

Greetings! Welcome to the October 2014 issue of the **Clearinghouse on Male Circumcision for HIV Prevention** newsletter. This issue highlights the World Health Organization's latest update on the scale up of voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) in priority countries, dozens of presentations and video from the recent AIDS 2014 conference in Melbourne, and more than 100 new resources on demand creation for VMMC.

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Latest News

PrePex introduced in Uganda

Uganda's Ministry of Health has introduced the PrePex device for performing adult male circumcision in hospitals and health centres in Mbale District, with plans to roll it out to other districts...

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Mobile surgical theatres launched in South Africa

Two mobile surgical surgical theatres are traveling to towns and villages in South Africa's Western Cape Province as part of a campaign to promote voluntary medical male circumcision...

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Former president champions male circumcision

The former president of Botswana called on African governments to invest in voluntary medical male

New to the Site!

Progress on Scale-up



Global Update on the Health Sector Response to HIV, 2014

Uptake of voluntary medical male circumcision in 14 priority countries in Africa rose from 1.7 million in 2012 to nearly 2.7 million in 2013, reports the World Health Organization (WHO). This WHO update on the health sector's global response to HIV includes a section on VMMC scale-up (pp. 7-9).



Scale-up of Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision for HIV Prevention in Africa: Update on Priority Countries

An update on the progress toward scale-up of voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) in 14 priority countries documents a dramatic increase in the number of African men choosing medical male circumcision from 2008 to 2013. This two-page fact sheet also describes what needs to be done to step

up the pace of scale-up so that the full potential of VMMC for HIV prevention can be realized.

New Resources

circumcision for HIV prevention...

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Call to ban unsterile male circumcisions

South African scientists and public health experts have called for a ban on unsterile traditional male circumcision practices...

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VMMC associated with lower HIV rates among women

Young women in a South African community who had sex only with circumcised men had a 20 percent lower rate of new HIV infections...

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Dramatic increase in male circumcision

The World Health Organization reported a dramatic increase in the number of African men choosing to be circumcised...

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Male circumcision does not promote risky behaviour

Efforts to encourage male circumcision for HIV prevention are backed by new findings that men are unlikely to engage in riskier sex after they have had the procedure...

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Study examines incentives for male circumcision

Offering men modest incentives in the form of food vouchers modestly increased the likelihood that they would decide to become circumcised with a few months...

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Adverse Event Action Guide for Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision by Surgery

This guide provides guidance on safe and appropriate management of adverse events associated with voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) for programmes that are implementing VMMC under local anaesthesia in adolescent and adult males as part of a comprehensive HIV prevention strategy. It is designed for use by providers of VMMC services, including those who conduct post-operative reviews of clients but do not provide initial VMMC surgery.



Clinical Wound Healing Definition

An expert committee of researchers, urologists, and leaders of voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) programmes developed this definition of clinical wound healing after male circumcision through a consultative process. It is designed for use in VMMC studies as a standardised way to assess clinical wound healing by visual inspection, to ensure comparability among studies.



Voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) was highlighted in more than 80 presentations and posters at the 20th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2014) in Melbourne, Australia, from 20 to 25 July. Presentations from [three satellite sessions](#) supported by the US President's Emergency Fund for AIDS Relief are now available, along with links to [conference abstracts and presentations](#) about VMMC for HIV prevention.

New Demand Creation Resources

Dozens of resources from the former Creating Demand for Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) website are now available on the Clearinghouse. They include materials from [demand creation campaigns](#) in priority countries, case studies of [promising practices](#) in VMMC demand creation based on firsthand reporting in seven countries, and a [video and reports on the regional meeting](#) held last year in Zambia.

Devices Research

Safety, Efficacy and Acceptability of the PrePex Device for Adult Male Circumcision in Kenya

Published in the online journal *PLoS ONE*, this study was the first to assess the safety, effectiveness, and acceptability of the PrePex device for adult medical male circumcision in routine service delivery in Kenya. It was conducted among 427 men ages 18 to 49 at one fixed and two outreach clinics in the Nyanza region.

The Safety and Acceptance of the PrePex Device for Non-Surgical Adult Male Circumcision in Rakai, Uganda. A Non-Randomized Observational Study

An observational study, published in the online journal *PLoS ONE*, assessed the safety and acceptability of the PrePex device for adult male circumcision among 429 men in rural Uganda.

Video



Tchova CCP Male Circumcision Success Story

Twenty-four-year-old Edilson Muthemba became an advocate for voluntary medical male circumcision after getting circumcised at the Patrice Lumumba Health Center in Xai-Xai, Mozambique. This four-and-a-half minute video tells his story.

VMMC in Kenya

MCC News, August 2014

From September 2007 to August 2014, the Male Circumcision Consortium (MCC) worked with the Government of Kenya, the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, and other partners to develop and implement a strategy for scaling up VMMC services for HIV prevention in Kenya. In the final issue of the project's electronic newsletter, the MCC's implementing partners assess its contribution to Kenya's success in VMMC scale-up. The issue includes an article on an MCC-supported study showing that men in Nyanza, Kenya, did not engage in riskier sexual behavior after becoming circumcised.

MCC Research Briefs

The Male Circumcision Consortium (MCC) conducted research from 2008 to 2013 to inform the scale-up of voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) services in Kenya. This series of briefs presents the results of nine studies and their implications for Kenya's VMMC programme. Study findings are being used to strengthen Kenya's programme and may also be useful to other countries that are scaling up VMMC.

Engaging the Kenyan Media to Inform the Public about Male Circumcision for HIV Prevention

The Male Circumcision Consortium's media engagement strategy enabled the project team to build and maintain relationships with journalists, respond quickly to misinformation, and encourage accurate, balanced reporting on voluntary medical male circumcision in Kenya. This report describes the strategy, its implementation, and the results.

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