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

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| **Progress on action points from February 12, 2014 minutes** | • Amy to share research questions for discussion among OR group members  
• Discuss in Ghana whether developing capacity development (based on the Ethiopia model) for such OR and publications should be a CCM.ORG activity  
• Link symposium outcomes to the CHNRI results. | • Follow up and add to next meeting for discussion |
| **Review the CHNRI priority research questions in relation to ongoing and planned iCCM research.** | • Members requested to match their research questions to CHNRI priorities in order to identify CHNRI questions that are being addressed. | • MCHIP will do an initial matching and share the matrix for members to verify  
• MCHIP will group the questions in line with CHNRI results and share with OR group for vetting  
**Action end date: April 30** |
| **Develop specific study questions on the integration of newborn health and malnutrition into iCCM.** | • 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.  
• 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?  
• Karin circulated a paper from Malaria Consortium program  
• David Hamer has been developing some ideas for possible implementation in Zambia  
• Inquiry by Nicky Dent of Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM), an initiative addressing acute malnutrition, see website (www.cmamforum.org). This is primarily an advocacy group, which is producing various updates and technical briefs.  
• Need to formulate questions that will guide discussions among partners and organizations with money to do research. | • Stefan, David, and Karin will develop a briefing note and some initial questions that OR group members will build on  
**Action end date: May 20** |
| **Supporting countries to include operational research questions in joint iCCM/malaria Global** | • Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Uganda and Zambia have consultants working on including iCCM in malaria concept notes.  
• All countries, except Kenya are at the Mock TRP April 14-17, 2014 in Harare.  
• 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 | • Stefan will check with the GF for direction (email sent and waiting for feedback)  
• David will chat with the consultants and MoH/NMCP in Zambia about ideas on mhealth application and strengthening M&E |
| Fund concept notes. | turnaround of concept notes that doesn’t allow more dialogue and consensus about priorities.  
- 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. | Action end date: ongoing |
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