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Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) *PEPFAR's Financial Support & Technical Considerations*

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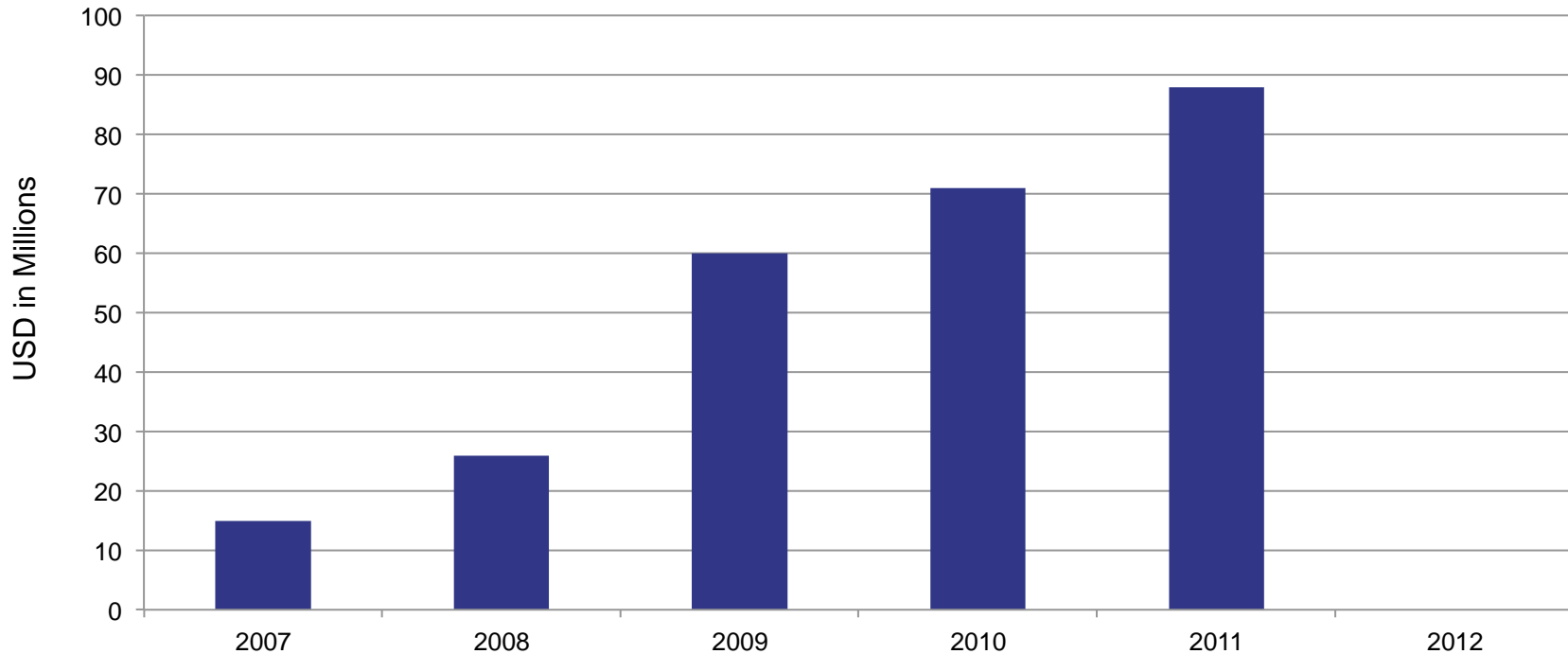
Presentation Overview

- PEPFAR's financial commitment to VMMC programs
- Productivity of PEPFAR-supported partners
- Technical Considerations



