

Strengthening Counseling for Adolescents at Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision Services

COURSE INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW



Introductions

- Divide learners into pairs.
- Take five to seven minutes to interview your partner:
 - Name, family, professional role, and their favorite fun activity
 - Best counseling practice or success
 - Key counseling challenge or barrier
 - One solution or recommendation to improve VMMC counseling
- Introduce your partner and share views expressed.

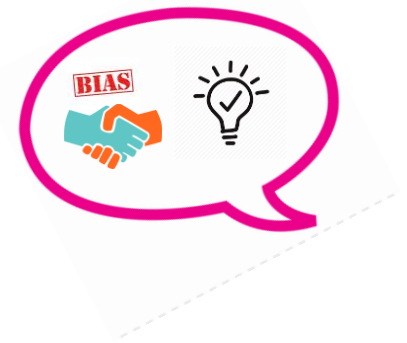
Training Objectives

Let's review the course objectives on the following slides...



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- Use nonverbal and verbal communication techniques that can strengthen counseling of adolescent boys accessing VMMC services.
- Identify possible biases and assumptions they might hold that could limit the quality and effectiveness of counseling adolescents.



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- Identify and use different levels of age-appropriate language to effectively counsel adolescents accessing VMMC services who are at different stages of development on sensitive topics.
- Use specific communication techniques and screening tools to promote behavior change among adolescents during counseling sessions.



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- Make referrals in the context of VMMC services.
- Participate in on-the-job skills building (one-day practicum) at VMMC clinics to reinforce counseling and communication skills acquired during counseling training.



Course Schedule

Let's review the course schedule.



Daily Volunteers

- Each morning, we need two volunteers to conduct a warm-up activity and share the objectives for the day. At the end of each day, we need two volunteers to summarize the key points presented that day.
- The morning overviews and daily summaries should be highly interactive and fun—get everyone involved! We will post a flip chart page on the wall and ask you to sign up for either a morning overview or a daily summary.

Ground Rules

Ground Rules will:

- Help to ensure a safe, comfortable space for learning
- Be posted on the wall as a reminder throughout the training



Let's Get Started!

- Are there any questions regarding the course objectives, schedule, or ground rules?
- Are you ready to start the course?
- Ready! Set! Go!

