

Metropolitan Health Risk Management and USAID South Africa launches public-private partnership to increase medical male circumcision

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Metropolitan Health Risk Management

Up to \$5 million partnership to increase circumcision rates among men in South Africa.

The U.S. Agency for International Development's South Africa mission launched a new public-private partnership with Metropolitan Health Risk Management, the Centre for HIV/AIDS Prevention Studies and the Department of Health. Funded by PEPFAR, the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, the partnership aims to support the South African Government's National Strategic Plan for HIV, STIs, and TB. The goal of the partnership is to halve new HIV infections by 2016 through medical male circumcision (MMC) scale up.

Metropolitan Health Risk Management provides integrated health risk management solutions in areas such as HIV and AIDS, disease, medicine, hospital and clinical risk management services to over 800,000 South African males.

The Centre for HIV/AIDS Prevention Studies (CHAPS) is a PEPFAR-funded South African NGO which has been implementing and disseminating evidence-based approaches to prevent the spread of HIV in Southern Africa such as efficiency models and professional training.

PEPFAR has funded close to 300 public-private partnerships world-wide and sees the private sector as a critical team member in achieving an AIDS-free generation.

The following are highlights of the three year partnership:

- CHAPS trains over 415 general practitioners (GPs) for medical male circumcision work
- Metropolitan Health Risk Management covers the costs of high quality MMC to over 32,000 men in South Africa
- USAID supplies disposable circumcision packs to GPs where needed
- CHAPS assists GPs to set-up their facilities to offer high quality MMC
- CHAPS supports GPs to address emergencies and adverse events
- CHAPS support GPs in accurate recording and reporting of MMC services
- USAID and CHAPS assists in demand creation and raising awareness of the MMC services GP's provide

"We believe that working with the private sector will significantly increase the availability of medical male circumcision throughout the country—especially since Metropolitan Health Risk Management provides unprecedented access to over 4,000 general practitioners. USAID eagerly looks forward to working with Metropolitan Health Risk Management, Centre for HIV/AIDS Prevention Studies and the Department of Health to accomplish the objectives of the National Strategic Plan for HIV, STIs, and TB." says Cheryl Anderson, USAID/South Africa's Mission Director.



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