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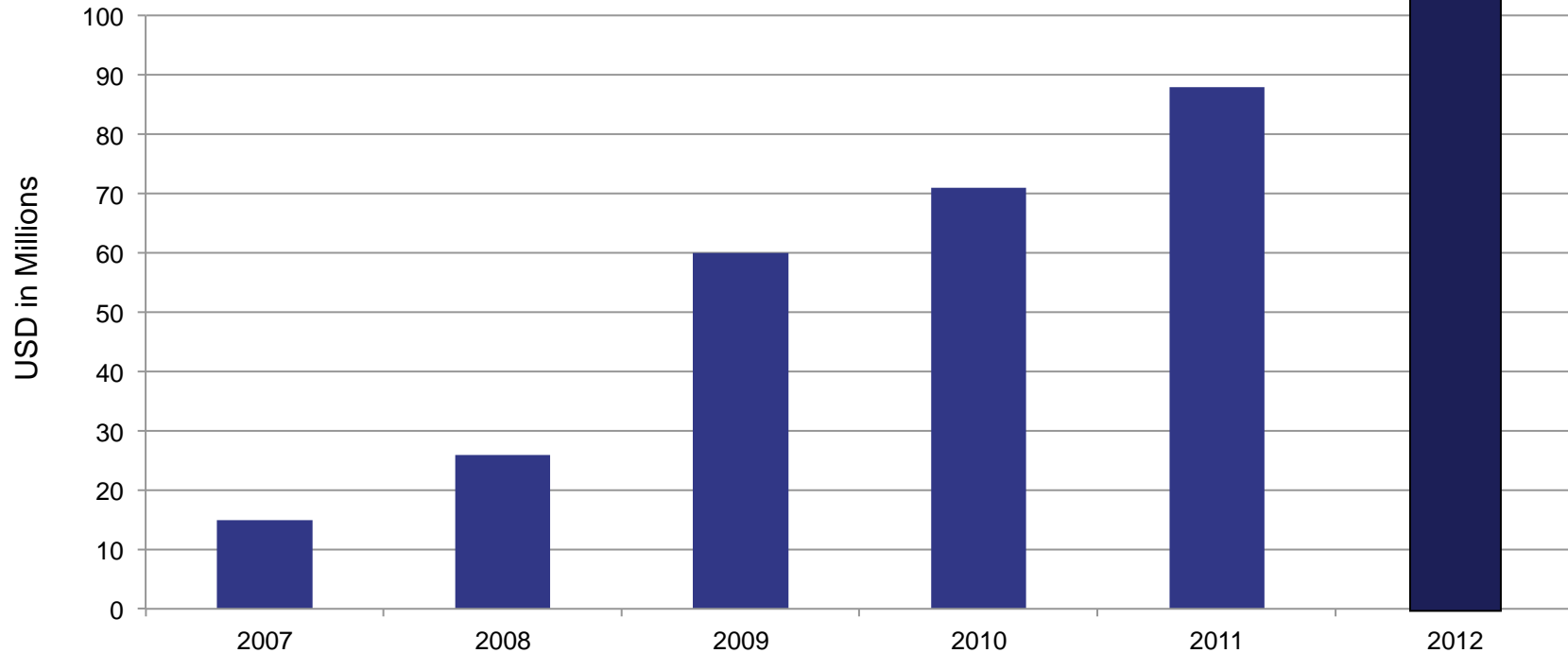


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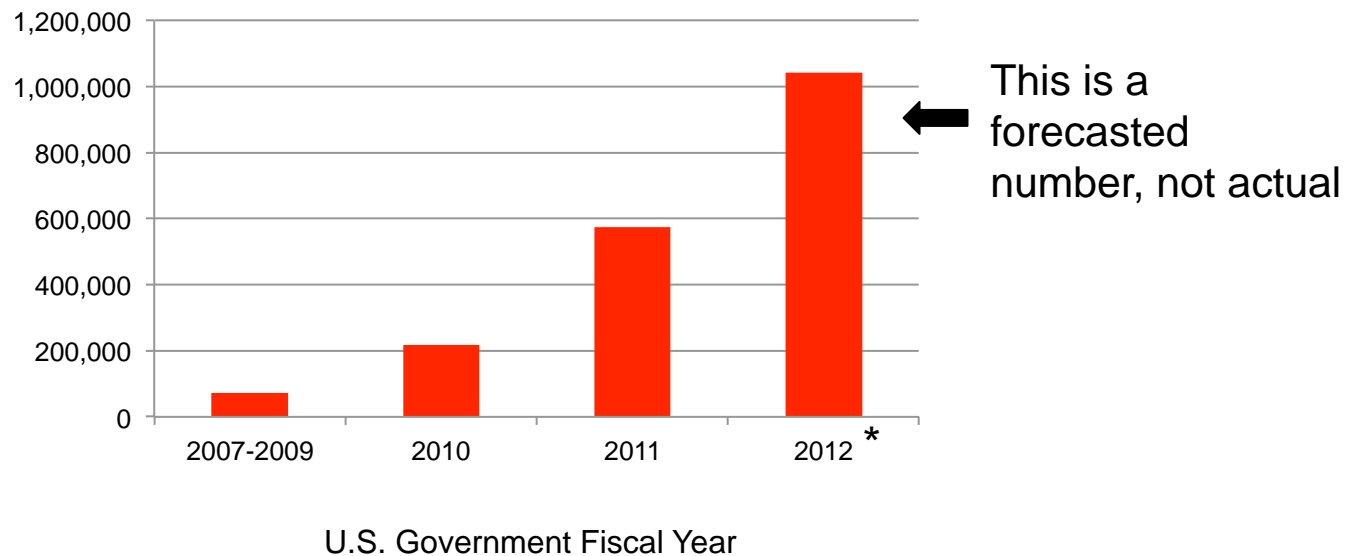


