

**Male Circumcision and HIV Prevention:
Operations Research Priorities
An International Consultation
1- 2 June 2009
Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya
Agenda**

Purpose & General Objective

The two-day meeting will bring together individuals and groups working to expand male circumcision services for HIV prevention following the March 2007 WHO/UNAIDS recommendation that male circumcision be considered as an additional HIV prevention strategy. The meeting will focus on implementation of male circumcision programmes in sub-Saharan Africa, focusing on experience in designing and implementing operations research (OR) within the programmes, and identify priority gaps for future research and/or research collaboration.

The meeting is a follow-up to the Male Circumcision Operations Research meeting held in June 2007 and the MC Move meeting held April 2009.

Specific Objectives

1. To review different approaches to male circumcision service delivery and its individual components, identifying challenges encountered and the role OR to inform aspects of programme design and/or implementation;
2. To share experiences and materials from health care research programmes doing formal OR in male circumcision with countries beginning to scale up services;
3. To review previously identified priority areas for OR, identify those issues that have been addressed or are currently being addressed, and identify key questions that now need to be answered;

Expected Outcomes

1. An enumeration of OR approaches, challenges, and evolving solutions to male circumcision service delivery and scale-up;
2. An understanding among programmes doing formal OR, and between those programmes and countries beginning to scale up services, of what is being done in OR and "state of the art" materials and thinking;
3. An updated and prioritized list of OR questions, and proposed plans to address them.

A meeting report and journal article will be promptly produced.

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Chair: Helen Weiss		
Time	Topic	Presenter
08:50 - 10:00	Opening Session	
	Registration Welcome remarks--Kenya	Rex Mpazanje
	Welcome and introductions	Cate Hankins
	Review of meeting objectives, expected outcomes and agenda	Tim Farley
	Review of previous OR meeting and selected documents	George Schmid
	An update of OR activities in sub-Saharan Africa 1. Report of Forum for Collaborative Research Meeting 2. Report of preliminary analysis of meeting survey	George Schmid Elliot Marseille
	An update of MC implementation in sub-Saharan Africa	Kim Dickson
Session 1	OR Activities within the Context of Different Service Delivery Settings: What has been Happening in the Expansion of Services from the Three RCTs	
10:00- 10:25	Orange Farm scale-up and OR	Orange Farm Team (Dirk Taljaard)
10:25 - 10:50	Kisumu scale-up and OR	Kisumu Team (Bob Bailey)
10:50 - 11:15	TEA BREAK	
11:15 - 11:40	Rakai scale-up and OR	Rakai Team (Stephen Watya)
11:40 - 12:10	Discussion	
Session 2	OR Activities within the Context of Different Service Delivery Settings (continued): Community Services	
12:10 - 12:30	MC Move	Kim Dickson
12:30- 12:50	Faith-based facility approaches, and identification of important areas of OR	Salvador de la Torre
12:50 - 13:10	OR questions and plans in Siaya District, Nyanza Province	CDC Kenya team (Solomon Nzoka)
13:10 - 13:30	OR questions and plans with PC/PSI in Zambia and Swaziland	Paul Hewett

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13:30 - 14:30	LUNCH	
Session 3	OR Activities within the Context of Different Service Delivery Settings (continued): Focused Settings Chair: Stephen Watya	Introduced by:
14:30 - 14:40	Working with traditional practitioners (outside of faith-based organizations)	Bruce Dick
14:40 - 14:50	What can we learn from Aravind-type programmes?	Elliot Marseille
14:50 - 15:00	African military possibilities	Eugene Zimulinda
15:00 - 15:10	Working with the private sector	Discussion
15:20 - 16:00	Setting the stage for scale up: Discussion of different models of service delivery, where OR is needed most, what OR	
16:00 - 16:20	TEA BREAK	
Session 4	Shifting to Neonatal Circumcision?	
16:20 - 16:35	Update on neonatal circumcision, and circumcision devices (adult and neonatal)	Tim Farley
16:35 - 16:50	Discussion	
Session 5	Critical Issues for OR-- Working Groups	Bruce Dick
16:50 - 18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What do we believe we are beginning to know? ➤ What do we believe we need to learn from OR? 	

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Day 2 - 2 June 2009		
Chair: Benjamin Binagwa		
Time	Topic	Presenter
08:45- 09:00	Review of Day 1	
09:00 - 09:45	Reports from the working groups	
Session 1	What Do Countries Need--Top 5 Key Questions that Must be Answered, per Country	
09:45 - 10:10	Report from Kenya and the Ministry of Health scale-up	Zebedee Mwandu
10:10 - 10:20	Botswana	Owen Kaluwa
10:20 - 10:30	Namibia	Mbayi Kanjudie
10:30 - 10:40	Uganda	Vastha Kibirige
10:40 - 10:50	Tanzania	Mwita Wambura
10:50 - 11:00	Zambia	Mainza Lukobo-Durrell
11:00 - 11:10	Discussion	
11:10 - 11:30	TEA BREAK	
Session 2	Focused Discussion Topics--Sharing of Information, Key Questions, How to Answer Them	
11:30 - 13:15	Demand--what to do if not enough, or too much Counselling -- about the operation Clinic layout The "operating theatre"-- needs, layout, personnel (including task shifting) The "operating theatre" -- equipment, supplies The operation--technical aspects	
13:15 - 14:15	LUNCH	
Session 3	Focused Discussion Topics--Sharing of Information, Key Questions, How to Answer Them--(continued)	
14:15 - 15:30	Counselling -- HIV testing and management of results Counselling--Follow-up and how to optimize follow-up	
15:30 - 16:00	Basic package vs. enhanced--counselling and potential links to, or provision of, services	
16:00 - 16:15	Open dialogue on anything we've missed	
16:15 - 16:30	Prioritization exercise of the questions that need to be answered--review of past and enumeration of new--with voting (during coffee break, also)	Bruce Dick

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16:30 - 16:45	COFFEE BREAK	
Session 4	Sharing of Information Chair: Mainza Lukobo-Durrell	
16:45 - 17:00	How do we share the information from OR with one another?	
17:00 - 17:20	What are the roles of UN agencies, technical agencies, PEPFAR and other funders in OR and scale-up, and how do we all work together to address needs and priorities?	
17:20 - 17:45	Prioritization results	Bruce Dick
17:45 - 17:55	Next steps and how to work together	George Schmid
17:55 - 18:00	Close	