

Malaria and NTD Integration: From Silos to Synergies

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Integration across programs within the health sector or with other sectors can increase efficiency of resources and operations, sustainability, and community acceptability of programs. Although long proposed as a beneficial strategy, there has been limited integration in practice to date. In the Global Technical Strategy for Malaria 2016-2030 and new NTD Roadmap to 2030, WHO encourages an increased drive to integrate programs. Malaria and NTD programs have long existed side by side in government offices and in the field. Still, their approaches to pursuing program goals continue to evolve along different, yet intersecting pathways. Apart from vector control, malaria programs are, for the most part, integrated into primary health care. However, as they move towards elimination, they are expanding their use of more vertical, targeted approaches. At the same time, NTD programs are evolving away from targeted campaigns towards a strong emphasis on sustainability and integration. This panel discussion will highlight lessons learned from each program and will stimulate discussions on cross-disease collaboration and integration. The discussion will draw on the experiences of NTD and malaria disease program managers who have recently used an integration workshop framework (developed by GLIDE and Bridges to Development) to guide their efforts to identify win-win opportunities for collaboration. The session will end with a moderated Q&A session with the speaker panel. By the end of this session, participants will be able to identify key lessons and approaches for practical implementation of cross-program integration efforts.

WELCOME

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PANEL INTRODUCTION BY MODERATOR

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COUNTRY-LEVEL PROGRAM INTEGRATION: WITHIN THE GLOBAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENT AGENDA AND FUNDING

Alan Brooks
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INCENTIVIZING ACTION: CHALLENGES IN BRINGING THE PROGRAMS TOGETHER

Dr Fatma Kabole
NTD Program Manager, Ministry of Health, Zanzibar, Tanzania, United Republic of

IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES: INTEGRATION WORKSHOP, NEUTRAL PARTNERS PROVIDING A PLATFORM AND FACILITATING THE CONVERSATION

Dr. Keziah L. Malm
Malaria program manager, Ghana Health Service, Accra, Ghana

INTEGRATED VS VERTICAL PROGRAMS: DRAWBACKS AND BENEFITS

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QUESTION AND ANSWER

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