

**Integrated Community Case Management Task Force Operations Research Subgroup**, April 16, 2014, 10:00-11:00

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Topic	Main Points	Decisions, Next Steps
Progress on action points from February 12, 2014 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amy to share research questions for discussion among OR group members</li> <li>• Discuss in Ghana whether developing capacity development (based on the Ethiopia model) for such OR and publications should be a CCM.ORG activity</li> <li>• Link symposium outcomes to the CHNRI results.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow up and add to next meeting for discussion</li> </ul>
Review the CHNRI priority research questions in relation to ongoing and planned iCCM research.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members requested to match their research questions to CHNRI priorities in order to identify CHNRI questions that are being addressed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MCHIP will do an initial matching and share the matrix for members to verify</li> <li>• MCHIP will group the questions in line with CHNRI results and share with OR group for vetting</li> </ul> <p><b>Action end date: April 30</b></p>
Develop specific study questions on the integration of newborn health and malnutrition into iCCM.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing recognition that both malnutrition and newborn health are important but questions regarding feasibility and effectiveness of delivering services at community level in a program setting remain.</li> <li>• For newborn health: what to include? counselling on household practices; screening and referral; home management of some conditions, or a mix of community and facility management. Can this be expected of CHWs? What is the appropriate package?</li> <li>• Karin circulated a paper from Malaria Consortium program</li> <li>• David Hamer has been developing some ideas for possible implementation in Zambia</li> <li>• Inquiry by Nicky Dent of Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM), an initiative addressing acute malnutrition, see website (<a href="http://www.cmamforum.org">www.cmamforum.org</a>). This is primarily an advocacy group, which is producing various updates and technical briefs.</li> <li>• Need to formulate questions that will guide discussions among partners and organizations with money to do research.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stefan, David, and Karin will develop a briefing note and some initial questions that OR group members will build on</li> </ul> <p><b>Action end date: May 20</b></p>
Supporting countries to include operational research questions in joint iCCM/malaria Global	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Uganda and Zambia have consultants working on including iCCM in malaria concept notes.</li> <li>• All countries, except Kenya are at the Mock TRP April 14-17, 2014 in Harare.</li> <li>• Feedback from Uganda and Zambia indicated the operations research is not seen as a priority partly because of reducing funding envelope and also the quick</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stefan will check with the GF for direction (<b>email sent and waiting for feedback</b>)</li> <li>• David will chat with the consultants and MoH/NMCP in Zambia about ideas on mhealth application and strengthening M&amp;E</li> </ul>

Fund concept notes.	turnaround of concept notes that doesn't allow more dialogue and consensus about priorities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Members observed the OR is even more important when resources are limited to test innovations that could increase efficiency and direct resources where benefits will be highest.</li></ul>	<b>Action end date: ongoing</b>
Next meeting	10 AM Washington DC, 16:00 Stockholm, June 18, 2014	Request agenda items two weeks before the meeting