



# Male Circumcision for HIV Prevention: Policy and Programmatic Issues

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#### **Presentation Overview**

Key Policy Considerations: Program
 Effectiveness, Service Delivery, Evaluation
 for Successful Implementation

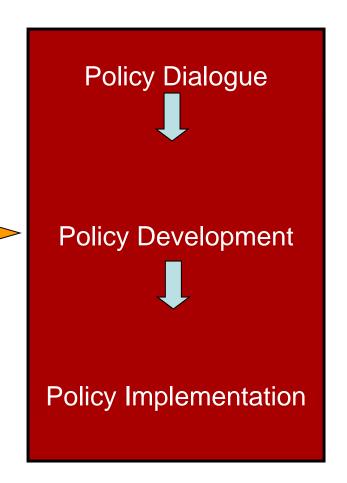
Where We are to Date

Next Steps for MC Policy Planning

### Programmatic Effectiveness: Key Policy Questions

## What Do We Need to Know?

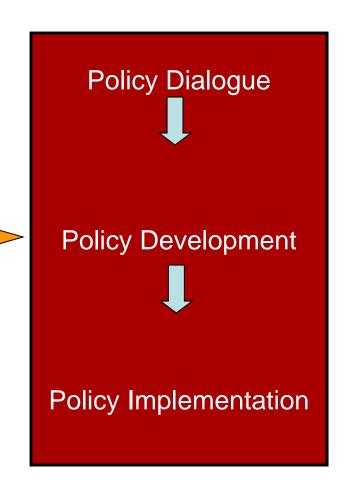
- Where should MC be done, in terms of HIV prevalence and current MC coverage?
- Which age groups should be targeted?
- What are the barriers to acceptability?
- What is the cost per procedure?
- What is the impact of MC at various levels of scale-up?



### Service Delivery: Key Policy Questions

## What Do We Need to Know?

- How will resources be mobilized?
- What are the roles of the public and private sectors? Public-private partnerships?
- What is the role of the traditional sector?
- Where should the healthcare system be delivered?
- What is the role of task shifting?
- Should only HIV-negative men be eligible?
- How can MC be positioned in an integrated or comprehensive approach?



## **Evaluation: Key Policy Questions**

## What Do We Need to Know?

- How reliable are baseline studies/data?
- How will the quality of service delivery be monitored, including adverse events?
- How will service uptake be monitored?
- What is the potential for an increase in high-risk behavior?
- What is the cost per infection averted?



### What Have We Accomplished to Date?

- Conducted a regional study to estimate the cost and impact of MC in Lesotho, Swaziland, and Zambia (2006-2007)
- Developed an MC Decision Makers' Program Planning Tool (DMPPT) (2007)
  - Estimates the cost and impact of MC at various levels of scale-up
  - Uses the excel-based Spectrum suite of models
  - Was applied in Namibia and Uganda
  - A summary, regional brief and country briefs were developed for the 14 PEPFAR countries
- Developed a policy analysis tool (2007)
  - How should MC be incorporated into existing policies/strategies as part of a holistic approach?
  - What are the potential barriers to policy implementation and how can they be addressed?
  - What is the role of specific individuals/groups in policy dialogue/development and implementation?

### What's Next?

- Application of the DMPPT
  - South Africa: provincial level (summer 2009)
  - Malawi, Zimbabwe, Rwanda possibilities

- Pilot of the MC policy analysis tool
  - Countries TBD based on discussions with UNAIDS, USG, and country partners





### Thank you!

Additional materials on male circumcision can be found at:

www.malecircumcision.org