

Briefing and Update from the  
RBM-WHO Round Table on ACT Supply  
08 September 2011



**ARTEMISININ CONFERENCE 2011**

**ALIGNING ARTEMISININ AND ACT SUPPLIES**

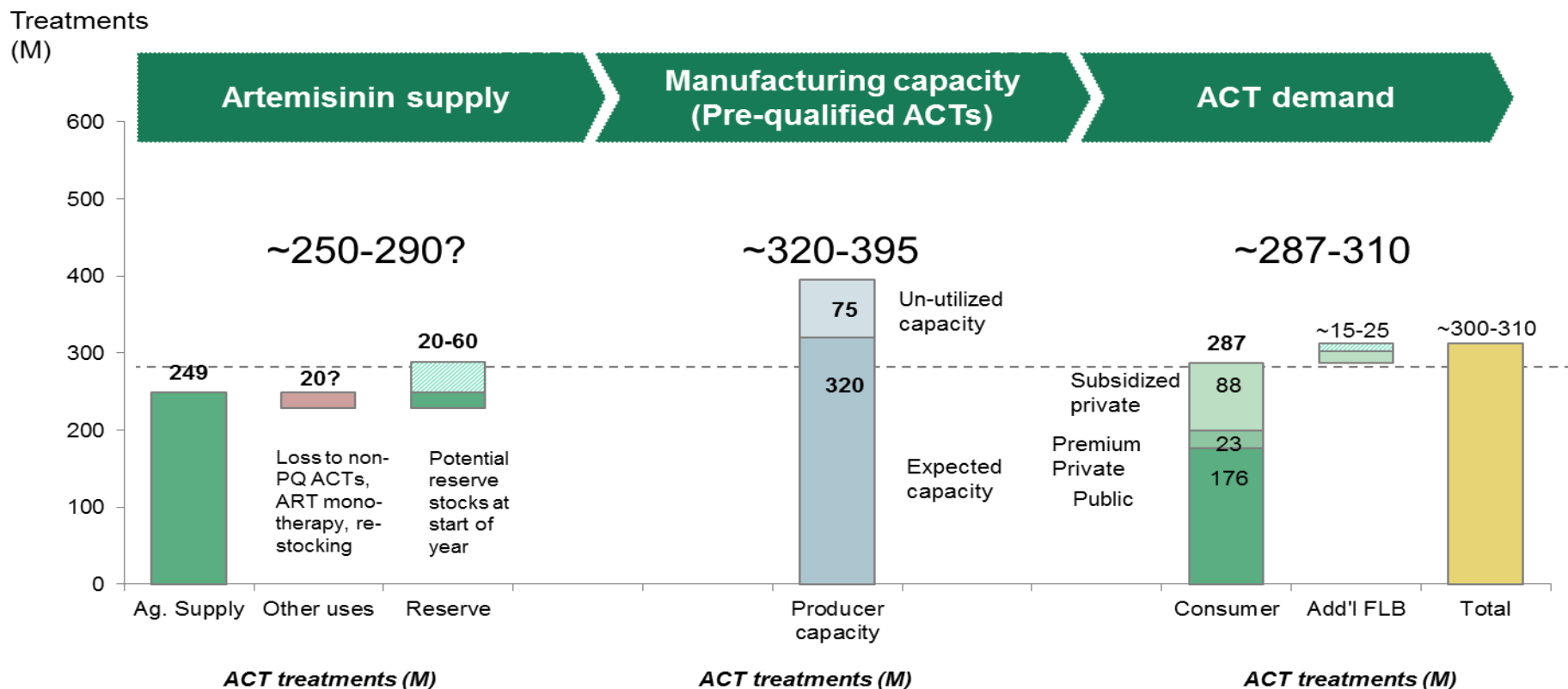
2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 in Hanoi, Vietnam

# Objectives of the Roundtable

- Better understand the ACT demand and supply situation, based upon best available and unbiased information.
- Improve communications among all stakeholders in the ACT supply chain.
- Discuss additional ACT needs arising from any possible emergency or epidemic situations (as is anticipated in the Horn of Africa).
- Agree on a co-ordinated plan of action to address any supply challenges.

# ACT/Artemisinin Demand and Supply for 2011

as reported for the Roundtable on Sep 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011. (not updated)



Source: ACT Forecasting Consortium sponsored by UNITAID, led by Boston Consulting Group (BCG) with forecasting experts from BCG, Clinton Health Access Initiatives (CHAI), and the MIT-Zaragoza International Logistics Program

# Key Recommendations

- Maintain open communication between all major stakeholders in the supply chain.
- Improve forecasting and communication of forecasts to ensure all stakeholders are making decisions on the best information possible.
- Improve systems to increase the flexibility in the supply chain to ensure that ACT supplies reach the countries and places where the need is greatest.
- Gather real time supply and demand data that will help identify countries where supply may not meet demand ( under the leadership of WHO GMP)
- Wider access to and use of diagnostic testing and reduced use of ACTs for non-malarial fevers.

# Key Recommendations-Long term

- Analyze the role of buffer stocks of ACTs and APIs to meet sudden emergencies and ensure market stability.
- Explore the technical, legal and economic feasibility of ACT manufacturers' request for binding forecasts of ACT demand