**Adolescent service integration - Lessons from Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health and VMMC Smart LyncAges project, Zimbabwe**

**WHO Project ECHO cased based webinar**

**24 November 2020**

# Scope and Agenda

**Date: Tuesday, 24 November 2020**

**Time:** **1430hrs – 1630hrs CET/GVA**

**Meeting link: To be added**

# Background

In August 2020, WHO published updated and new guidance, ‘Preventing HIV through safe voluntary medical male circumcision for adolescent boys and men in generalized HIV epidemics: recommendations and key considerations’. Informed by reviews of the evidence, the new WHO guidelines provide policy recommendations and programme considerations on voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) within combination HIV prevention, younger adolescents, use of device-based male circumcision methods, enhancing service uptake among men and transitioning towards sustainable services with an adolescent focus.

Following the virtual dissemination of the guidelines, feedback has been received by users on areas for further support to promote dissemination and use of the WHO guidelines. One area highlighted was service integration for adolescents.

Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) and Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) programmes have often been implemented as vertical national health programmes, not complementing each other in improving service utilization. Since 2014, WHO supported the Ministry of Health and Child Care to explore integration and then to pilot the Smart-LyncAges project. The purpose of the project was to identify approaches to sustaining and improving the complementarity of both services.

This webinar gives an overview of the Smart LyncAges project in Zimbabwe including cross-referral mechanisms and bi-directional linkage of adolescent boys for VMMC and ASRH services. A case-based presentation will be delivered to allow for country learning and sharing of challenges and good practice solutions.

# Objectives

This session has the following objectives:

* To share country experience on implementing a project to integrate adolescent sexual and reproductive health services and VMMC (Smart LyncAges project in Zimbabwe)
* To engage partners on actions and considerations, supporting service integration for adolescents using VMMC as an entry point.

**Agenda**

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| **Webinar – Adolescent service integration - Lessons from Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health/ VMMC LyncAges project, Zimbabwe (24 November 2020)** | |
| **Moderator - Fabian Ndenzako, WHO AFRO** | |
| **Time (2 hours)** | **Topic and presenter** |
| 14.30 – 14.40 (10 minutes) | Opening remarks and community of practice – **Julia Samuelson, WHO HQ**  **POLL QUESTION** |
| 14.40 – 14.50 (10 minutes) | Case presentation - Overview of the Smart LyncAges project in Zimbabwe - part 1 – **Talent Makoni**, Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health/ VMMC linkages officer, The AIDS and TB Unit, **Ministry of Health and Child Care (MoHCC), Harare, Zimbabwe** |
| 14.50 – 15.00 (10 minutes) | Reflections on the Smart LyncAges project - Important elements to consider when integrating adolescent services   * **Dr. Nonhlanhla Zwangobani – Director, Technical Services, Zimbabwe National Family Planning Council** * **Dr Leslie Bidi - Regional Manager PSI Zimbabwe** * **Dr. Webster Mavhu - Program Director, Centre for Sexual Health and HIV AIDS Research, Zimbabwe** |
| 15.00 – 15.10 (10 minutes) | Case presentation - Overview of the Smart LyncAges project in Zimbabwe - part 2 – **Talent Makoni**, Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health/ VMMC linkages officer, The AIDS and TB Unit, **Ministry of Health and Child Care (MoHCC), Harare, Zimbabwe**  Questions and Answers |
| 15.10 – 15.20 (10 minutes) | Group work: Towards solutions for integrating adolescent VMMC and ASRH services. What would be the ideal ways to respond to challenges – **Actions to stop, actions to continue, actions to start**  Instructions and introduction to group work template, group chairs - **Wole Ameyan, WHO HQ** |
| 15.20 – 16.00 (40 minutes) | **GROUP WORK – Break out into zoom rooms** |
| 16.00 – 16.20 (20 minutes) | Feedback from group work   * **Poll Everywhere** * **Facilitator feedback** |
| 16.20 – 16.25 (5 minutes) | Final reflections - **Sinokuthemba Xaba, National Male Circumcision Coordinator, Ministry of Health and Child Care (MoHCC)** |
| 16.25 – 16.30 (5 minutes) | Closing - **Fabian Ndenzako, WHO AFRO** |
| **End of session** | |