibilities (e.g. track and report on progress to all stakeholders)

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Issue	Key elements
Clear guidance on AMFm process, timelines, and requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GF should provide clear guidelines• Countries need clarity on the trigger for purchasing co-paid ACTs• Regional workshops could be leveraged
Managing multiple GF processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct a country mapping of all GF processes in a country to develop integrated work plan• Develop strong GF-partner linkage in countries with multiple processes• Prepare approach to countries with Phase 2 review and host grant termination before end of AMFm Phase 1

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LFA assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create an AMFm assessment template for LFAs, and conducting an LFA tele-training<li>• Preschedule and communicate timing in advance of LFA assessments<li>• LFA clarifications should be combined with GF Finance Unit review<li>• FPM should communicate all budget clarifications at once to the PR

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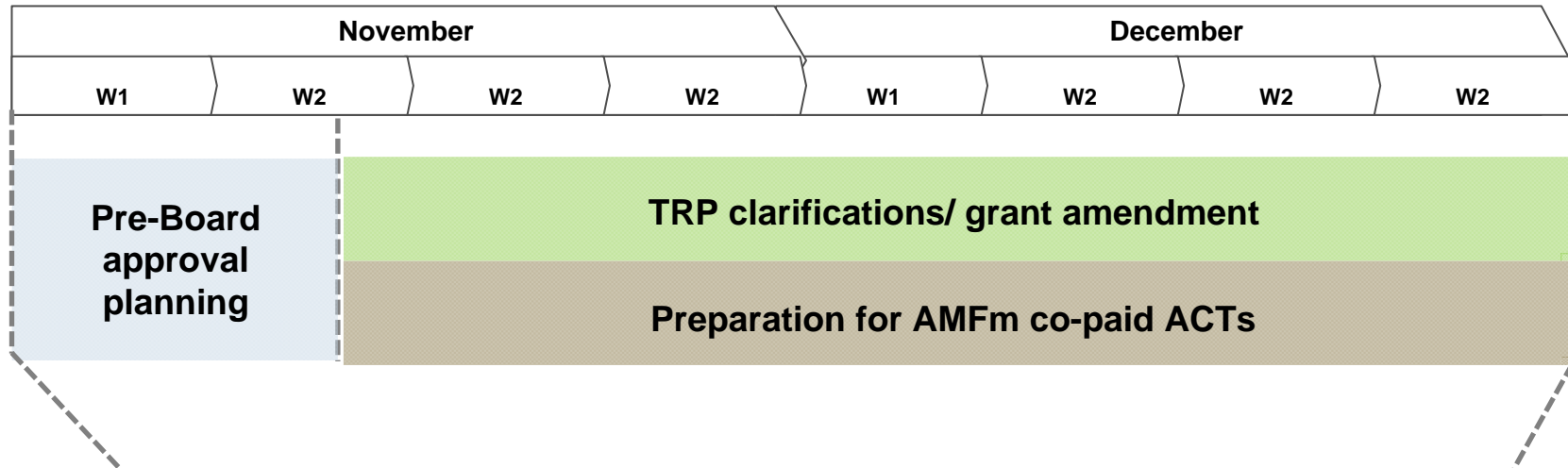
Developing effective models for partner support to AMFm countries is fundamental to effective AMFm integration into existing strategies

Principles for Developing Partner Support

- ① HWG support to AMFm preparation and implementation will be coordinated and integrated with overall ACT scale up
- ② Lessons from R8 grant signing will be used to develop effective models of support for AMFm preparation and implementation
- ③ At the same time, the HWG recognizes the additionality, uniqueness, and urgency of the AMFm and will develop targeted support for these aspects

During an AMFm Workstream Planning Session (Oct 31, 2009), partners will begin to develop country-by-country support plans. These will be validated and refined through a series of consultations with country stakeholders

Next steps



- Saturday, Oct 31: HWG AMFm Workstream Planning Session
- Tuesday, Nov 3: NMCP Managers & Partners meeting
- Nov-Dec:
 - Support in-country consultations and stakeholder meetings
 - Support TRP clarifications in-country as requested, and also provide remote review
- Nov 30-Dec 4: WHO-TDR Operational Research Workshop

For discussion at Saturday AMFm Workstream Planning Session

- ① How will the AMFm Workstream turn the R8 Signature Assessment recommendations into action items?
- ② What are the priority challenges over the next 6 months of preparing for and implementing the AMFm in countries? What solutions can the Workstream brainstorm for the challenges beyond the grant amendment?
- ③ How will the Workstream model its support to address these priority challenges per country?