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Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition

Acting at Scale: Intervention Guide

Malaria Interventions: Insecticide Treated Bednets (ITNs) and Intermittent Preventive Treatment during Pregnancy (IPTp)

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Context

The following document is part of the REACH Acting at Scale set of materials

- The documents' aim is to provide highly condensed information and lessons learned for scaling up REACH-promoted interventions to support field practitioners and other interested parties
- They are intended to become a living set of materials, updated periodically by the REACH Global Interagency Team
- These materials are a first step towards a larger REACH Knowledge Sharing service, which will be developed over time

The full set of Acting at Scale materials includes

- An Intervention Summary
 - An overview document containing key facts for all of the 11 promoted interventions
- Intervention Guides for each of the interventions¹
 - Containing rationale, lessons learned, costs and further resource lists
- Implementation Case Studies for each of the interventions¹
 - Initial set of details and lessons learned from programs implemented at scale
- Resource Lists
 - Lists of key documents, organizations and programs at scale
 - Included at the back of each Intervention Guide and in Excel spreadsheets available from the REACH Global Interagency Team

These materials represent a preliminary version, to be validated and refined via additional consultations

- Prepared in Summer 2008 by the REACH Global Interagency Team, based on inputs from 56 practitioners and experts, as well as extensive desk research
- A revised Version 2 of these documents will be released in late 2008 or early 2009, incorporating feedback from initial recipients

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Key messages

Malaria poses a serious global health and nutrition challenge

- Malaria causes around 350-500M illnesses and accounts for 20% of all childhood deaths <5 years
- Up to 975,000 children <5 years and up to 10,000 pregnant women are estimated to die each year from severe malarial anemia
- Malaria during pregnancy causes maternal anemia, leading to low birth weight and child mortality
- · Childhood malaria associated with lower weight gain, decreased linear growth and wasting
- Deficiencies in vitamin A. zinc. iron, folate and other micronutrients are attributed to a large share of malaria morbidity and malaria. as undernourished children suffer malaria more deeply
- Annual economic loss in Africa due to malaria is estimated \$12 billion, representing 1.3% annual loss in GDP growth in endemic countries

Insecticide-treated nets¹ (ITNs) and intermittent preventive treatment for pregnant women (IPTp) are proven interventions that reduce the risk poor nutritional outcomes arising from malaria

- ITNs lead to reduced risk of low birthweight and 12% reduction of risk of maternal anemia
- IPTp can reduce risk of low birthweight by 43%

Many national programs rely on a two-step approach to scaling up ITNs

- Achieve rapid "one-time catch-up" through mass campaign and/or public health system
- Maintain coverage through blend of free/subsidized and commercial distribution by the private sector
 - Market segmentation requires good targeting of free/subsidized distribution not to impair market development
 - Subsidized nets can be effectively targeted through voucher systems and delivery through health facilities registering beneficiaries
 - PPPs enable government and donors to facilitate market development e.g. through creating a supporting policy environment (ITN-friendly tax regulations, etc.)

IPTp is typically scaled-up nationally via the public health service

Community-based approaches can supplement low public healthcare coverage and reach women who do not attend antenatal care

Strong monitoring and evaluation are required for continuous program improvement

• IPTp monitoring can leverage regular data collection with training activities and health facilities 1. Long-lasting insecticide nets (LLINs) are another form of ITN with longer-lasting insecticide. For the purpose of this document, ITN is the term that will be used. Source: Expert interviews; WHO website; Roll Back Malaria; Malaria No More website; Caulfield, Richard and Black, "Undernutrition as an Underlying Cause of Malaria Morbidity and Mortality." DCPP Working Paper No. 16; Bhutta ZA et al. "What works? Interventions for maternal and child undernutrition and survival." Maternal and Child Nutrition 3. The Lancet, 2008.; literature review; REACH analysis

Why implement

Malaria is 2nd largest contributor to disease burden in Africa and 6th largest worldwide

