

## **RBM PSMWG Meeting 28-29 April, 2008 Woerden, the Netherlands**



The Roll Back Malaria Procurement and Supply Management Working Group held their third semi-annual meeting in Woerden, the Netherlands. The meeting was hosted by IDA Solutions.

The objectives of the meeting were to:

- Define the mode of operation and membership
- Provide an update on the activities in the work plan
- Provide an update on associated budgets
- Define the roles and responsibilities of the members of the PSM WG
- Analyze gaps in progress towards implementation of the activities in the workplan
- Create new task forces as necessary and appoint points of contacts
- Identify next steps

The meeting was attended by 22 participants from 21 organizations including additional invited participants from; BCG which provided an update on the progress of the Global Malaria Business Plan, University of York, TDR, the Dutch Foreign Ministry and a potential *Artemisia annua* grower. Three new task forces were created to shepherd the implementation of activities; Global Supply; Responding to PSM Bottlenecks and LLIN Scale-up. Terms of Reference and deliverables for each task force were also determined.

Members discussed and agreed on the mode of operation and criteria for membership including addressing potential conflicts of interest. It was agreed that the membership criteria appropriately addressed this issue however; a declaration of conflicts of interest would be drafted by the co-chairs and the RBM Partnership Secretariat to be signed by each of the members.

The members agreed that significant progress had been made in the activities despite the limited budget. Other issues that were discussed were; quality assurance of RDTs, packaging and pediatric formulations of ACTs as well as the WHOPES process for registration of LLINs. The role of the PSMWG in each of these areas was discussed.

The next meeting will be held in Geneva in November 2008.