Malaria Control in Pregnancy: Potential challenges for MiP policy change and implementation of new policies in Malawi

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

• Policy change process

• Potential challenges
Policy making process

• Literature Review

• Study Results informed policy change:-
  ▪ Increased doses of SP (Malawi’s study by Gutman J. et al)
  ▪ ACTs for treatment of MiP in 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} trimesters (A systematic review of the safety and efficacy of ACTs against uncomplicated P.f malaria during pregnancy by Kayentao MC et al, 2011)

• WHO recommendations
Process and Actors

• National Malaria Control Program through Technical Working group meetings
  ▪ MiP Sub-Technical Committee
  ▪ Main Malaria Technical Committee
• Proposed change agreed upon by Malaria Advisory Committee
• Ministry of Health Senior Management endorsed policy change

• Partners involved in the process include: PMI, SSDI, communication, JPHIEGO, UNICEF, Reproductive Health Unit, WHO, College of Medicine, Training Institutions, CHAI, District Health Officers.
Potential Challenges to Implementation of the new policy

• Lengthy development process of the new policy (advocacy meetings, agreement, and approval processes)

• Financial implications in terms of marketing of the new policy, trainings, printing costs, and dissemination to the community for the required demand and uptake.

• The effects of changing policy during implementation (hangovers). Length of time before new policy becomes apparent