World					Africa			
Deaths (000s) DA		<u>DALYs (000</u>	LYs (000s) Dea		<u>ths (000s)</u>	<u>DALYs (0</u>	<u>00s)</u>	
2,522	Perinatal conditions		90,47	2,058	HIV/AIDS			56,820
3,830	Respiratory infections		89,184	1,093	Malaria		35,447	
2,574	HIV/AIDS		71,461	1,094	Respiratory infection	ons 31	,107	_
1,783	Diarrhoeal diseases	ţ	59,141	745	Childhood-clusters	23,198	3	
1,363	Childhood-clusters		43,305	712	Diarrhoeal diseases	S	22,046	
1,208	Malaria		39,970	573	Perinatal conditions	S	20,047	
1,606	Tuberculosis	3	36,093	237	Maternal conditions	9,743	3	
468	Nutritional deficiencies	30,	463	140	Nutritional deficient	cies 8,455		
508	Maternal conditions	26,7	74	317	Tuberculosis	8,084		
128	Tropical-clusters	10,312		58	Tropical-clusters	4,897		
177	STDs excluding HIV	9,483		90	STDs excluding HI	V 3,842		
173	Meningitis	5,607		23	Meningitis	941		

Note: Does not reflect the impact of undernutrition and its associated risk factors on each individual disease. Childhood clusters include: pertussis, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, measles, tetanus. Perinatal conditions include: low birth weight, birth asphyxia, and birth trauma. Tropical clusters include: trypanosomiasis, chagas disease, schistosomiasis, leishmaniasis, lymphatic filariasis, and onchocerciasis. Graphs exclude injuries and non-communicable conditions, such as cardiovascular diseases, malignant neoplasms, and respiratory diseases. Source: WHO Global Burden of Disease Project (2001 statistics). Colin D. Mathers, Alan D. Lopez, and Christopher J. L. Murray, "The Burden of Disease and Mortality by Condition: Data, Methods, and Results for 2001." 2006. Global Burden of Disease and Risk Factors, ed., 45-93. New York: Oxford University Press. (Copyright 2006, The World Bank Group)

The global community is highly invested in fighting malaria

Good deal of global support and potential partners available

Key players	Key activities	Relevance for country-level action	
Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria	 Funds nationally-owned AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria programs Approved funding as of November 2007 amounts to US\$471M 	 Largest potential global funding source for national malaria control programs 	
Roll Back Malaria Partnership	 Strengthens country action with strong partnerships Helps to develop national strategy Advocates fight against malaria globally 	 Potential partner to mobilize country action Partnership with RBM signals commitment to and increases attention from other partners 	
President's Malaria Initiative	 Funds programs in focus countries Focuses activities on IRS, LLINs, IPTp, and antimalarials Invested US\$135M in 2007 	 Countries selected based on burden, implementation capacity, willingness to partner with U.S., and involvement of other international donors 	
World Bank Global Strategy & Booster Program	 Funds existing country programs Provides technical assistance to countries Funded US\$230M in 2007 	 Potential funder and technical assistant Focus on Africa with Booster Program for Malaria Control in Africa 	

2007 announcement by Gates Foundation focused efforts on ultimate eradication of malaria

1. Angola, Benin, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia Source: GFATM website; RBM website; PMI website; World Bank website, accessed on June 24, 2008.

Increasing funding flows emerging

Health development assistance funding for malaria

Sources of current implementation funding





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ITNs and IPTp are effective tools when used as recommended

ITNs

Nightly use of ITNS provides effective vector control

Nets must be treated and cared-for to be effective

- Non-treated nets are still available and in use in malaria-prevalent areas, but not as effective and no longer recommended by WHO
- ITNs are effective from 6-12 months before retreatment is required
 - WHOPES¹ tests and recommends insecticides
- Long-lasting insecticide treated nets (LLINs) can last up to 5 years prior to retreatment
- Misuse or rough handling that tears nets require earlier replacement
- ITN use by pregnant women reduces risk of delivering a low birthweight infant by 23%, equivalent to a reduction in odds of term low birthweight of 43%²
- ITNs can reduce deaths in children by 20% and episodes of malaria by 50%²

IPTp

Consists of 2 to 3 doses of sulfadoxinepyrimethamine (SP)

WHO recommends IPT for pregnant women only

- Pregnant women, infants and young children are most vulnerable group
- Some programs (e.g. Gates) are actively supporting research to identify impact of IPT on infants



- *The Lancet* calculates that 99% coverage of IPTp could save 4.8m (1.9%) DALYs at 36 months²
- Reduces maternal anemia during third trimester or at delivery by 12%²
- 2-dose IPT dosage for women in their first or second pregnancy reduces low birthweight births and leads to higher mean birthweight than in control groups²

1. WHOPES = WHO Pesticides Evaluation Scheme

2. Bhutta Z A et al: "What works? Interventions for maternal and child undernutrition and survival." Series on Maternal and Child Undernutrition 3, The Lancet, 2008. 3. Lengeler C: "Cochrane Review: Insecticide-treated ITNs and curtains for preventing malaria." Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, 2004. Issue 2.

