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CDC Releases Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) Health Data for Public Access

In conjunction with 2017 World AIDS Day events, CDC is releasing new data on Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC), an evidence-based biomedical intervention proven to reduce the risk of HIV infection through sexual intercourse by 60% in circumcised men. This marks the first time that public health data from CDC is publicly available for download on *www.malecircumcision.org*. This includes CDC-supported monitoring and evaluation data from VMMC programs in 12 of the World Health Organization and UNAIDS 14 priority countries for VMMC scale-up.

The accompanying report aimed to understand country progress toward VMMC scale-up between 2013 – 2016, and provided important insights on technical guidance and implementation of VMMC. As part of CDC's commitment to increase access to health information, VMMC data will be disseminated to key stakeholders globally. The report was published in CDC's *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)* on December 1, 2017 in observance of World AIDS Day. For more information, please contact Carlos Toledo: *cot8@cdc.gov*.