





Achieving catalytic expansion of seasonal malaria chemoprevention in the Sahel



SEASONAL MALARIA CHEMOPREVENTION WITH SULFADOXINE-PYRIMETHAMINE PLUS AMODIAQUINE IN CHILDREN A FIELD QUIDE



Progress in scale-up of SMC in the Sahel

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Areas covered by ACCESS-SMC







Monitoring of SMC programmes

in Burkina Faso, Chad, Gambia, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Nigeria (ACCESS-SMC), and in Senegal *

1) Monitoring of the process of *delivery*

- 2) Surveys to determine *coverage*
- 3) Case control studies to measure *efficacy* of monthly treatments
- 4) Sentinel surveillance for malaria and analysis of national surveillance data on reported malaria cases to assess *impact*

Safety monitoring by the National PV centre and the PNLP Surveys to monitor the prevalence of molecular markers of resistance to SMC drugs Assessment of provider costs of delivery

*SMC programmes in 2016 in Ghana, Cameroon, Togo - not included in this presentation

Primary methods of delivery

Country	Primary delivery method
Burkina Faso	Door-to-door
Chad	Door-to-door
Gambia	Door-to-door
Guinea	Door-to-door
Mali	Fixed point (mobile)
Niger	Fixed point*
Nigeria	Door-to-door
Senegal	Door-to-door

 Predominant delivery method was door-todoor

 Mobile fixed-point used in Mali

 Fixed points also used in Niger (including urban areas)

* Door-to-door in some urban areas at final SMC cycle

Delivery door to door

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Niger

SMC record card and tally sheet (Chad)

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Children who are unwell are referred for diagnosis and treatment. If appropriate and they do not have malaria they may then receive SMC.

Nigeria



Photos: Malaria Consortium

The Gambia



Target number of children in evaluation areas in 2015 and the average number actually treated per cycle

Country	Delivery method	Number of areas	Target	Average no. treated
Burkina Faso	Door-to-door	11 districts	649,693	680,433
Chad	Door-to-door	6 districts	275,000	265,354
Gambia	Door-to-door	2 regions (17 districts)	90,925	77,208
Guinea	Door-to-door	6 prefectures	210,047	201,283
Mali	Fixed point (mobile)	14 districts	809,638	687,838
Niger	Fixed point*	8 districts	595,901	416,973
Nigeria	Door-to-door	17 LGAs	792,133	787,467
Senegal	Door-to-door	16 districts	623,859	565,503
		Total	4,047,196	3,682,059

Seasonality of malaria and timing of SMC monthly treatment cycles in 2015



Seasonality in 2015 shown by the no. of confirmed cases in children in non-SMC areas or in older age groups in SMC areas

Coverage surveys

- Conducted at the end of the 2015 transmission season
- Representative of areas covered in 2015
- Sampling of villages with probability proportional to size
- Children up to 7yrs included
- Receipt of SMC determined from
 - SMC card (where available)
 - Caregiver's recall of SMC cycles

Number of SMC cycles received in 2015



- Relatively few children missed SMC altogether
- In most countries, more than 80% of children received SMC. Above 90% in 4 countries.
- Coverage of 3 cycles was >75% in 4 countries, >60% in all.
- Coverage of all 4 cycles was more variable, ranging from 85% in Burkina Faso to <25% in Chad.
 - Overall (population weighted) coverage of ≥3 cycles was 73%

Agreement between SMC card and caregiver recall

Agreement between card and caregiver recall was good, but cards tend to under-estimate coverage because SMC administration is not always documented on the card

* Mothers recall of individual rounds not collected in Nigeria, only recall of blister packs collected in Gambia



• Delivery outside age range: coverage in 6 year olds

	Ν	Given card	At least 1	At least 3
Burkina Faso	105	77%	82%	71%
Chad	68	63%	85%	67%
Gambia	302	30%	30%	24%
Guinea	212	82%	82%	45%
Mali	151	13%	16%	11%
Niger	676	34%	34%	21%
Nigeria	75	53%	61%	49%

- Treatment children above the upper age limit should be kept to a minimum to avoid under-dosing
- This was less of a problem where fixed point delivery was used

