

UNITAID 3rd Consultative Forum: Malaria Workshop Recommendations

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Background

- **Malaria workshop Theme: Shaping and impacting markets in malaria**

- **Objectives:**
 - Summarize the challenges in malaria that were identified during the “Partner Day”.
 - Explore the different opportunities in the global health landscape, market and product interventions.
 - Identify those opportunities in the malaria arena (prevention, diagnosis and treatment) that fit with UNITAID’s mandate.

Discussion Topics

- Rapid diagnostic tests and access to ACTs - GMP/WHO
- Towards reducing malaria worldwide, effective interventions and addressing challenges – MMV, RBM, MNM
- ACT global forecast – Boston Consulting Group
- AMFm achievements to date - GFATM
- Minimizing resistance to ACTs – WWARN
- Evaluation of artemisinin market for the production of quality ACTs, current and future availability of ingredients – A2S2 Project
- Challenges in the expansion of ACT production – Novartis
- Ensuring patients' needs are met – Communities UNITAID Board Member

Overall challenges for malaria

- **Forecasting** demand - better country data for treatment and diagnosis.
- **Funding sources** for products identified & sustainable;
- **Engaging manufacturers** of ACTs through (partially) binding commitments (orders placed, LTAs);
- **Availability and quality** of RDTs improved and monitored;
- **Recognition of integrated** approach to prevention (LLINs), diagnosis (RDTs) and treatment (ACTs)

Recommendation: Prevention Actions (LLINS)

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- Create incentives for significantly longer lasting LLINs.
- Invest in faster product QA.
- Invest to maintain manufacturers in market.

Partners

- Ensure greater uptake of LLINs with community involvement.
- Develop partnerships where public and private sectors can play a role in distribution in countries.

Recommendation: Diagnosis Actions (RDTs)

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- Develop systematic way to forecast RDTs using prevention and treatment data.
- Develop bundle approach-package RDTs with ACTs in appropriate ratio.

Partners

- Develop partnerships to manage non-malaria fevers identified by RDTs.

Recommendation: Treatment Actions (ACTs)

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- Improve ACT demand forecasting at country, regional and global level.
- Stabilize API market.

Partners

- Countries have & use guidelines for the recommended medicines.
- Sufficient information in communities about malaria so people get the right treatment in a timely manner.

Innovations for market shaping

- **Prevention:** Incentives (challenge grants) for improved LLIN products.
- **Diagnosis:** Bundling RDTs and ACTs to promote rational ACT use.
- **Treatment:** accelerate market access for new essential products (paediatric and inj. artesunate for severe malaria).

Thank You