Three pillars to prevent and control malaria during pregnancy

WHO recommendations

IPTp

- Delivery of at least 2 doses during ANC
- At least 2 doses given within a 1-month period
- EXCEPT for women in low transmission zones
 - Less likely to contract malaria
 - But require ongoing vigilance in case malaria is contracted

ITNs/LLINs

- Use of net early in pregnancy and postpartum
 - Include young children under net

Case management of malaria and anemia

- Screen and treat anemia antimalarial drug and iron supplement
 - Promptly identify and treat all potential malaria cases

Source: "A strategic framework for malaria prevention and control during pregnancy in the African region." WHO, 2004.

Only 8% of <5 children in Africa sleep under an ITN

Falls short of 2000 Abuja Declaration global target of 60%¹

% under fives sleeping under an ITN

% under fives sleeping under any net



■ 0%-9% ■ 10%-19% ■ 20%-39% ■ 40%-59% ■ > 60%

In some countries, conventional net coverage exceeds ITN coverage, thus treatment campaigns can increase ITN coverage easily

1. Global target is defined in the Abuja declaration of the African Summit in 2000 Source: UNICEF statistics: <u>www.childinfo.org</u>, accessed June 23, 2008.

Pregnant women are poorly protected

Only 10% of pregnant women in Africa receive IPTp; ITN usage falls short of Abuja target of 60%¹

% of pregnant women receiving at least two doses of IPTp

% of pregnant women sleeping under an ITN



1. Global target is defined in the Abuja Declaration of the African Summit in 2000 Source: UNICEF statistics: <u>www.childinfo.org</u>, accessed June 23, 2008.

How to implement at scale

Example 1 Preliminary Key lessons learned from implementing ITN programs at scale

Define strategy	 Consider a two-step approach to scaling up ITNs and LLINs Achieve immediate scale via rapid "one-time catch-up" through mass campaign and/or public health system Maintain coverage through free/subsidized distribution and some commercial distribution Distribute to all populations at risk with free LLINs considered to be most rapid and cost effective way to reach universal coverage by exploiting protective effect of ITNs Create a segmented strategy to best utilize resources Rely on private sector where populations / markets can sustain private sector delivery channels Provide free ITNs only where necessary Foster private sector channels to ensure ongoing supply E.g. governments can create a supportive policy environment by reducing tax burdens on net imports E.g. NetMark program supports ITN market development in 8 African countries by investing in social marketing and supporting local supply chain development and distribution
Design	 Leverage existing delivery channels to scale-up E.g. ITNs are commonly scaled-up by piggybacking on existing mass campaigns Cost-effective approach to reach universal coverage Build in regular retreatment / replacement activities Consider means of providing low-cost nets that do not disrupt emerging private sector channels E.g. in Malawi, subsidized nets are delivered to mothers and children < 5 years through health facilities E.g. in Tanzania, pregnant women and children <5 years receive vouchers to procure nets from retailers Use competencies of private sector and outsourcing the mass to reach coverage targets whil helping national authorities to focus on their core activities (strengthening health services and M&E)
Implement	 Increase success of mass campaign distribution by focusing on coordinated procurement and logistics e.g. in Rwanda, PSI organized logistics whereas Red Cross mobilized communities, all in coordination with the Ministry of Health and other partners Complement net distribution with education and behavior change communication
Monitor, evaluate, refine	 Employ strong monitoring and evaluation to ensure continuous program improvement

Source: Expert interviews; literature review; REACH analysis

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ITNs

A two-step approach has led to successful scale-up of ITNs

Two-step process enables rapid, sustainable ITN scale-up¹ **Examples** Malawi national ITN program Plans one-off free distribution via Expanded Program Blanket target population by on Immunization (EPI) to reach scale and balance Piggybacking on existing mass existing inequities between rural and urban population campaign OR Maintains coverage by **Achieve** Providing free nets through - Distributing subsidized nets to pregnant women rapid, mass public health facilities/ and children <5 via health facilities scale-up community workers - Subsidizing rural sales via village health - Where healthcare coverage committees or NGOs is hiah - Supporting commercial distribution at suggested retail price in urban areas Tanzanian national net program (NATNETS) 2 Provides a voucher to every pregnant woman and **Develop ongoing supply of nets** infant attending antenatal care (ANC) / measles and insecticide vaccination Maintain Via public and private channels, ANC attendance is above 90% in Tanzania coverage via depending on income levels Vouchers can be redeemed for ITNS at participating blended Enabling replacement every 2-5 retailers years, based on wear and tear distribution Supports a social marketing program to promote Formative research helps commercial market development for maintenance identify sustainable approaches for ongoing treatment / redistribution

1. For use when ITN coverage is <10%

Source: Yukich et al:"Operation, costs and cost-effectiveness of five ITN programs and two IRS programs." Swiss Tropical Institute, 2007.

