# Malaria Case Management in Zimbabwe Successes and Challenges



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#### Rationale for E8; Southern Africa is adopting a spatially progressive model of elimination, moving from south to north



#### Malaria profile - 2002





# Malaria profile

National Malaria incidence rate per 1000 population



# Disease burden in relation to neighbouring countries

- Disease burden still more pronounced along the borders
- Eastern province borders with Mozambique has biggest burden, it is >740km long. Moza still in control phase
- Western province borders with Botswana, it is a low rainfall area & Botswana is in pre-elimination phase
- Southern province borders with South Africa (in preelimination phase)
- Northern province borders Zambia (in control phase)

# Background

- Prior to the change of the malaria treatment policy in Zimbabwe HMM was the major strategy used for prompt delivery of effective malaria treatment in the rural areas.
- But no accurate documentation was carried out on the burden of malaria case management that was shouldered by these CBHWs.

# Background cont----

- Introduction of ACTs meant that every case of malaria that received treatment had to be a confirmed case.
- NMCP embarked on a nation-wide training of HW in malaria case management using the ACTs.
- However training of CBHWs in carrying out RDTs met with some stiff resistance from some quarters of the policy makers.

# Background cont----

- From 2008 to 2010, burden of malaria case management shifted from mainly community based management to health centre based management programme.
- "Atypical" malaria outbreaks country wide, with a prolonged nature despite adequate intervention measures being put into place were witnessed.

# Introduction

- We carried out a study in the 4<sup>th</sup> high burdened (2011 data) malaria district in the country
- Access to health facilities is very poor
- Hence community based management of malaria was piloted in the district

# What the study intended to answer

- Can the CHBWs be trained to be competent enough to carry out RDTs and dispense ACTs?
- What are the training needs for such training of these CBHWs?
- How significant is the role of CBHWs in malaria case management in the rural settings?
- What is the burden of malaria case management that is borne by the CBHWs in rural settings of the high burdened malaria districts in Zimbabwe vis-a vie the rural health centres?

# Methodology

- Health centres where major challenges had been encountered during the 2009/2010 malaria season were purposively selected, due to limited funding.
- Three phased intervention study was carried out in three rural health centres in the district.
  - 1. Training of CBHWs in Dec 2010 around 3 clinics
  - 2. Assessment of performance of the trained CBHWs in CCM carried out in March 2011
  - Collection of data from the clinics on malaria cases managed by CBHWs and by HWs from Jan. to June 2011

# Distribution of suspected cases between HWs & CBHWs for the 3 clinics (Jan –June 2011)



# Distribution of confirmed cases between HWs & CBHWs for the 3 clinics (Jan –June 2011)



### Successes

- Health Workers trained 7478 against a target of 12 000+
- Community Based Health Workers = 2983, against
  6 600 for 55/63 districts
- Cross-boarder malaria initiatives
  - Malaria is a disease without borders,
  - Control efforts restricted by borders.
  - Innovative solutions are required to improve access to isolated communities
  - Need for coordinated, harmonized and synchronised malaria control and elimination interventions
  - TZMI/ ZamZim
  - TLMI/MoZiZA

#### **TZMI** Districts



#### **MOZIZA Targeted Districts**







Map produced by the Health GIS Centre, Malaria Research Unit, Medical Research Council of South Africa

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# Challenges

- Mobilizing enough resources for the community based management of malaria
- Community factors including late presentation and poor compliance
- ? Low community awareness and motivation.
- Inadequate supportive supervision
- Keep the community health workers motivated
- Delays in disbursement of funds malaria seasonal
- Limited corporate/private sector support-for sustainability of programme
- Staff attrition
- Protecting the ACTs from emergence of resistance

# Table 2. Outcome of Antimalarial Drug Efficacy Studiesconducted from 2000 to 2010

Year	Antimalarial used (sites)	Treatment failure (%)	Comments
2000	CO (8)	43.2	Recorded at Lukunguni
2001	CQ (5) / CQ+SP (3)	36.3 / 4.5	Recorded at Chibuwe / Chirundu
2002	CQ (3)/CQ+SP	11.5 / 3.3	Recorded at Hauna / Chirundu
2003	CQ+SP (12)	5.0	Total all sites
2004	CQ+SP (11)	7.0	Total all sites
2005	CQ+SP(8) – inadequate numbers recruited to give valid results		
2006	CQ+SP (6)	26.0	Recorded at Kariba
2007	CQ+SP(3)/AL(5)	43.0 / 1	Recorded at Hauna / Total all sites
2008	No studies done due to lack of funding		
2009	AL (6)	5.0	Total all sites (Hauna – 8% TF)
2010	AL (8)	3.4	Total all sites (Chitulipasi -9% TF)

#### Thank you!!



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