Re-envisioning APMEN’s role in a new context: where to go from here?

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Introduction

• Given the new context, where should APMEN focus?

• What should and should not be APMEN’s priorities going forward?
APMEN’s focus in the new context

• Country’s needs and priority challenges are at the centre of APMEN activities
• More purposeful selection of countries (and people) for specific APMEN activities (recognizing different countries have different needs)
• Focus on immediate solutions to operational challenges
• Realistic expectations of a network and a pragmatic approach
• Let go of things better led by others, especially APLMA, WHO – and things that APMEN is not well equipped to do
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Examples of possible APMEN roles

1. **Capacity building** – filling critical gaps for NMCP

2. **Advocacy** – at subnational levels

3. **Evidence-to-policy** – translation to action

4. **Tools-to-action** – piloting new interventions
A challenge to APMEN

- An annual list of priority issues
  - Amenable to rapid resolution.
  - Immediate relevance to countries
  - Team leader identified
  - Resources available to make progress
  - Defined timelines for outcome

- APMEN reporting could **focus on progress** on the priority issues.
Some questions to consider, e.g. working groups

• Are the current APMEN thematic areas (surveillance and response, vivax/case management, vector control) the right ones?

• Are working groups the best way for chosen priorities to be addressed? Would some issues be better addressed through time-limited task teams?

• Are there other ways of working collaboratively that could be considered?
Summary

• It’s an exciting time for APMEN, and a time to re-focus

• APMEN is in a position to build upon a solid foundation/platform established 6 years ago

• Time to review the achievements, strengths, weaknesses, priorities and current context and opportunities

• Time to identify a robust way to move forward, improve ways of working and continue meaningful contributions to the elimination agenda...
Discussion