Free and subsidized ITN distribution via mass campaigns reaches scale quickly



- Same target audience (children < 5 years)
- Require minimal training (in case of oral polio vaccine campaign)
- Shares costs

Challenges

- Mass campaigns are still highly dependent on external funding/partnership
 - Possibly follow vaccination campaign example: publicly financed and free for all
- Services during vaccination campaigns must be free of charge to avoid preventing poor from coming back to next campaign to receive vaccines
 - Provide high value vouchers instead of nets
- Nets are bulky and pose logistics challenge
 Provide high value vouchers instead of nets

Define strategy

Segmentation by ability to pay enables resource optimization

Distribution to all populations at risk is the most rapid and cost effective way to reach universal coverage



Dual approach to distribution

Free nets can flood the market

- · Free nets find their way to the marketplace
- · Reduces viability of commercial distribution

Free nets deters private sector investment

· Prevents market from developing

Programs are testing approaches to address this tension

- E.g. NetMark promotes proper targeting when free/subsidized distribution is planned and reconciles private and public point of view as honest broker
- E.g. in Malawi, subsidized sales at health facilities are stopped if storage and sales numbers do not add up
- E.g. in Tanzania, retailers can only redeem received vouchers against credit for more nets

Distribution systems should not be viewed as competitive but as complementary approaches to achieving a single goal: a comprehensive LLIN distribution Strategy

Clear strategy and open communications with partners while developing a strategy are essential

Source: Yukich et al: "Operations, costs and cost-effectiveness of five ITN programs and two IRS programs." Swiss Tropical Institute, 2007. "The Malawi ITN Delivery Model." PSI, 2005. REACH_Acting at Scale_Guide_Malaria_v2.pt

Develop strategies based on common challenges to scaling up ITNs

Common challenge

Unfavorable policy guidelines

- Taxes and tariffs imposed on insecticides and/or nets
- Few policy guidelines exist and must be adapted to local culture and language

Financing of nets still widely dependant on donor money

• Multilaterals, bilaterals, foundations, and corporations accounted for 50% of ITN sales by volume in 2005

Supply constraints

 Only five brands of LLIN currently approved by WHO Pesticides Evaluation Scheme (WHOPES)

Limited market demand for ITNs in most countries

Potential solutions

- · Refer to WHO or RBM policy guidelines
- · Promote reduction or abolition of taxes and tariffs
- Foster local market development and employ cost-sharing where populations have means to pay
- Provide public financing for free distribution to most vulnerable
- Accelerate WHOPES approval process at global level
- Foster local production and international technology transfer
- Foster market development through PPP, social marketing, and risk sharing (e.g. projects who fund social marketing)

Define strategy

Preliminary Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) are commonly employed for ITN distribution



Roles of various sectors in ITN scale-up

NGOs

Source: "Scaling up Insecticide-treated Netting Programmes in Africa. A Strategic Framework for Coordinated National Action." RBM, 2005.

Define strategy

Market segmentation is critical to PPP success (I)

Example: Malawi allows commercial market to thrive by using subsidies for low-income households

Malawi employs a blended approach, supported by PSI and UNICEF

 Targeted ITN distribution through antenatal care PSI procures nets in collaboration with UNICEF and delivers them on credit to health facilities Clinics sell nets at highly subsidized price to pregnant women and children under five Beneficiaries receive stamp in their "health passport" to ensure proper targeting Sales are stopped if sales and storage numbers do not add up 		
 Targeted ITN distribution to rural populations Same approach as with delivery through antenatal care Distribution through village health committees or existing NGO channels 	N	
	1.	
 PSI and UNICEF nets are commercially distributed in urban areas Nets are centrally packaged and branded PSI sales teams distribute nets to retailers Retailers are expected to sell nets at fixed price Cost-effectiveness increased with increasing program scale 		
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Resulted in solid coverage and economies of scale



Increased cost-effectiveness



Source: Yukich et al: "Operations, costs and cost-effectiveness of five ITN programs and two IRS programs." Swiss Tropical Institute, 2007.; "The Malawi ITN Delivery Model." PSI, 2005. REACH_Acting at Scale_Guide_Malaria_v2.ppt

