

NNN COVID-19 Task Group

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Objectives

- To collaborate to develop best practices for objective risk assessment
- To collaborate to develop best practices for risk mitigation strategies for implementing NTD field activities in the context of COVID-19, while recognizing that specific strategies will need to be tailored to the country context.
- To coordinate efforts in risk assessment and mitigation tools and strategies to prevent duplication of effort which may further burden NTDPs

Evaluation and Monitoring Sub-group

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The Evaluation sub-group of the NNN COVID-19 Task Group has been established to achieve the following objectives:

- Learn from National Programmes and NTD projects to promote monitoring and evaluation of key indicators related to the implementation of COVID-19 standard operating procedures (SOPs) and the impact on NTD service delivery (Mass Drug Administration, Surveys, Case Finding, surgical outreach, morbidity management).
- Maintain a repository of where NTD activities are resuming, where M&E activities are being conducted, and results of those M&E activities
- Share best practices and M&E outputs with key stakeholders

Focus questions

While we cannot assume that all countries will follow the same set of SOPs, the following key questions will be explored by the sub-group

SOP Implementation

1. **Are SOPs being implemented as written [proactively monitored and reinforced]? If not, what are the main areas of divergence?**
 - **M&E Tools / indicator**
2. **What role do real-time supervisory tools play in monitoring adherence to SOPs?**
 - **M&E Tools / Indicator**
3. **What factors are driving community acceptance?**
 - **M&E Tools / Indicator**
4. **What are the barriers and challenges among health workers (CDDs, graders, surgeons, etc.) in implementing NTD activities in the context of COVID-19?**
 - **M&E Tools / Indicator**

SOP Impact

5. **What impact did SOPs have on performance (coverage, SAEs, etc)? What extent are programme timelines are being affected due to the implementation of the COVID SOPs?**
 - **M&E Tools / Indicator**
6. **What are the additional costs associated with implementing NTD activities in the context of COVID-19? Who is covering the additional cost burden? What opportunities through integration/coordination can help manage costs?**
 - **M&E Tools / Indicator**
7. **How are NTD programmes using COVID-19 trends to modify programme implementation?**
 - **M&E Tools / Indicator**