Equitability of SMC coverage



Coverage by gender







Similar coverage in boys and girls

Case-control studies to estimate efficacy against malaria

- Cases clinic attendees aged 3-59 months with slide-confirmed malaria
- Controls 2 x healthy (or RDT negative) children aged 3-59 months from same community as cases
- History of SMC collected from card, caregiver, administration records
 - Potential confounders: age, SES, LLIN use, mothers education

Logic:

If SMC is protective, then more controls should have recent SMC than malaria cases

If SMC not protective, then SMC receipt should be similar between cases & controls



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Evidence of impact from national malaria surveillance databases

- Monthly number of malaria cases in each district, in children <5yrs, and in persons above 5yrs were analysed (facilitated by now widespread use of confirmation by RDT)
- Regression model used to predict the expected number of cases without SMC on the basis of year-to-year trends in older ager groups and in children in non-SMC districts
- % reduction in cases in SMC areas then estimated by comparing reported with the predicted cases
- Limitations: incompleteness, data errors, periods without confirmation, changes in diagnostic guidelines, cases from outside SMC areas, other concurrent control measures, year to year variation in malaria transmission

- these factors tend to obscure the true impact of interventions

Burkina Faso

More details: JB Ouedraogo Poster 852 Session B Nov 15th, 12pm-1:45



- Increase in number of confirmed cases in 2015 in non-SMC areas, and in older age groups in SMC areas
- The observed number of cases in children in SMC areas was compared with the expected number assuming the same trend would have been seen without SMC

Examples of districts with SMC in 2015:



11 ACCESS-SMC districts with SMC in 2015:



45% reduction in cases <5yrs in 2015



Number of confirmed cases in SMC areas in older age groups (in red) and in children (in blue). Dashed blue lines are the expected cases in children if SMC had not been implemented.

Drug resistance: Sampling for molecular markers

Community surveys in 2015 in areas that had not started SMC (except Gambia which had started SMC in 2014) 2 age groups: after the end of the transmission season: <5years and 10-30 years 2000 individuals in each age group, total target sample size of 28,000

- Ségou URR 56 Bokoro Gaya Anka Koupéla Siguir
- low frequencies of mutations associated with SP resistance, and no samples with AQ resistant genotypes
- Four samples (0.14%) carried *pfmdr1_YY* but only one had CVMNK/CVIET.
- Eight samples (0.33%) carried *dhfr*_triple and *dhps*_double mutations. None of these samples carried *pfmdr1*_YY.

More details in the talk by K Beshir Wed 16 Nov 8am Marriott Atrium A 113: Malaria: Chemotherapy for control and elimination

Summary

- 1. Countries have been quick to adopt SMC strategy since it was endorsed by WHO in 2012, scale-up has been rapid: 7.5m children in 2015 (3m through ACCESS-SMC), 15m (7m through ACCESS-SMC) in 2016
- 2. Despite this, high coverage was achieved in 8 countries in 2015
- 3. Treatment efficacy at least 80% over 4 weeks, consistent with low frequency of markers of AQ and SP resistance
- 4. Routine HMIS data consistent with a substantial impact of SMC in 2015, against a background of an increase in malaria transmission in many countries despite high LLIN coverage
- 5. Timely procurement and effective supply chain are critical for optimum impact to start SMC cycles on time
- 6. Reliable record of child's SMC dates is necessary for monitoring
- 7. 4 cycles needed for full protection need to adapt local strategies to reach children in all 4 cycles
- 8. Higher more equitable coverage door-to-door than through fixed points
- 9. Testing and treatment of febrile children: advantage of delivery by mobile teams or through community case management, but additional mobilisation needed for mobile teams to achieve high coverage
- 10. Careful monitoring is needed to ensure that delivery is effective and that drugs remain safe and efficacious
- 11. Recent scale-up of diagnostic testing for malaria has facilitated assessment of impact but malaria information systems need to be strengthened to guide implementation and to allow better tracking of progress
- 12. SMC programmes have benefitted from regional coordination which needs to be maintained

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Coverage at individual SMC cycles in 2015



- Confirmed coverage at cycles shown (where month was recorded on card or month recalled by mother) – will be conservative
- Coverage was consistently lower at the final (4th) cycle
- Possible access issues at end of rainy season
- Reasons for this being explored