Market segmentation is critical to PPP success (II)

Example: Tanzania allows commercial market to thrive by using subsidies for low-income households

	Tanzania scaled-up via PPP	and increased ITN coverage	
Developed market to build demand for ITNs	 SMARTNET PPP Includes government, NGO, private sector, bilaterals Funded by DFID and Royal Netherlands embassy Encouraged changes in net taxation and insecticide regulations Strengthened supply side through transport subsidies and marketing support Enabled technology transfer for local production of LLIN Fostered nationwide inclusion of insecticide treatment kit into locally made nets Initiated nationwide communication campaign with support of the President of Tanzania to change perception of malaria as "part of life" towards "malaria is not acceptable" 	 ITN coverage increased from 2005 to 2006 2005 2006 ITN ownership 30% 29% 28% 27% 15% 15% 15% 15% 12% Household Pregnant Children Children <1 	
Targeted subsidies aimed at high risk groups	 Tanzanian National Voucher Scheme (TNVS) Pregnant women and children <5 receive vouchers at antenatal care and measles vaccination health visits Vouchers can be exchanged to cover a portion of the cost of an ITN at participating retailers Vouchers cannot be monetized, preventing fraud 	 Overall net coverage increased from 37% in 2001 to over 50% in 2004 Sales figures at retailer and wholesale level have increased by 50-80% in 2005 	

Step 1: integrating into existing mass campaigns is most effective delivery channel for initial scale-up

Typical delivery channels	How-to	Strengths	Lessons learned
Existing mass campaigns	 Identify existing mass campaigns that cover target population Work with manufacturers and gov't to ensure timely procurement of nets Identify approach to including education component Either alongside or separate to mass campaign 	 Low incremental delivery cost Enables rapid, high coverage Typically reaches remote areas and target populations, i.e. <5s and P&L women 	 ITNs must be provided free of charge (or vouchers), so that other free services are not affected by adding sales image to campaign Need to include behavior change communication to ensure actual usage of nets Need to develop approach to deliver nets between campaigns
 Public health system E.g. during antenatal care or child vaccination visits 	 Encourage MoH to include distribution of free or subsidized nets in public health services Ensure supply of nets according to demand Improve services quality to keep up demand for Include education on net usage 	 Low incremental cost Creates sustainable channel Builds local capacity 	 If capacity is weak, provide management or technical training/support If coverage/attendance to care is low, supplement with other channels
Mass media	 Identify partners to deliver mass media Perform research to understand ability to reach target audience Create and disseminate customized message to influence behavior change 	Creates demand for intervention	 Maintains demand for nets and increases awareness of proper usage May not reach most vulnerable populations Requires impact assessment Requires creative approaches to reach media dark areas

Design

Step 2: select delivery channel with best access to target segments to maintain coverage

Typical delivery channels	How-to	Strengths	Lessons learned
 Public health system Routine distribution of targeted free and subsidized nets Distribution of vouchers 	 Work with MoH to integrate net distribution into antenatal care/child immunization/other Leverage community health worker network to reach remote areas Include education on nets Target free/subsidized nets well not to impair commercial distribution 	 Low incremental delivery cost Targets P&L women and children <5 years Possibly reaches remote areas and vulnerable target (children) via community health workers 	 If capacity is weak, provide management or technical training/support If coverage/attendance to antenatal care is low, supplement with other channels
Private health facilities	 Work with private provider associations to reach providers Develop education campaign to foster greater delivery 	 Supplements public health system were coverage is low 	 Ensure incentives are in place to encourage prescription / delivery of nets
NGO facilities/community activities	 Identify NGOs with access to target communities Provide training and/or linkage to net manufacturers 	 Reaches remote areas and vulnerable target (children) via community activities 	 Especially important for follow-up on behavior change communication
 Private sector Commercial distribution Distribution of subsidized nets for vouchers distributed with public health system 	 Support market development through favorable policy and tax regulations Promote local production 	 Provides sustainable channel to distribute nets to all who can afford market rates Allows scarce public funds to focus on the lower-income populations 	 Net prices decrease with economies of scale and enhanced competition Needs to be supplemented with other channels to reach poorest
Mass media	 Identify partners to deliver mass media Perform research to understand ability to reach target audience Create and disseminate customized message to influence behavior change 	 Low-cost approach to create broad demand for and information on usage of nets 	 Reinforces importance of net usage via repetition and creating public awareness May not reach most vulnerable populations Requires impact assessment Requires creative approaches to reach media dark areas

