

Satellite Session

UNAIDS – WHO – PEPFAR
VMMC Workshop



Thursday, December 9



13:33 - 14:18

Biomedical HIV prevention for men in a time of a pandemic: Amplifying our gains and increasing in scale, impact, and sustainability of Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) beyond 2021

This satellite session will highlight the impact of voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) as an effective HIV prevention intervention, provide recent key data on the case for continuation of VMMC services for the 15+ year old males and key programmatic considerations on VMMC to reduce further the risk of HIV infection among adolescent boys and men in high HIV burden countries of East and Southern Africa (ESA) region. It will share preliminary findings of a VMMC sustainability landscaping exercise across VMMC priority countries. The session will catalyze a panel discussion for action among country VMMC programme country managers and policy makers, and partners looking at sustainability goals, COVID-19 impact in 2021 and programme ambitions in 2022 and beyond.

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Session Chairs: Frank Lule, WHO Regional Office for Africa, Brazzaville, Republic of Congo and Lycias Zembe, UNAIDS, Switzerland

1. **Opening Remarks** - Dayanund Loykissoonlal, National Department of Health, South Africa
2. **VMMC sustainability:**
 - i. Preliminary findings of VMMC Sustainability Landscaping Assessment/Review in 15 Countries – Wole Ameyan, WHO Switzerland
 - ii. **Panel discussion**
 - Explore lessons and experiences on VMMC programme sustainability including programmatic considerations on service integration and routinization, financing, and diversification thereof as well as ongoing support.
 - Discuss how different countries look at VMMC sustainability

Facilitator: Carlos Toledo, PEPFAR/CDC, USA

Panel: Kenya – Ambrose Juma, MoH, Kenya; Zambia – Royd Kamboyi, Ministry of Health, Zambia

3. **VMMC progress and Impact**
 - i. VMMC progress and Impact: Informing VMMC provision in Sub-Saharan Africa – comparing continuation of VMMC for males aged 15+ for 5 years versus no further VMMC – Loveleen Banshi-Matharu, The University College London, UK

4. Closing remarks – Frank Lule, WHO Regional Office for Africa, Brazzaville, Republic of Congo