

Key lessons learned by HWG – Updated from Mock TRP Discussions

Mock TRP Round 10

Remember what is guiding the review

- TRP TORs has three main criteria for proposal review:
 - *Soundness of approach*
 - *Feasibility*
 - *Potential for sustainability and impact*
- All three must be achieved to be accepted

LLIN/IRS Overlap

- Strongly encouraged to see the revised and explicit WHO guidance on this matter
- Bottom line is that while there may be an additive effect, it is recommended that countries first prioritize uncovered populations, before deploying both interventions in areas covered with one already
- Strong argument based on Value for Money required will be required here: “Where is my next dollar best spent to achieve the greatest impact”?

At what level of HH coverage do existing nets need to be taken into account for planning?

- At LLIN household ownership levels < 30%, existing LLINs should not be taken into account for mass distribution quantification
- > 30%, quantification of needs for nets should take into account existing nets
- Countries should quantify needs based on the number of LLINs distributed over the 2 years prior to the planned campaign
- For rates of loss, these should be calculated at 8% for year 1 (months 0-12), 20% for year 2 (months 13-24) and 50% for year 3 (months 25-36).

Quantification consideration for RDTs & Antimalarials

General Guiding Principles

- ACTs
 - Expanding access to treatment through expanded service delivery points (e.g. CCM of malaria) = increase ACT requirement
 - Scaling up with vector control interventions (SUF1) = decrease ACT requirement (use percentage provided by the HWG)
 - Scaling up of diagnostics = decrease ACT requirements (use local data where available on positivity rates)
- Diagnostics (RDTs)
 - All suspected cases of malaria require confirmatory diagnosis
 - Take into account
 - the use of microscopic based diagnosis
 - the "scope and rate" of scale –up of malaria diagnosis
 - the effect of universal coverage with malaria control intervention

Section 4.5.3 – VFM Narrative

- In addition to the unit cost and service delivery cost question, this section asks for a narrative description of VFM
- Make certain to explain clearly that interventions and target populations I have chosen represent the best value for money given alternatives.
- VFM does not always mean lower cost. Upfront spending now, if it saves money later or improves program performance later, represents good value for money. For instance, up front costs required to put in place a solid surveillance system for insecticide and drug resistance that will last years is excellent VFM. Provide these sorts of examples in this section.

Impact of prevention coverage on ACT forecasting

- After the target for universal coverage of vector control is reached, countries should budget for a 10% reduction in ACT procurement for the following year. Assuming coverage is maintained, 20% reduction can be assumed for the year after that, and 30% the year after that.
- This is an interim solution recommended by the RBM HWG, and it is recommended that countries collect data to refine forecasts in future years.

Comments from TRP

- Essential that each country directly responds to the comments made by the TRP from the last Global Fund submission even if the country is not resubmitting the same application.
- Include these comments in the template (4.4.2) and in an attached summary

Gap Analyses

- Gap analysis tables have been removed from the round 10 template.
- Strongly recommend a clear gap analysis is carried out during the preparation of the proposal to assist in prioritization of activities and identification of targets, gaps and needs.
- This should include an explanation of the underlying assumptions
- Include summary in the proposal and detailed analysis attached in annex to the proposal.

Guidelines – Directives

- Strongly recommend that you keep the guidelines by your side at all times and use the checklists provided
- Note that the guidelines have been extensively updated for round 10

