

RBM Multi Sectoral Working Group A brief update to MSWG interim meeting in August 2022

About the RBM Multi Sectoral Working Group

Multisectoral collaboration is key in light of the challenges faced in malaria control and elimination including insecticide and drug resistance, mobility of populations, risk perception, sustainable human settlements, poverty, disasters (natural & man-made), outdoor transmission, climate change and funding shortfalls.

To end malaria for good, we need the concerted action of different stakeholders across different sectors beyond the health sector, as well as intra-sectoral collaboration. The Sustainable Development Goals calling for action to transform societies give further impetus for a Multi Sectoral Working Group (MSWG). The MSWG has been established under the umbrella of the RBM Partnership to End Malaria, following approval by the RBM Board in April 2018. The MSWG convenes and coordinates RBM Partnership members around a multi-sectoral action in the field of malaria to facilitate learning and share best practices from the field.

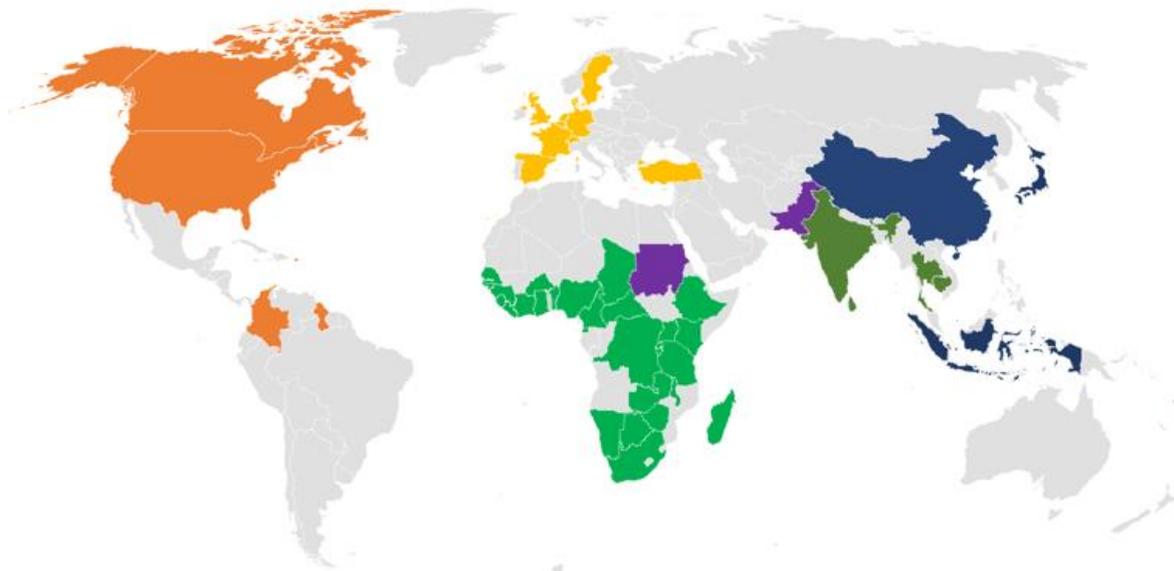
The MSWG brings together different stakeholders across different sectors including; health, science and technology, oil & gas, international cooperation (cross border), housing, infrastructure, extraction industries, water and sanitation, environment, food and agriculture, education, immigration, tourism, customs, security, finance, trade, political, private, civil society, labour, research & development, media, information & communications technology, social protection and justice. The aim is to align partners in their actions for new interventions as well as putting new life into those that already exist, and coordinate and manage these in new and innovative ways.

RBM MSWG Code of Conduct

For further information, please refer to the MSWG Terms of Reference The Terms of References (TORs) as approved by the RBM Board are available in [English](#) and [French](#). Its structure is in line with the structure of other RBM Working Groups, following the [Working Group Standard Operating Procedures \(SOPs\)](#). The governance of the MSWG ensures adequate participation of malaria-affected countries and demonstrates a self-financing and self-convening capacity.

The MSWG Interim Meeting in August 2022

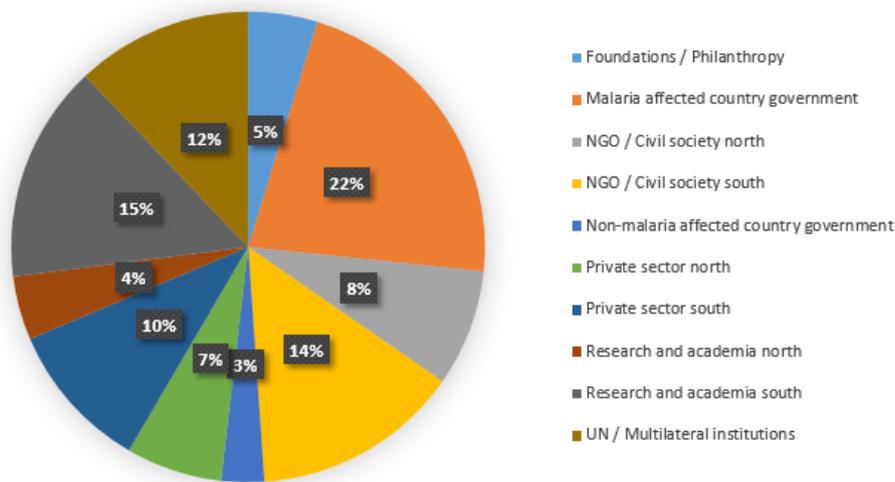
The MSWG interim meeting took place as a hybrid meeting with the main objective to launch the 'Comprehensive Multisectoral Action Framework – Development & Malaria'. In addition to that, multiple presenters shared examples of successful multisectoral projects and best practices were discussed. In the hybrid meeting, we welcomed 10 participants in-person at the Global Health Campus in Geneva and counted 265 online registrations.



Graph 1 Countries represented at MSWG interim meeting 2022. The different colors show the WHO regions.

AFRO	Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Cote D'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
AMRO	Canada, Colombia, Guyana, Puerto Rico, USA
EURO	Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom
EMRO	Pakistan, Sudan
WPRO	Cambodia, China, Japan, Singapore, Vanuatu
SEARO	India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand

Constituencies



Graph 2. Constituencies represented at the MSWG interim meeting.

61% of the participants are affiliated with organizations based on malaria affected countries. From those 22% are linked with government, 14% with NGO/civil society, 15% with research and academia and 10% with private sector. 39% of the participants are affiliated with organizations based on malaria free countries. From those 3% are linked with government, 4% are linked with research and academia, 8% with NGO/civil society, 7% with private sector, 12% with UN/multilateral institutions, 5% with foundations. In total our participants represented 173 different organizations and affiliations.

Gender balance

In regards to the gender balance, 33% of the participants are female and 67% are male.

Speakers

11 speakers and moderators took part in the hybrid event.

MSWG network

The Working Group members from around the world receive news, project updates, publications, event reminders, guidelines and job advertisement through the mailing list (over 500 subscribers as of August 2022).

Waived registration fee

A waived registration fee for all MSWG interim meeting registrants was possible due to the generous financial support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) through the GlobMal project at Swiss TPH.