

The Global Men and HIV Technical Working Group (MENHT) Webinar Series

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Men and HIV

Embark on a journey into the realm of men and HIV as we present a dynamic webinar, spotlighting excellent work on the topic from different investigators. This engaging webinar will cast a spotlight insight on Men and PrEP from work by Wits Reproductive Health Institute (WRHI) in South Africa. Drawing upon valuable insights from research conducted within the esteemed Rakai Cohort in Uganda, we will explore some compelling data on why it is important to ensure men are reached with HIV prevention, treatment, and care services. Additionally, we will delve into the enlightening findings of the formative research study, known as Yaba Guy Che, conducted in Zambia, which has provided valuable insights into designing tailored interventions for men. MENHT webinar series serve as a platform to share knowledge, exchange ideas, and foster collaboration to make significant strides closing the men HIV services gap towards ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030. Secure your place today and be part of this exciting discussion.



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Agenda

1. Opening Remarks – Lycias Zembe, UNAIDS (5 minutes)
2. Men and PrEP: lessons and opportunities - Catherine Martin, WRHI (15 minutes)
3. “Yaba Guy Che” (For the guys)- Formative research to co-develop and intervention to increase men’s HIV service use in Zambia: Sharing the findings of a mixed methods formative research study to increase men’s HIV service use in Lusaka, Zambia - Bernadette Hensen, Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium and Mwelwa M Phiri, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK (15 minutes)
4. Growing gender disparity in HIV infection in Africa: sources and policy implications, Joseph Kagaayi, Makerere University School of Public Health, Uganda (20 minutes)
5. Questions and answers (30 minutes)
6. Closing remarks – Wole Ameyan, WHO (5 minutes)

Panelists



Catherine Martin
Senior Technical Specialist
at the Wits Reproductive
Health and HIV Institute

Presentation: Men and PrEP: lessons and opportunities”

Catherine Martin is a Senior Technical Specialist at the Wits Reproductive Health and HIV Institute. She is a medical doctor and epidemiologist with expertise in adolescent and sexual and reproductive health, biomedical HIV prevention, and health systems strengthening. She currently leads a research team conducting implementation science research on the introduction and integration of biomedical HIV prevention products into health services.



Joseph Kagaayi, MBChB, PhD
Makerere University
School of Public Health, Uganda

Presentation: Growing gender disparity in HIV infection in Africa: sources and policy implications

Dr. Kagaayi is a Senior Lecturer at the Makerere University School of Public Health and an epidemiologist with over 20 years of experience in Epidemiological research. His research work has been published in Leading Journals including PubMed, UK Scientific Journal as well as the JHU Public Health Journal. He holds a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBChB) from Makerere University; MPH from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA; and a PhD in Epidemiology and Biostatistics, with a focus on Health services Research including economic evaluation, from Case Western Reserve University, USA. His research interests include experimental and implementation sciences studies to evaluate the impact of interventions on HIV incidence, and studies to optimize scale-up of HIV treatment and prevention interventions. He also designed tools to predict individual risk of HIV infection.

Presentation: “Yaba Guy Che” (For the guys)- Formative research to co-develop and intervention to increase men’s HIV service use in Zambia

Sharing the findings of a mixed methods formative research study to increase men’s HIV service use in Lusaka, Zambia.



Bernadette Hensen BSc,
MSc, PhD
Epidemiologist

Dr. Bernadette Hensen is an epidemiologist with over 15 years of experience in implementation and evaluation research, with a focus on evaluating strategies to improve access to sexual health services among underserved populations. She is Professor of Sexual Health and HIV at the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium, and Honorary Assistant Professor at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She has collaborated with Zambart for approximately 12 years, most recently on the Yathu Yathu trial and a formative research study to co-design an intervention to reach men with HIV services.



Mwelwa M Phiri,
BPharm, MPH
(International)

Mwelwa Phiri is currently a PhD Candidate at LSHTM with research interests in adolescent sexual and reproductive health, with particular interest in young men’s access to SRH services. She has over 7 years public health research experience based at Zambart in Zambia and managed the HPTN 071 (PopART) community randomised trial intervention and Yathu Yathu Study which was a two-armed CRT to evaluate the impact of a community-based, peer-led SRH/HIV services intervention designed with and for young people in Zambia. She was co-investigator on the formative study, “Yaba Guy Che” to co-develop an intervention to increase men’s HIV service use in Lusaka, Zambia.