Design

Tendency towards low or incorrect usage creates need for compliance education



Poor compliance reduces impact

% of children < 5 in net owning hh sleeping under net
% of pregnant women in net owning hh sleeping under net

Example: Red Cross/Red Crescent deploys education programs to improve ITN usage

- Red Cross/Red Crescent runs a 2-step program in several countries
 - Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Mozambique, Niger, Sierra Leone, Togo, and Uganda
- Hang-up program: short-term campaign of volunteers moving from house to house ensuring that nets are put up properly prior to rainy season
- Keep-up program: longer phase of periodic household visits to reinforce net use and other malaria prevention messages
 - Implemented by community volunteers in collaboration with Ministries of Health and other partners
 - Education on proper hanging/care of nets focuses on pregnant women and children under age five
 - Volunteers also promote healthy behaviors, including eliminating mosquitoes, promptly treating fevers, and getting additional nets for new community members

Source: "Awareness, Ownership, and Use of Mosquito Nets in Nigeria, Senegal, Zambia, Ghana, and Ethiopia. Cross-country results from the 2004 NetMark surveys." NetMark, 2004. American Red Cross website, accessed on June 23, 2008.

Key lessons learned from implementing IPTp programs at scale



IPTp

Develop strategies based on common challenges to scaling up IPTp

Challenge

Weak antenatal care (ANC) access

- Inequitable access
 - e.g. the number of pregnant women making two or more ANC visits in Mali was 84% in urban areas compared to 42% in rural areas
- · Lack of demand or insufficient attendance
- Staff shortages

Lack of consistent access to IPTp drugs

• E.g. first-level health units in Mozambique were not authorized to stock SP because it is second-line antimalarial; and national formulary declared SP to be contraindicated in pregnancy

Perceived drug safety issues

 Women can be reluctant to take medicines during pregnancy

Weak health care worker knowledge

 E.g. in Malawi, health workers were not properly trained on the correct timing and spacing of IPT and did not properly record given treatments

Possible solution

- Invest in ANC
 - Expand coverage of ANC clinics
 - Recruit and train staff
 - Employ social marketing and promote ANC at other health visits
- Supplement public health ANC with other channels
 - e.g. NGO / private facilities, community based delivery
 - Especially for rural poor
- Include SP/SP regimen for IPTp in national health policy
- Ensure drug availability and supply
- Promote IPTp
- Inform pregnant women about risks of IPTp and malaria in pregnancy
- · Train health workers appropriately
- Inform health workers about current guidelines
- Ensure consistency of training and national guidelines

Source: Hill J and Kazembe P: "Reaching the Abuja target for intermittent preventive treatment of malaria in pregnancy in African women: a review of progress and operational challenges." Tropical Medicine and Health, 2006. Vol 11, no 4, pp 409-418.; Brentlinger PE et al: "Intermittent preventive treatment of malaria during pregnancy in central Mozambique." WHO Bulletin, 2007. Vol 85, no 11.; REACH analysis

IPTp is typically delivered via public health services

Coverage can be supplemented via NGO and other community healthcare services

Typical delivery channels	How-to	Strengths	Lessons learned
 Public health system Antenatal care Community health workers Community health programs 	 Include IPTp in National Health Policy and National Malaria Control Plan Train health staff Ensure drug availability and proper advocacy of SP¹ as a drug for IPT Supplement facility-based delivery with community- based to reach most vulnerable 	 Builds on existing structures Low incremental cost Often offers most direct reach to pregnant women Most sustainable for long-term 	 If capacity is weak, provide management or technical training/support If coverage is low, supplement with other community-based channels Possibly raise awareness for timely and frequent antenatal care visits Only few experiences with community-based delivery
 NGOs Antenatal care Community NGO workers Community health programs 	 Include IPTp in NGO antenatal care and appropriate community activities Train NGO health staff 	 Increases coverage Reaches most vulnerable in communities 	 Pricing policy should be same as public not to confuse beneficiaries Only few experiences with community-based delivery
Private sectorAntenatal care	 Include IPTp in private antenatal care Train private health staff 	Increases coverageSustainable for long-term	 Pricing policy should be same as public not to confuse beneficiaries
Community e.g. community health committees 	 Leverage existing community health structures 	 Increases coverage Cost-effective when leveraging volunteers Reaches most vulnerable in communities Sustainable for long-term 	 Only few experiences with community-based delivery

