**RBM MiP Working Group meeting, April 26, 2023**

**Meeting Minutes**

1. Kristen Vibbert, Jhpiego
2. Abena Poku-Awuku, MMV
3. Julie Gutman, CDC/PMI
4. Maud Majeres Lugand, MMV
5. Koki Agarwal, Jhpiego
6. Sequoia Leuba, Imperial College, London
7. Wycliffe Odongo, CDC
8. Elhadji Mbengue, MOH Senegal
9. Kalil Keita, MOH Guinea
10. Matt Chico, LSHTM
11. Maurice Bucagu, WHO
12. James Andati, JHU
13. Felicia Amoo-Sakyi, Jhpiego Ghana
14. Patrick Walker, Imperial College, London
15. Jacques Kouakou, PSI IMPACT Malaria Ivory Coast
16. Kwame Ankobea, USAID Ghana
17. Iniabasi Nglass, MSH
18. Meredith Center, PSI
19. Odete Cossa, Jhpiego Mozambique
20. Lazare Loua, NMCP Guinea
21. Jackson Sillah, WHO AFRO
22. Chonge Kitojo, USAID Tanzania
23. Stephanie Dellacour, LSTM
24. Silvia Schwarte, WHO
25. Anna Munsey, CDC
26. Radhika Khanna Hexter, Malaria Consortium
27. Raquel Gonzalez, ISGlobal
28. Tory Seffren, CDC
29. Agnes Janafo, NMCP Liberia
30. Fady Toure, NMCP, Mali
31. Akuzike Banda, NMCP Malawi
32. Bonny Onyango, Fonjo Foundation
33. Estrella Lasry, The Global Fund
34. Brenda Okech, UVRI – IAVI
35. Ashley Riley, JHU
36. Pascal Magnussen, University of Copenhagen
37. Joe Mugasa, PSI IMPACT Malaria Sierra Leone
38. Augustin Fombah, ISGlobal
39. Barry Yaya, MOH Guinea
40. Wani Kumba Lahai, MOH Sierra Leone
41. Triphonie Nkurunziza, WHO AFRO
42. **World Malaria Updates:**
    1. Video of MiP WG annual meeting in Accra in September, 2022: [https://youtu.be/MSEJdNBkxlY](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2FMSEJdNBkxlY&data=05%7C01%7CKristen.Vibbert%40jhpiego.org%7C7424799a585b4cf4597708db45734b87%7C26ef7fd22a7f4135a2e4de9acf168b2a%7C0%7C0%7C638180133746270523%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=dv1%2Ft0wiUsVO9mgFbwsb%2Bp4dKqk%2FMAgpz1wJoFx1Dz0%3D&reserved=0)
       1. Developed by MMV and features many of our colleagues.
    2. President Biden announced that PMI will be expanding to 3 additional countries: Burundi, The Gambia and Togo
43. **Presentation:** ***Quantifying the impact of malaria in pregnancy on maternal anemia***, Sequoia Leuba, Imperial College, London

Presentation Discussion:

* 1. Can you share the slides?
     1. Estimates are still a bit provisional so slides cannot be share at this time. We need to think carefully about what to share but we can definitely give more information if people want to approach Sequoia and Patrick individually.
  2. What kind of maternal mortality data would be useful?
     1. Very happy for collaboration with people who are more experienced in maternal mortality.
        1. We don’t need anything that was malaria specific - more broadly we need to answer what anaemia does so are hoping there may expertise from lots of areas of maternal health that might be relevant!
        2. Current data includes older estimates and is limited.
        3. Data that is not hospital based or not specific to only women who have received transfusions/treatments.
        4. More general data is more useful.
  3. How did you estimate impact of infection on hemoglobin in 1st trimester?
     1. We estimated impact at the end of the 1st trimester which is when women were being recruited.
     2. It's hard to extrapolate too early in pregnancy - here most of our data starts at 100 days so we're looking at end of T1/start of T2 - more data will hopefully come through in coming years on T1 but we do know from other studies that most infections at beginning of T2 are those carried through from pre-conception - so these are generally impact of T1 infections that we are looking at here

1. **Election Announcement:** 
   1. Maurice Bucagu is retiring in June. We will be holding co-Chair elections.
   2. He is planning to join for final MiP WG annual meeting
   3. Please note that as per the RBM by-laws 8.1: At least one of the Working Group Co-Chairs shall be from a malaria-affected country.
   4. The calendar for the election process is as follows:

* May 9, 2023: Deadline for receipt of nominations. Please send nominations to [Kristen.Vibbert@jhpiego.org](mailto:Kristen.Vibbert@jhpiego.org)
* May 16, 2023: Deadline for nominees to confirm interest and willingness to run for elections.
* May 18, 2023: Elections for the co-chair start.
* June 1, 2023: Elections for co-chair close.
* June 2, 2023: Result of the election for the co-chair position will be communicated.

1. **MPAG Updates:**

Malaria Policy Advisory Group Meeting coincided with 75th anniversary of WHO

* The report of the MPAG meeting is under development and will also be published in the next couple of weeks.
* New Assistant Director-General for Universal Health Coverage, Communicable and Non-communicable Diseases: Dr Jérôme Salomon
  + He was the Chief Medical Officer and General of Director of Health at MOH in France as well as part of WHO executive board.
  + He started in this new position the day before MPAG meeting.
* New director of WHO Global Malaria Programme: Daniel Ngamije Madandi
  + Former Rwandan Minister of Health
  + He started in this new position on April 8th.
  + You can look up the CVs if you are interested in more information.
* Nice report on recent progress and difficulties
* Key Updates:
  + Dedicated session on technical consultation we had to assess the evidence on Community based delivery of IPTp, in June, 2022
    - Corresponding report has been published.
  + Field guide is under development and hope will be available in next couple of weeks
* Other Highlights:
  + A few hours ago the malaria chemoprevention preferred product characteristics were published. These also include chemoprvention for IPTp
  + 2017 interagency emergency health kit is being updated and there will be changes in the basic and supplementary model

1. **Partner Updates:**
   1. SBC WG: The SBC WG is accepting abstracts for our 2023 Annual Meeting: <https://sbcwg.dryfta.com/abstracts>
   2. Global Fund:
      1. Finished window 1 with submission date in April
      2. Now going into TRP revisions
      3. Already working on funding requests for Window 2 with submission date on May 30th
      4. Window 3 submission date is August 21st
   3. Bulk of funding requests for the next funding cycle will have been submitted by August and reviewed the TRP by early October
      1. Will give more clarity on what is being funded in next grant cycle
   4. From what they are seeing so far: There is an openness toward including multiple methods of distribution of IPTp (ANC/community)
      1. Will have more info/specific data on that later
      2. Only 1 country has included perennial malaria chemoprevention and we’ll see how the link goes between the ANC and the method of distribution
   5. Seeing some very substantial gaps in funding
      1. We were all aware that funding is limited and there would be more gaps than in previous years
      2. Partners are seeing this across the board there will be limited funding to cover interventions, including basic needs, also because of the higher operation costs and bednets, etc.
2. **Annual Meeting:**
   1. We are looking to have a meeting in Geneva September 20 & 21
      1. This will be a meeting to discuss high-level global topics and support of country efforts within the broader ANC platform
      2. Topics are currently being fleshed out and we are looking for volunteers to join our Meeting Planning Committee.
   2. ACTION: Please reach out to Kristen or Julie if you would like to be a member of the committee to help shape the agenda and theme of the meeting.
      1. We are particularly interested in having country representation to speak up about what would be helpful and any suggestions for topics.
   3. ACTION: Please also let us know if you are aware of any major conflicts with the September 20 & 21 dates