



**JOINT SARN AND PMI MALAWI MISSION REPORT**

**LILONGWE, MALAWI**

**18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2011**

**SARN**

**Gaborone, Botswana**



## **1.0 BACKGROUND**

**The Terms of Reference for the joint SARN and PMI mission to Malawi were:**

1. Discuss ways of strengthening in-country RBM partnership
2. Discuss joint technical support activities
3. Discuss technical support for grant implementation as a priority
4. Identification of bottlenecks through joint systematic program reviews/SWORT/diagnostic mission
5. Discuss ways of strengthening PRs, SRs, SSRs capacity to manage implementation of GF Grants more effectively
6. Discuss support for adoption of good project management including development of high quality strategic/operational plans, coordinated partners efforts coordinated regular implementation progress reviews, fostering the country's stakeholders ability to identify and resolve bottlenecks, peer review, learning and information sharing/exchange and documentation of best practices
7. Discuss how PMI will refer country support request to SARN when appropriate

## **2.0 ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT DURING THE JOINT MISSION**

The SARN team realized that it was going to play a pivotal role with regards to inputs as one of the key stakeholders during the PMI MOP activity. The purpose of MOP is for PMI to establish gaps in Malaria Control and identify critical areas that need assistance. The key output of MOP being the Malaria Operational Plan to be financed by PMI. Against this, the following key activities were undertaken:

1. Met PMI and discussed the SARN complimentary role in implementing malaria activities
  - a. Discussed ways of strengthening National Malaria Control Program
  - b. Discussed ways of implementing gaps identified during the February 2011 SARN Mission to Malawi
2. Discussed mechanism for providing TA to NMCP in line with areas identified during February 2011 mission
3. Attended stakeholder consultative and debriefing meetings

Due to the unrest and demonstrations that were taking place in Malawi, the stakeholder and debriefing meetings were cancelled. Instead the SARN team met PMI members independently. The two teams made up of the following participants met:

### **PMI Team**

1. Kim Lindblade
2. Martin Alilio
3. Jessica Oyugi
4. Kate Wolf
5. Adam Wolkon
6. Amy (CDC)



## SARN Team

1. Martha Mписаунга – SARN Co-chair and Team Leader
2. Bertha Simwaka – MACEPA

### 3.0 OUTPUTS

The meeting yielded following key outputs:

<b>Thematic Areas</b>	<b>Identified Gaps</b>	<b>Proposed Way-Forward</b>
Global FUND support	<p>We discussed the need to provide TA on Global Fund related issues as identified by the team in February 2011 such as quantification of commodities.</p> <p>SARN promised to support National Malaria Control Program. PMI team members were interested in progress made against this pledge.</p>	SARN team to follow-up with Secretariat (Kaka Mudambo) concerning progress against this commitment
LLIN Universal Coverage/Mass Campaign	The National Malaria Control Program will be implementing a mass LLIN campaign in 2011. TA support is required from SARN/RBM during planning and implementation of the mass LLIN campaign.	The LLINs mass distribution micro-planning consultant will support Malawi from 19 August to 09 September 2011. The consultant (Doug Mole) has agreed and TORs are available.
Malaria Indicator Survey 2012	<p>PMI team briefed SARN that the National Malaria Control Program will be implementing a second Malaria Indicator Survey 2012.</p> <p>The following areas of both financial and technical needs were raised:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Technical support in oversampling of Nkhota Kota and the other IRS districts</li> <li>2. Financial support to collect data from oversampled IRS districts</li> </ol>	SARN to explore provision of both technical and financial support for oversampling of IRS districts during the Malaria Indicator Survey in 2012
IRS and Insecticides Resistance in Malawi	The team also discussed the role of SARN in setting up IRS and insecticides plans as a key partner in	SARN to explore providing TA support in mapping and

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	conducting Malaria Program Reviews. This was discussed in the context of emerging evidence on IRS and insecticides resistance in Malawi. The team was interested in understanding SARN's role in mapping and developing insecticides resistance plans for SADC countries. In response SARN indicated that TA support can be explored jointly with WHO and facilitation of inter-country shared learning insecticides resistance management e.g. from Swaziland.	building profile of insecticides resistance in Malawi will be explored.  SARN to explore supporting Malawi with insecticides resistance management plan
Cross border initiatives	PMI team was interested to learn from the existing Cross-border initiatives. SARN team gave a brief overview of the current and state of the cross-border initiatives. SARN team indicated that in long-term, plans are underway to establish cross-border initiative for Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia.	The proposed cross-border initiatives: Trans-Luangwa [ Chipata-Muchinji-Mwanza- Zobue and the Trans-Ruvuma (Malawi, Mozambique and Tanzania) will be established in 2012
Other activities	On Monday and Tuesday, support was provided to M&E team in developing plan for geo-coding of IRS districts	

#### 4.0 KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

It is clear that both partners and the Ministry of Health, appreciated the February 2011 Mission which has brought some notable changes in malaria programming. The partners are looking forward to the fulfillment of the technical support commitments pledged by SARN and its partners. In particular we recommend that SARN should address the following critical issues:

1. SARN to follow up on LLINs mass distribution Micro-planning consultant
2. TA support on key issues which were identified during the 2011 mission on Global Fund management
3. Develop a roadmap to support:
  - consolidation of evidence on growing IRS and insecticides resistance in Malawi and
  - Development of insecticides resistance management plan