Scaling up malaria control at country level requires strong national commitment and coordination

Roll Back Malaria's recommendations for effective scale-up

Communicate strong and sustained political commitment

- Articulate clear priority for malaria control scale-up
- Create institutionalized structures

Employ accurate planning

- Define goals in a strategic plan
- Explain activities necessary to achieve goals with clear milestones, responsibilities, and budgets
- Detail action in an annual work plan

Plan timely access to resources

What it costs

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Cost and cost-effectiveness of ITN distribution vary widely across countries

Cost per net distributed (US\$) 15 10.34 10 5.44 4.49 5 4.13 3.72 1.49 0.63 0 Eritrea national Malawi national Senegal ITN Tanzania ITN program ITN program national ITN program 2001-2005 1999-2005 2002-2005 program 2002-2005 including cost of ITN

Range of net and delivery costs

Range of cost effectiveness



Source: Yukich et al: "Operations, costs and cost-effectiveness of five ITN programs and two IRS programs." Swiss Tropical Institute, 2007.

excluding cost of ITN

ITN

Materials comprise largest share of ITN program costs



Example: materials comprise 68% of Tanzania's national ITN program budget

1. IEC = information, education, communication Source: Yukich et al:"Operation, costs and cost-effectiveness of five ITN programs and two IRS programs." Swiss Tropical Institute, 2007.

IPTp delivery costs are lower if integrated into ANC programs

Highly cost effective, at US\$4-27 per DALY averted

Cost for IPTp treatment with SP/SP¹ regimen administered twice during second and third trimester of pregnancy



Incremental cost per pregnant woman if adding IPTp delivery to existing antenatal care program



Where to go for further information

Key reference materials: ITNs and IPTp

Normative guidance

- "Malaria control today. Current WHO recommendations." WHO, 2005
- "Joint statement: Malaria Control and Immunization: a sound partnership with great potential." WHO/UNICEF, 2004
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Operational guidance

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Training materials

• N/A

Organizations: ITNs and IPTp (I)

	Organization	Description	Key activities
	WHO • <u>www.who.int/malaria</u>	 Collects data for up-to-date health statistics Provides technical guidance and official recommendations Advocates for global action against malaria 	AdvocateProvide guidance
	UNICEF • www.unicef.org	 Supports implementation of ITN and IPTp Focuses on pregnant women and children<5 Provides health statistics for children Funds projects and support procurement of materials 	ImplementFundAdvocate
Multilateral	Roll Back Malaria Partnership (RBM) www.rollbackmalaria.org 	 Global partnership of multilaterals, bilaterals, country governments, NGOs, private sector Advocates for global action against malaria Provides technical assistance Provides country support for strategy development 	 Advocate Provide guidance Provide technical assistance
	Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria • <u>www.theglobalfund.org</u>	 Funds primarily net and drug programs equally across regions and interventions Largest global funding source for national malaria control programs 	FundAdvocate
	The World Bank www.worldbank.org 	 Funds national programs with focus on Africa Provides technical assistance 	• Fund
	UNITAID www.worldbank.org 	 International drug purchase facility Supports purchase and distribution of malaria drugs 	AdvocateFund

Organizations: ITNs and IPTp (II)

	Organization	Description	Key activities
	USAID • <u>www.usaid.gov</u>	 Supports and funds malaria control programs Supports and funds research 	FundImplement
	DFID • <u>www.dfid.gov.uk</u>	 Supports and funds social marketing Supports and funds malaria vaccine research 	FundImplement
	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) • www.jica.go.jp	 Focus on capacity building 	FundImplement
Bilateral	CIDA • <u>www.acdi-cida.gc.ca</u>	Supports net distributionContributes to GFATM	FundImplement
	GTZ www.gtz.de	 GTZ BACKUP Initiative provides information about existing resources Technical assistance with program organization 	FundImplement
	President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) www.pmi.gov 	 USAID implemented Focuses on selected countries Focuses activities on IRS, LLINs, IPTp, and antimalarials 	• Fund

Organizations: ITNs and IPTp (III)

