

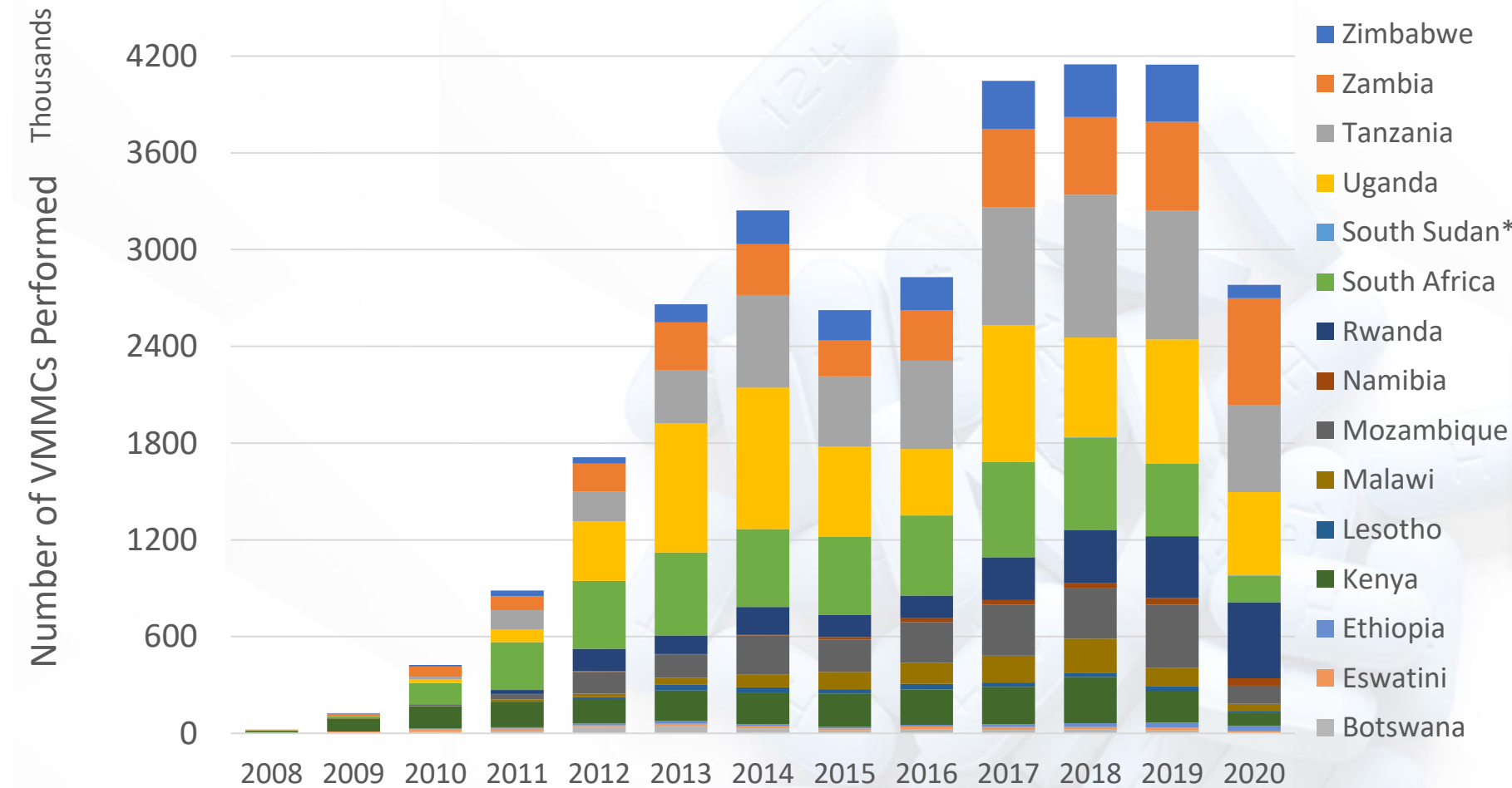


Biomedical HIV prevention for men in a time of a pandemic: Amplifying our gains and increasing in scale, impact, and sustainability of Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) beyond 2021

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Almost 30 million VMMC s have been performed since programme inception



- The programme has seen remarkable approx. **30 MILLION** VMMCs
- However, it is one of the prevention interventions **hugely impacted by COVID-19 disruptions**. A total of about 18 million VMMCs were performed in 2016–2020, falling short of the **2020 target** by over 7 million circumcisions

Source: UNAIDS Global AIDS Monitoring, 2021 (see <https://aidsinfo.unaids.org/>).
 Note: Countries with available data: Botswana, Eswatini, Kenya, Lesotho, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Sudan, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe.
 *South Sudan started their VMMC programme later and only started reporting in 2017

Session Agenda

1. **Opening Remarks - Dayanund Loykissoonal, National Department of Health, South Africa**
2. **VMMC sustainability:**
 - i. Preliminary findings of VMMC Sustainability Landscaping Assessment/Review in 15 Countries – **Wole Ameyan, WHO Switzerland**
 - ii. Panel discussion facilitated by **Carlos Toledo, PEPFAR/CDC, USA**
 - Explore lessons and experiences on VMMC program sustainability, including programmatic considerations on service integration and routinization, financing, and diversification thereof, as well as ongoing support.
 - Discuss how different countries look at VMMC sustainability
- Panel:**
 - Kenya – **Ambrose Juma, MoH, Kenya**
 - Zambia – **Royd Kamboyi, Ministry of Health, Zambia**
3. **Reflections from civil society - Angelo Kagwa-Katumba, AVAC**
4. **VMMC progress and impact**
 - i. VMMC progress and Impact: Informing VMMC provision in Sub-Saharan Africa – comparing continuation of VMMC for males aged 15+ for 5 years versus no further VMMC – **Loveleen Bansi-Matharu, University College London, UK**
5. **Closing remarks – Wole Ameyan, WHO Switzerland**