Male Circumcision and HIV Prevention in Kenya

-Where are we?
HIV and MC in Kenya

- Kenya has a generalized epidemic (average HIV prevalence of 7%) and 85% Male circumcised.
- However Nyanza province highest HIV prevalence (15%) and lowest MC rates (48%), with as little as 10% MC rates in Luo tribe.
- Compelling evidence from 3 RCT showed MC reduces risk of men from getting HIV by 60%, and in 2006 Kenya Government incorporated MC as an added HIV prevention intervention
  - HIV 4 times more prevalent among uncircumcised men than circumcised
In 2006, The Government of Kenya recognized MC as an additional strategy for the prevention of heterosexually acquired HIV infection in men, and formed a national taskforce on male circumcision.

Taskforce held a number of consultations with stakeholder and community: Luo Council of Elders, Youth, Women, Faith Based Organizations, Community Based Organizations, political leaders (MPs) and the media, which culminated with endorsement of MC in Nyanza province in a major meeting on September 22, 2008. The meeting was chaired by the Prime Minister, RT. Hon. Raila Odinga.

Subsequently the MOH launched safe and voluntary male circumcision programme on November 24th, 2009.
MC service provision

- PEPFAR (through USG agencies - CDC and USAID) and BMGF (through Male Circumcision consortium) and implementing partners is supporting the GOK at National and provincial level to roll out MC in Nyanza.

- Currently, the programme is going on in Nyanza, with support of the following partners:
  - The Male Circumcision Consortium - Family Health International, EngenderHealth, Nyanza Reproductive Health Society
  - USAID Partner - APHIA II Nyanza.
  - CDC Partners
    - Catholic Medical Mission Board,
    - International Medical Corps,
    - Kemri/CDC,
    - Impact Research and Development Organisation
    - UCSF/Family Care and Educational Services
  - Others - Marie stopes
Documents produced

- Clinical Manual for MC under LA
- MC policy guidance
- MC 5 year strategy in line with KNASPIII
- MC communication strategy
- MC M&E tools
- MC guidelines
There are about 124 sites where these partners conduct circumcision within Nyanza. These range from public to private hospitals. Using different models like offering services in static health facilities, outreach - where the providers would go and offer circumcision in facilities that do not have capacity to offer MC on a regular basis, or mobile circumcision services, where mobile teams offer the services at selected venues.

At beginning of May 2009, over 20,000 MC have been done in Nyanza.

Demand for MC is still high and PEPFAR will continue supporting GOK in MC service provision in Nyanza as a priority.