	Organization	Description	Key activities
	Population Services Int'l (PSI) www.psimalaria.org 	 Implement malaria prevention, treatment and social marketing programs Promotes behavior change communication for malaria control Supports research 	ImplementConducts research
	 The Malaria Consortium www.malariaconsortium.org 	 Focus on most vulnerable Conducts operational research Builds capacity Advocates for mobilization against malaria 	 Implement Advocate Conduct research
	Malaria No More www.malarianomore.org 	Advocates at large scale against malariaFundraises bed nets	AdvocateFundraise
NGOs	PATH • <u>www.path.org</u>	 Research through Malaria Vaccine Initiative Technical assistance through Malaria Control Partnership (MACEPA) currently in Zambia 	 Implement Conduct research
	IntraHealth www.intrahealth.org 	Implements programs in Rwanda and SenegalFocus on most vulnerable	Implement
	Health Unlimited www.healthunlimited.org 	 Provides health education at village level Distributes and treats mosquito nets Promotes and improves access to diagnosis and treatment Ethiopia, Cambodia, Laos, Yunnan (China) and Myanmar 	ImplementFund

Organizations: ITNs and IPTp (IV)

	Organization	Description	Key activities
	Nothing But Nets www.nothingbutnets.net 	 Fundraising campaign for bed nets 	FundraiseAdvocate
NGOs (cont'd)	Constella Group (former Futures Group) • <u>www.constellagroup.com</u>	 Fosters PPP and market development for bed nets Provides information and data for advocacy Success story: social marketing for bed nets in Nigeria 	ImplementAdvocate
	Society for Family Health Nigeria • <u>www.sfhnigeria.org</u>	 Implements social marketing in Nigeria for LLINs and pre-packaged antimalarial drugs 	Implement
	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation • www.gatesfoundation.org	Funds GFATM, RBM and MACEPA (PATH)Funds research	• Fund
Foundations	Zambia Malaria Foundation www.malaria.org.zm	 Improves communication between key player Supports national monitoring and evaluation Compiles best practices 	 Facilitate communication Support national program

Organizations: ITNs and IPTp (V)

	Organization	Description	Key activities
	Swiss Tropical Institute www.sti.ch 	 Conducts research on diagnostics, vaccine, drugs, vector control, implementation Builds research capacity 	Conduct researchTrain
	US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) • <u>www.cdc.gov</u>	 International activities include policy development, program guidance and support, scientific research, and monitoring and evaluation of progress toward RBM goals Conducts basic and field research 	Conduct researchProvide guidance
Academic	National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases • <u>www.niaid.nih.gov</u>	 Research on diagnostics, vaccine, drugs, vector control Builds research capacity 	Conduct researchBuild capacity
	IFAKARA Health Research and Development Center • <u>www.ihrdc.or.tz</u>	 Conducts research on diagnostics, vaccine, drugs, vector control, IPT in infants, implementation Implements social marketing program in Tanzania 	Conduct research
	IPTi Consortium www.ipti-malaria.org 	 Gates funded Partnership of research institutes Focus on (implementation) research for IPT in infants 	Conduct researchAdvocate

Scaled-up programs: Malaria interventions

Name/country	Implementing partners	Other information	
Buy-A-Net • Uganda	Buy-A-Net	Bed net distribution	
Accelerated child survival and development (ACSD) • 11 countries in West Africa	UNICEF	 Bed net, immunization, breastfeeding, complementary feeding, vitamin A supplementation, iodine fortification 	
 The President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) Angola, Benin, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia 	US Government	Bed net distributionIPT	
NetMark Plus ¹ Sub-Saharan Africa 	USAID, AED, country governments	Private sector approach; millions of ITNs distributed	
Net distribution with EOS Ethiopia 		Integrated into larger nutrition program	
National malaria control program ¹ Zambia 	Zambia Government	For IPT as well (reached Abuja target!)	
National malaria control program Malawi 	Malawi Government	For IPT as well	
National malaria control program Mozambique, Uganda 	Uganda Government		
National malaria control program Tanzania 	Tanzanian Government, SMARTNET		
 Hang-Up/Keep Up Program Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Niger and Togo. Additional programs are planned for Sierra Leone, Uganda and Indonesia 		 Begins with a short term campaign of volunteers moving from house to house to ensure that nets are put up properly prior to the rainy season when malaria transmission is greatest; Followed by a longer phase of periodic household visits to reinforce net use and other malaria prevention messages 	

Appendix: experts consulted

Experts consulted during preparation of this document

Name	Organization and title	Area of expertise
Richard Carr	Roll Back Malaria; Secretariat	Country planning; scaling up
David McGuire	AED; NetMark Program Director	Private sector role
Franco Pagnoni	WHO, Evidence for Antimalarial Policy and Access; Acting Business Line Leader	Research, M&E
Melanie Renshaw	UNICEF; Regional malaria advisor, East and Southern Africa	Scaling up