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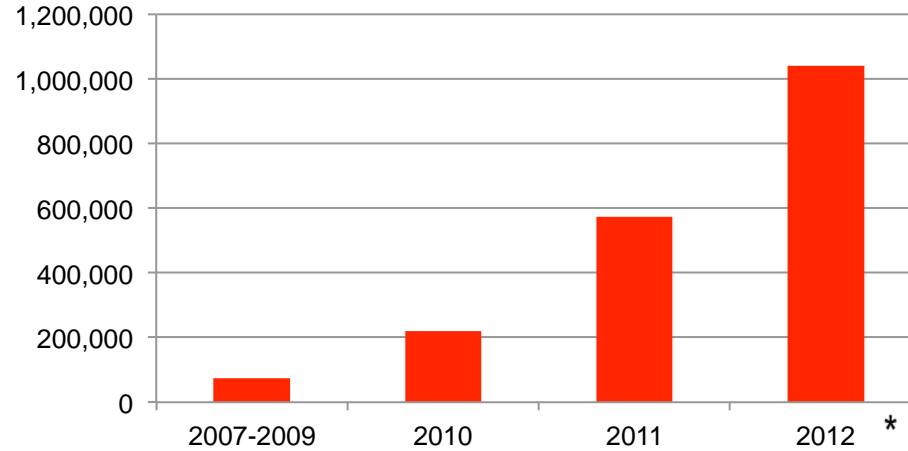


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<i>Cumulative</i>		292,100	866,300	1,908,700*
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Technical Considerations

Annually updated set of instructions and recommendations provided to PEPFAR-supported implementing partners that guides the use of PEPFAR funds in the implementation of programs



VMHC Technical Considerations

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- 2) Training requirements
- 3) Safety & quality of programs
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VMMC Technical Considerations

Safety & quality of programs

- Quality assurance (QA): ongoing system for monitoring safety/quality
- Emergency preparedness: medical supplies & equipment for handling life-threatening complications must be on site, and staff trained in their use always present during circumcision procedures
- General anesthesia/sedation: PEPFAR funds may not be used to support VMMC under general anesthesia/sedation



VMMC Technical Considerations

Communications

- Demand creation communications
- PEPFAR's Media Toolkit
- Advocacy strategies
- Risk reduction communications to prevent risk compensation
- Sexual and reproductive health & healthy male norms communications
- Monitoring of communications programs



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- ✓ Though VMMC is not recommended for HIV prevention purposes for HIV-positive clients, *male circumcision (funded by PEPFAR) should not be withheld based solely on an HIV-positive status.*



VMHC Technical Considerations

Volunteerism

- Written informed consent from all clients
- Reimbursement of travel expenses – allowed*
- Incentives for community mobilizers – allowed*
- Monitoring of mobilizers to prevent coercive practices
- Overtime compensation for providers



VMMC Technical Considerations

PEPFAR funds – restrictions by method

- Funds only for surgical techniques in WHO Manual
- Funds only for medical devices Pre-qualified by WHO
- No funds for non-medical methods (traditional methods) and no training of traditional circumcisers



VMMC Technical Considerations

Annual Operating Plans

- Countries encouraged to draft yearly planning document
 - ✓ Improved coordination and accountability of PEPFAR programs and other stakeholders to MOH

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Thank You!

