The Entomological Surveillance Planning Tool (ESPT)

Evaluating interventions based on functionality and gaps in protection







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Comparison of global progress in malaria case incidence, considering two scenarios: current trajectory maintained (blue) and GTS targets achieved (green)



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What is the actual problem?

- Transmission only happens when mosquito and human (behaviors) overlap
- Interventions only take advantage of specific mosquito behaviors!

- We need to quantify the spatial and temporal protective efficacy of an intervention *within the context of overall transmission*

- What are **THE GAPS IN PROTECTION** when using a specific intervention?



Gap in protection

- A circumstance when an individual is potentially exposed to an infective mosquito bite due to a lack of effective and/or adequate protective or preventive intervention in place
- Gaps in protection can be directly identified/quantified by understanding how interventions interact with local humans and vectors.
- LLINs and IRS,
 - Vector bionomic traits
 - spaces and times where interventions are not effective
 - Sub-optimal usage or coverage, etc.



What is the Entomological Surveillance Planning Tool?

A **decision-support tool** for planning entomological surveillance activities, interpreting entomological data, and guiding programmatic vector control decisions.

- 1. Gap-filling in operational guidance for entomological surveillance
- 2. WHO and PMI global normative guidance
- **3.** Question-based minimum essential entomological indicators targeted at decision-making
- 4. Integration of entomological, epidemiological, human (etc.) data

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What is your Module 1 question(s)? What are the minimum essential Module 2 indicators to answer your question(s)? Iterate What are the process until appropriate and feasible plan available sampling is formulated. Module 3 methods to Refer to accurately answer Module 6 your question(s)? for data management and Modules 7, 8, and 9 What sites should for decision Module 4 be selected for trees to sampling? support plan development. What sampling design will yield the Module 5 minimum essential data? What human and infrastructural capacity and funding is available?

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Example ESPT question: Are LLINs an effective tool in "X" setting?



Entomological indicators: Species, Behaviors, Insecticide resistance profile

Human

Behavior





We can measure where and when exposure occurs



Intervention protection is also quantified

What did the program decide?

Human behavior adjusted exposure to mosquito bites



TA18I changed dates to more general collection periods to keep it agnostic
Tatarsky, Allison; 09.04.2021

Summary

We need a paradigm shift where we focus on

- Where and when interventions work
- Where and when interventions **do NOT** work
- How transmission adapts to interventions

We need to know WHERE and WHEN present transmission is coming from – the problem!

The ESPT supports this shift for programmatic entomological surveillance activities