

National RAM Manager's Report

National RAM Committee Meeting 18 September 2020

No	Major activities	Status
1.	<p>District RAM Meetings in each Region with the National Manager and Secretary.</p> <p>A goal of the District RAM meetings in each Region is to increase communications between National and District RAM Supervisors; and to encourage greater engagement with District RAWCS.</p> <p>Future meetings: Two Regional meetings (Eastern & Western) to conduct in the next three months.</p> <p>Frequency: Six monthly and as required.</p>	<p>Meetings completed in two Regions: NR and SR.</p> <p>CR joined SR's meeting.</p>
2	<p>National RAM Secretary plans to step down in June 2021. This is an important position and a busy position.</p> <p>Advertisement to fill the vacancy has gone out to all Regions via RAM and RAWCS.</p> <p>We welcome applications for the position. The role description is available. Please contact me if you know a suitable replacement.</p>	<p>One applicant – no closing date for applications.</p>
3.	<p>National RAM Virtual Conference - conducted in place of the live Annual RAM Conference was cancelled. Organised at short notice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordinated by Deputy RAM Manager in line with his role description. - Speakers from cancelled live Conference – invitation re-sent by National Manager and Secretary - The PR and Social Media Coordinator played a major role in using social media to advertise the virtual conference. <p>Total registered over 70 participants on Day 1; and 67 on Day 2</p> <p>Expenditure: \$70 for upgrade of a personal Zoom account for one month to allow more than 100 participants. Conference Registration fees/donations will be donated to RAM</p>	<p>Was well received.</p>
PARTNER COUNTRY NEWS:		
4.	<p>RAM PNG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Covid has slowed down malaria activities by 2 weeks – as reported by Tim Freeman - New Chairman Rio Fiocco, RC Port Moresby (D9600) for RAM PNG, to manage the Global Fund project 	<p>MOU in place</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No news from RC Port Moresby as to whether Rio will replace Ron Seddon's position on our Committee – so Ron's name is on our Committee until we are advised. - AUD 82,000 will be transferred this week for purchase of bed nets. An equivalent will be directed to the Chasing Malaria Program. 	
5.	<p>Solomon Islands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Covid 19 cases - ? no information on malaria cases - RAM Solomon Islands (RC Honiara, D9600) called a meeting with National RAM Manager and Secretary, to discuss potential projects. Meeting attended by NR Supervisor Russ Stephenson and Central Region RAM Supervisor (CR Supervisor will lead a small malaria project in SI). <p>Dr. Kevin Palmer mentioned at the Virtual Conference that Global Fund has funding for building accommodation for the malaria program needs.</p>	Cherilyn and Team to develop a small community-based project with the local government.
6.	<p>Vanuatu:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Covid 19 cases reported. Malaria officers were involved in preparing for Covid 19. Malaria activities delayed. - May have small increases in malaria in Tropical Cyclone Harold-affected areas. Reporting is slow as many facilities were destroyed. Ongoing transmission of P.vivax in Sanma and Malampa (northern provinces). - Considering use of G6PD point of care testing - National Strategic Plan for Malaria Elimination 2021-2026 is available. - Balance of RAM funds \$26,439 from 2019-20 budget. - Planning underway for geographical reconnaissance of household mapping for indoor residual spraying program. Short term Consultant contracted to the Vanuatu Government and will be paid by RAM. - National RAM Secretary attended the 3rd virtual Malaria Elimination Advisory Group (MEAG) hosted by WHO Vanuatu - Rotary Global Grant Applications with RC Waverley and NZ District 9910 - submitted end of June 2020 – feedback and questions received from TRF. Compiling responses with NZ D9910 and Vanuatu Project team. Deputy National RAM Manager Wil Cornelissen is the Project Manager for RC Waverley. 	<p>MOU in place.</p> <p>RAM-funded Activities continued for 2020.</p>
7.	<p>Timor Leste:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9 new imported malaria cases in Oecusse District (Timor Leste enclave in West Timor) - over the last 6 weeks. - Rotary Global Grant USD254,334 has a small balance of approximately USD25,000. TRF permission obtained for use of remaining funds. Tasks underway: (i) Printing T-shirts with promotional messages. (ii) WHO laboratory bench aids purchased and 	No news from Rotary GG application submitted in end of June 2020



	<p>on its way from Geneva. (iii) 5,000 nets Bed nets on order. Two activities may be delayed as the National Malaria Program needs to hire a health promotions expert to develop (i) Banners for border posts and entry points into the country; and (ii) Information leaflets. Total budget for banners and leaflets is USD2,375. The Grant project will close in December.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Rotary Global Grant application submitted in end June 2020 for 2021-2022 (2 years). 	
8.	<p>West Timor (Nusa Tenggara Timur, Indonesia)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 237 cases of Covid 19 (13 Sept 2020) - LLINs distribution continued during the Pandemic. No data on malaria cases. However, case finding is low and there is underreporting (report from Dece Mary, Provincial Health Office). - Rotary Global Grant application submitted in end June 2020 for stratification / mapping training, 10,000 LLINs and 15,000 RDTs. - Positive feedback from TRF with questions from TRF - compiling responses now - It is important that RAM focus on border malaria elimination in West Timor (Indonesia). <p>Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Import of LLINs and RDTs complex processes. Many layers of bureaucracy to work through with import of medical equipment/insecticides and customs duties - Unable to identify a local customs agent to help import LLINs and RDTs for West Timor. <p>Steps in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RC Kupang Central's President will meet the Provincial Governor to see if the Governor can assign someone in his Government to help us import the goods. - National RAM Manager has contacted WHO, UNICEF, Global Fund Country Portfolio Managers for Indonesia and Timor Leste – question asked to them was ‘how can we safe-guard GF’s ~ USD200M investment in Timor Leste?’ - Peter McKenzie Project Manager, RC Hillarys, is kept informed of progress. 	Waiting for estimation of LLINs for 2022 Grant
9.	<p>Global Fund RAWCS-RAM Campaign to raise USD12 Million over 5 years for Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Timor Leste. PDG Dai Mason is the Campaign manager and Dave Pearson provides oversight from RAWCS RAM. Good support from Global Fund. Progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marketing Consultant selected and will commence work on 15 September - Planning for a presentation at RI Taipei. 	No progress to report