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Background

The long-awaited media event planned for the ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Public Private Partnership (PPP) between USAID and Metropolitan Health Risk Management, endorsed by the Department of Health (DOH), on Medical Male Circumcision (MMC) training took place on 20 January 2015. The PPP will provide training and MMC kits and prepare GPs contracted to the Metropolitan Health HIV provider network in South Africa for the provision of quality MMC services as part of a minimum HIV prevention package. This is aimed at expanding access to MMC services. Potential clients will then be able to access this service in the consulting rooms of their GPs, at no cost to the client, funded by USAID. For uninsured patients, the MMC data would be reported directly to national, whereas data for insured patients will be sent via the provincial AIDS council (PAC).

Activities include:

- ⬆ Train approximately 900 GPs throughout SA on the surgical MMC technique
- ⬆ Provide follow-up Quality Assurance to ensure competence and monitor adverse events
- ⬆ Distribute MMC surgical packs to trained GPs
- ⬆ Promote MMC amongst the target population
- ⬆ Post-operative care for insured patients is covered by their medical aid benefits. For the uninsured the post-operative consultation will be included in the initial procedure cost. However, if anti-infection treatment or complication management is required, the patient will be referred to the local clinic. See attached referral form (Annexure 1).
- ⬆ Database of certified GPs that can offer MMC will be maintained by Metropolitan Health and shared with DOH.
- ⬆ Initially the focus of the partnership will be the Nelson Mandela Metropole district, with future roll-out plans will include expanding to all districts within the province.
- ⬆ **Major focus on High Quality and Safety of medical circumcisions**

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MEDICAL MALE CIRCUMCISION	DOH	METROPOLITAN HEALTH	TIMELINE
Identify and market to interested GPs		YES	Ongoing
Provide training		YES	Monthly training sessions
Provide patients and training facilities	YES		Target 900 GPs for 2016
Provide MMC packs	YES		Target 100 000 MMCs per annum