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
1. Opening Remarks - Dayanund Loykissoonlal, 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 Kaggwa-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