

Male Circumcision and HIV Prevention in Kenya

-Where are we?

HIV and MC in Kenya

- Kenya has a generalized epidemic (average HIV prevalence of 7%) and 85% Male circumcised.
- However Nyanza province highest HIV prevalence (15%) and lowest MC rates (48%), with as little as 10% MC rates in Luo tribe.
- Compelling evidence from 3 RCT showed MC reduces risk of men from getting HIV by 60%, and in 2006 Kenya Government incorporated MC as an added HIV prevention intervention
 - HIV 4 times more prevalent among uncircumcised men than circumcised

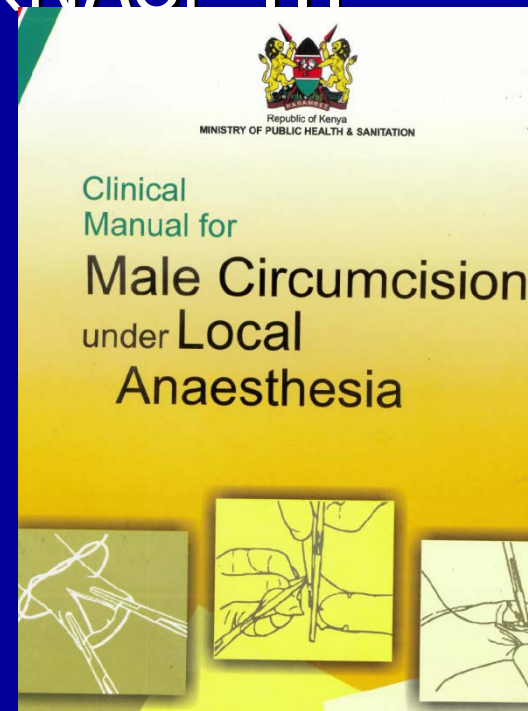
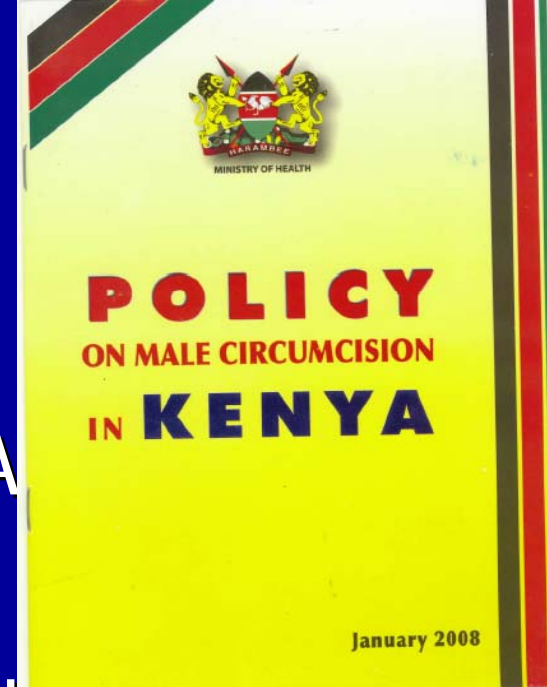
- In 2006, The Government of Kenya recognized MC as an additional strategy for the prevention of heterosexually acquired HIV infection in men, and formed a national taskforce on male circumcision.
- Taskforce held a number of consultations with stakeholder and community: Luo Council of Elders, Youth, Women, Faith Based Organizations, Community Based Organizations, political leaders (MPs) and the media, which culminated with endorsement of MC in Nyanza province in a major meeting on September 22, 2008. The meeting was chaired by the Prime Minister, RT. Hon. Raila Odinga.
- Subsequently the MOH launched safe and voluntary male circumcision programme on November 24th, 2009.

MC service provision

- PEPFAR (through USG agencies - CDC and USAID) and BMGF (through Male Circumcision consortium) and implementing partners is supporting the GOK at National and provincial level to roll out MC in Nyanza
- Currently, the programme is going on in Nyanza, with support of the following partners:
 - The Male Circumcision Consortium - Family Health International, EngenderHealth, Nyanza Reproductive Health Society)
 - USAID Partner- APHIA II Nyanza.
 - CDC Partners
 - Catholic Medical Mission Board,
 - International Medical Corps,
 - Kemri/CDC,
 - Impact Research and Development Organisation
 - UCSF/Family Care and Educational Services
 - Others - Marie stopes

Documents produced

- Clinical Manual for MC under LA
- MC policy guidance
- MC 5 year strategy in line with KLASP III
- MC communication strategy
- MC M&E tools
- MC guidelines



MC service provision - Cont

- There are about 124 sites where these partners conduct circumcision within Nyanza. These range from public to private hospitals. Using different models like offering services in static health facilities, outreach- where the providers would go and offer circumcision in facilities that do not have capacity to offer MC on a regular basis, or mobile circumcision services, where mobile teams offer the services at selected venues.
- At beginning of May 2009, over 20,000 MC have been done in Nyanza
- Demand for MC is still high and PEPFAR will continue supporting GOK in MC service provision in Nyanza as a priority.

