



Male Circumcision: Current Epidemiological and Field Evidence -- Program and Policy Implications for HIV Prevention and Reproductive Health

Sponsored by USAID Office of HIV/AIDS, AIDSMARK (PSI, PATH, MSH), JHPIEGO

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2002, 8:30 – 4:30

Venue: Council on Foundations Conference Center (1828 L St. NW, Washington, DC)

8:00-8:30 Coffee and Registration

8:30-8:40 Welcome, Setting the Context -- Anne Peterson, USAID Assistant Administrator for Global Health, and John Berman, AIDSMARK Director

8:40-9:30 Evidence: Epidemiological and Biological Findings (Moderator David Stanton, Director, Research & Technical Div., USAID Office of AIDS)

- Current epidemiological data on association between MC and HIV:

- Helen Weiss, London School Hygiene and Tropical Med. (20 Minutes)

- Biological findings: Recent research re physiology and uptake of HIV in foreskin:

- Dr. Bruce Patterson, Northwestern University (15 Minutes)

- Questions and Discussion

9:30-10:30 Status of Current RCTs (& Brief Mention of Acceptability Findings)

- Bob Bailey, Univ. Illinois: Kisumu, Kenya clinical trial (12 minutes)
- Ron Gray, John Hopkins University: Rakai, Uganda trial (12 minutes)
- Bertran Auvert, University of Paris: South Africa RCT (12 minutes)

-- Questions and Discussion

10:30- 10:45 Break/Snacks

10:45-11:45 Field research on Acceptability and Feasibility of Introducing MC Services
(Moderated by Daniel Halperin, USAID Office of HIV-AIDS)

- **Introduction and adaptation of clinical and traditional services**
 - Tom Onyango, Siaya District Hospital – Siaya, western Kenya pilot MC project (12 minutes)
 - Judith Brown, Chogoria Hospital -- Integration of traditional and clinical MC in Chogoria Hospital, central Kenya (12 minutes)
- **Other survey and qualitative data on MC acceptability**
 - Steven Hodgins, USAID-Zambia – preliminary findings (10 minutes)
 - Brief mention of Botswana (Harvard AIDS Inst.) and Harare (UCSF) surveys, and southern African qualitative data (Moderator; 10 minutes)
- **Questions and Discussion**

11:45 -12:45 Key Areas of Concern (Moderated Jim Shelton, USAID Office of Pop.)

- **Safety and quality of care in traditional and health care settings; counseling and clinical concerns:** Douglas Huber, Management Sciences for Health (15 minutes)
- **Bioethical, informed consent issues:** Ina Roy, Stanford (15 minutes)
- **Behavioral implications, including possibility of “disinhibition”:** Ward Cates, Family Health International (15 minutes)
- **Questions and Discussion**

12:45-1:30 Lunch provided (brief video showing of South African MC practices)

1:30-1:45 Brief summary of morning sessions; setting the stage for the break-out sessions (Connie Carrino, Director, USAID Office of HIV-AIDS)

Break-Out Sessions (1:45 –3:00):

- 1) **Neonatal/child MC issues**, led by Edgar Schoen (Oakland Kaiser Permanente), Skip Burkle and Clydette Powell (USAID)
- 2) **Quality of care, including training, safety regulations, counseling methodologies, etc.;** Mamisa Chabula (Eastern Cape Health Dept., South Africa), Dipo Otolorin (JHPIEGO), Martha Butler (Genesis Foundation)
- 3) **Potential advantages and concerns of private-sector approaches, including cost issues;** James Heiby (USAID), Jean-Robert Brutus (FHI-Haiti), John Berman (AIDSMARK)

- 4) **Women’s roles and issues, including relation to FGC advocacy and cervical cancer;** Abdelhadi Eltahir, Nomi Fuchs, and Roxanna Rogers (USAID), Elaine Murphy (George Washington University)
- 5) **Integration with other RH services;** Sam Clark (PATH), Kim Mulji (Naz Foundation), Margaret Neuse (USAID)

3:00-3:15 Coffee Break

3:15-3:45 Report Back from Break-Out Groups (5 minutes each)
(Moderated by David Wilson, University of Zimbabwe)

3:45-4:15 Panel Discussion: “Where do we go from here?” Key Policy and Implementation Issues. Is it appropriate or not to promote MC now for HIV prevention or male RH? What are the criteria for making such determinations?
(Moderated by Peter McDermott, UNICEF/USAID Africa Bureau)

Panelists: Ron Gray, Douglas Huber, Dipo Otolorin (5-7 minutes each)

4:15-4:30 Final Discussion

4:30-4:40 Closure of Formal Meeting: Kevin O’Reilly (WHO) and Duff Gillespie (USAID Deputy Assistant Administrator for Global Health)

4:40-6:00 Hall will remain available for optional open discussion, probably in informal groups.