



**Minutes of the Teleconference Meeting held with Malawi NMCP on 23rd
January 2013 from 10:20 to 11:12 Hours**

SARN

Gaborone, Botswana



PRESENT

1. Malawi NMCP/NPO : Mrs. Doreen Ali
: Mr. John Chipwanya
: Mr. Misheck Luhanga
: Dr. Wilfred Dodoli
2. RBM Secretariat : Dr James Banda
3. SARN Secretariat: : Col. (Dr.) Kaka Mudambo
: Mr. Daniso Mbewe

2.0 APOLOGIES

- 2.1 There were no apologies.

3.0 AGENDA

- 3.1 Welcome Remarks
- 3.2 Dates for the PMI MOP
- 3.3 In-country PPP round table meeting (PS and CEOs)
- 3.4 Development of 2013 Roadmap
- 3.5 Gap Analysis
- 3.6 GF Bottlenecks
- 3.7 TA Plan
- 3.8 Program Management
- 3.9 Closing Remarks



4.0 WELCOME REMARKS

- 4.1 The meeting was chaired by Col. (Dr) Kaka Mudambo who called the meeting to order at 10:20 hours and welcomed all participants.
- 4.2 The Chairperson informed the meeting that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss development of 2013 roadmap process, gap analysis, TA plan, business/operational plan that would be used to source support from donors/partners and other issues in the agenda. He said over the years we have been able to develop strategic plans which cover a period of five years and annual work plans (roadmaps) which cover a period of 1 year but we have not been able to develop business/operational plans which cover a period of three years and therefore it was important for countries to start developing them.

5.0 DATES FOR THE PMI MOP

- 5.1 Malawi informed the meeting that the PMI MOP mission to Malawi was scheduled for mid June 2013 but actual dates would be communicated by 1st February 2013.
- 5.2 Malawi informed the meeting that the program with PMI was doing well but PMI have indicated that they will be scaling down funding for IRS. Malawi emphasized that they will request technical assistance on IRS from PMI to continue.
- 5.3 PMI was supporting the positions of M&E and WHO-NPO and the support is terminating at the end of 2013. Malawi will emphasize the importance of continued PMI support for these posts beyond 2013. The other option would be to explore a possibility of funding these positions from Global Fund.
- 5.4 The meeting agreed that SARN mission to Malawi would be carried out in April 2013 and SARN would propose actual dates for the mission after looking at calendar of events.

6.0 IN-COUNTRY PPP ROUND TABLE MEETING (PS AND CEO'S)

- 6.1 SARN said that this meeting would be done during SARN mission to Malawi. Since Malawi did not budget for the meeting, SARN would find ways of supporting the meeting.
- 6.2 SARN Coordinator would discuss with GBCHealth and Ms. Ali on development of the agenda for the meeting and the agenda would be ready by Friday, 25th January 2013.

7.0 DEVELOPMENT OF 2013 ROADMAP

- 7.1 SARN commended Malawi for having consistently updated their 2012 roadmap and informed the meeting that the new roadmap template was user friendly.
- 7.2 Malawi had already started development of 2013 roadmap and would be finalised by 1st February 2013.



8.0 GAP ANALYSIS

- 8.1 SARN commended Malawi for having developed one of good gap analyses and said that the analysis could be used as a best practice and asked Malawi to support other countries during the gap analysis meeting that would be held 13 – 15 February 2013 in Nairobi, Kenya.

9.0 GF BOTTLENECKS

- 9.1 Malawi informed the meeting that their GF Grant Round 9 was rated C because of financial challenges as the Ministry of Health did not manage well the discrete account after funds for malaria were moved from a basket fund (SWAP) to a discrete account.
- 9.2 In view of the above, a consultant from Global Fund came to Malawi towards end of 2012 to equip the team managing the discrete account with knowledge of how best to manage the account.
- 9.3 Malawi requested LFA to carry out verification on progress in management of the discrete account and this had not been done yet. SARN will discuss with the RBM GF focal point to follow up this issue with Fund Portfolio Manager for Malawi.
- 9.4 Malawi was not receiving funds for implementing in-county activities but only funds for procuring commodities like ACTs and these funds were given to VPP.
- 9.5 Malawi informed the meeting that they had submitted GF Round 9 Phase 2 grant proposal to Global Fund and addressed queries which were raised by GF last year but no feedback was received from GF.
- 9.6 Malawi also informed the meeting that GF RD 7 Phase 2 grant would close by end of December 2013.
- 9.7 SARN stressed that it was important to have a strong in-country partners forum which supports the NMCP before SARN and global partners come in to support.

10.0 TA PLAN

- 10.1 Malawi informed the meeting that their TA plan would be finalised by 1st February 2013.
- 10.2 Malawi informed the meeting that they would need technical assistance in the following areas:
- i. Review of malaria database planned for February to April 2013.
 - ii. Review of malaria policy planned for April to December 2013.
 - iii. Pilot use of DDT for IRS survey in Nkhotakota that would involve proposal development and implementation as Malawi Government had given funds to start using DDT for IRS.
 - iv. Mid-term review of the Malaria Strategic Plan planned for July to November 2013.
 - v. End evaluation of round 2 & 7 consolidated GF grant.
- 10.3 SARN asked Malawi to send their requests for TA to SARN as soon as possible for consideration by the Coordination Committee.



- 10.4 SARN said that it was going to be a good opportunity for the Program Manager for Malawi to discuss with her counterpart during SARN mission to Zimbabwe that would be carried out 18 – 22 February 2013 as this would provide a learning point for Malawi in a number of areas including implementation of DDT for IRS.

11.0 PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

- 11.1 SARN informed the meeting that a regional MPR report was printed as well as TZMI Business Plan and these documents would be distributed and MAZAMO-mi Business Plan could be modeled on the TZMI Business Plan.
- 11.2 Malawi informed the meeting that they had implemented most of the MPR recommendations and the meeting agreed that it was important to document how implementation was done.
- 11.3 Malawi also informed the meeting that P & I series for Malawi was done and was sent for signature to the President's office.
- 11.4 Dr. Banda informed the meeting that in the GMAP on Page 193 (English version), there was a description of how the strategic plan (Five years) links with business plan (Three years) and one year work plan and roadmap was designed for that and it was important to read that and the concept note in preparation for development of a business plan for Malawi.

12.0 CLOSING REMARKS

- 12.1 Malawi informed the meeting that they would send a documentary for LLINs Mass Campaign Distribution that was done in 2012 for posting on the website and thanked SARN and RBM for the support rendered to Malawi.
- 12.2 SARN said that it was important to build capacity and expertise in the region for technical support and valued the role the Coordination Committee was playing as it was critical to ensure survival of the network.
- 12.3 The Chairperson thanked all participants to the meeting for their contributions and the meeting was closed at 11:12 hours.