

Greetings! Welcome to the October 2011 issue of the newsletter of the Clearinghouse on Male Circumcision for HIV Prevention. More than 84,000 visitors from 202 countries have accessed the site since its launch in February 2009.

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Latest News

Malawi launches male circumcision programme

Malawi has adopted voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) as part of its HIV prevention strategy, the deputy minister of health announced...

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Medical benefits of male circumcision

Efforts to defund or ban infant male circumcision in the United States are unfounded and could deprive vulnerable populations of proven health benefits, doctors from Johns Hopkins University write...

New to the Site

Implementation Update



Progress in Scale-up of Male Circumcision for HIV Prevention in Eastern and Southern Africa: Focus on Service Delivery, 2011

Compiled by the World Health Organization and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, this is the latest progress report on male circumcision programmes and research in areas identified as priorities because they have high HIV prevalence and low rates of male circumcision. One section describes innovations that have been used to accelerate expansion of voluntary medical male circumcision services in some of the 13 countries.

Video

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Obstacles slow promising HIV intervention

Male circumcision—one of the most promising, proven methods for preventing HIV in sub-Saharan Africa—is being implemented much more slowly than recommended...

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Research Update

Precancerous lesions reduced among circumcised men

Male circumcision may reduce the risk of precancerous penile lesions associated with human papillomavirus (HPV), a study in Kenya found...

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Study confirms male circumcision reduces HIV infections

Providing medical male circumcision in a South African township reduced the rate of new HIV infections among circumcised men by 76 percent in three years...

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Upcoming Events

16th International Conference on AIDS and STIs, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 4-8 December 2011

In It to Save Lives: Scaling Up Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision for HIV Prevention for Maximum Public Health Impact

Produced by AIDSTAR-One, a PEPFAR-funded USAID project, this 16-minute film tells the story of how governments in Kenya and Swaziland have embraced voluntary medical male circumcision for HIV prevention. A complementary video discussion guide, resource packet, and DVD download/request form are also available.

Assessment Reports

The Unpeeled Mango: A Qualitative Assessment of Views and Preferences concerning Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision in Iringa Region, Tanzania

This document describes the findings of a qualitative assessment conducted in three districts of Tanzania's Iringa Region to guide the implementation of a voluntary medical male circumcision programme for HIV prevention. The title refers to a quote from one of the 142 men and women who participated in focus group discussions and participatory exercises conducted by the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, with support from PEPFAR and the Maternal and Child Integrated Health Program.



Evaluation of the Informed Consent Process for Male Circumcision Scale-up in Zambia

This report describes the findings of an assessment conducted by the Population Council from December 2009 to March 2010, when the Male Circumcision Partnership began scaling up male circumcision services in Zambia. It provides recommendations for improving the way clients and others are informed about the risks and benefits of the procedure.

Communication Tools

Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision Communication Guide for Nyanza Province

This guide to implementing the Kenya National Male Circumcision Communication Strategy in Nyanza Province was developed by the Communication for Change (C-Change) Project, working in close consultation with local, national, and international partners. It describes and illustrates a logical, thorough process for analyzing, designing, implementing, and evaluating a communication program.

Meeting Abstracts



Selected Abstracts from IAS 2011

Links are provided to selected abstracts from the 6th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention, which was held 17-20 July 2011 in Rome, Italy. A highlight of the conference was the presentation of the results of a community-based study showing a 76 percent reduction in new HIV infections among circumcised men in Orange Farm, South Africa, over three years.