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VMMC Technical Working Group. She is also a member of the PEPFAR HIV Prevention Steering Committee.

Dr. Bock holds a Medical Degree from the University of Washington School of Medicine and a Master of Science in Epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health. She has worked on TB control and HIV prevention at the local, state, national and international levels for 20 years. She is the author or co-author of more than 30 articles published in peer-reviewed journals on HIV, TB and STIs.

Dr. Bock provides technical support for VMMC, HIV testing and counseling, STI surveys, HIV prevention for key populations and operations research in PEPFAR countries.



RENEE RIDZON, MD

Dr. Ridzon is a medical epidemiologist with more than 20 years of experience in public and international health. She has worked at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the Division of Tuberculosis

Elimination and the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention. In 2002, Dr. Ridzon joined the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, where she worked on a portfolio of grants focused on microbicide development, pre-exposure prophylaxis, diagnostic test development and medical male circumcision, including research studies in Rakai, Uganda, and Nyanza, Kenya, and the initiation of clinical research on male circumcision devices. She participates in the WHO Technical Advisory Group on Innovations in Male Circumcision and has contributed to the preparation of the Framework for Clinical Evaluation of Devices for Male Circumcision; Use of Devices for Adult Male Circumcision in Public Health HIV Prevention Programmes: Conclusions of the WHO Technical Advisory Group on Innovations in Male Circumcision; WHO Technical Advisory Group on Innovations in Male Circumcision: Evaluation of Two Adult Devices; and the upcoming Guideline on the Use of Devices for Adult Male Circumcision. Since 2011, she has continued working in the field of medical male circumcision and serves as an independent consultant to Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF and others.



ZEBEDEE MWANDI, MD, MPH

Zebedee Mwandu is a physician with over 16 years of public health experience. He holds a MBChB (UoN), a MPH (LSHTM) and a post-graduate diploma in hygiene and tropical medicine. He has worked in a variety of

settings (MOH, DOD, KEMRI, CDC) and has acquired a wealth of expertise in clinical work, public health research, program design and strategic management. His focus is on translating research into policy and practice that promise maximum public health benefits to communities. He has published extensively in peer-reviewed journals. He currently works for USAID Malawi.



JABBIN MULWANDA, FCS (ECSA), MMED (SURG.), MB-CHB, BSC (HUMAN BIOL.)

Jabbin Mulwanda is a Regional HIV and Male Circumcision Technical Advisor with Jhpiego.

In this position, he provides technical support to Jhpiego's male circumcision programs in the Eastern and Southern Africa region, with a focus on training and quality assurance. Mr. Mulwanda has experience managing capacity-building programs in infection prevention/injection safety and HIV/AIDS, including clinical training; training of trainers; performance improvement; strengthening of training systems for health care providers; and development and dissemination of clinical standards and protocols. In addition, he contributed to the development of various national learning resource materials in such areas as anti-retroviral therapy, diagnostic counseling and testing, male circumcision, and prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV. Dr. Mulwanda received his medical training at the University of Zambia, specializing in general surgery.



ANNE THOMAS, PHD

Dr. Anne Thomas is an epidemiologist, the Director of Strategic Information for the US Department of Defense HIV/AIDS Prevention Program (DHAPP), a co-chair of the Male Circumcision Task Force and a co-chair

of the Most-at-Risk Populations Technical Working Group. She is also a member of the PEPFAR Strategic Information Steering Committee and the PEPFAR HIV Prevention Steering Committee. Dr. Thomas leads teams at DHAPP providing technical support for military PEPFAR programs, male circumcision programs and strategic information, with an emphasis on health information systems. She has numerous publications and presentations in the fields of HIV prevention, sexually transmitted infections, breast cancer, clean water and blood safety. Dr. Thomas holds an adjunct faculty position at San Diego State University, Graduate School of Public Health. Her expertise is in HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections, international health and migrant health.

**JONATHAN GRUND, MA, MPH**

Mr. Grund is a Health Scientist in the Division of Global HIV/AIDS at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. He is a member of the PEPFAR VMMC Technical Working Group.

Mr. Grund holds a Master of Arts from the University of Rhode Island and a Master of Public Health from Emory University. His work has focused extensively on HIV prevention topics including VMMC, HIV testing and counseling, and vaccine policy research. Mr. Grund provides technical support to CDC's implementing partners on adverse event monitoring and reporting, quality assurance, implementation science and program implementation. He has been working in global HIV prevention for more than seven years.

**DANIEL C. RUTZ, MPH**

Dan Rutz develops communication strategy for the HIV Prevention Branch in the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Global HIV/AIDS. He has extensive experience in risk/crisis communication and demand creation; and as part of the PEPFAR

Male Circumcision Technical Working Group/Communication Sub-Group, works to advance voluntary compliance with PEPFAR male circumcision recommendations in priority countries. Before joining CDC in 2002, Mr. Rutz completed a 30-year television news career, including 18 years as CNN's Sr. Medical Correspondent where his first coverage of (what came to be known as) AIDS took place

the same year the syndrome was first identified (1981). His prior and current careers have created opportunities through CDC, the US Department of State and Voice of America to build international journalists' capacity in accurate, responsible coverage of public health issues. Mr. Rutz holds a visiting professorship position at the Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, where he received his MPH in 2002.

**JASON REED, MD, MPH**

Jason Reed is a Senior Technical Advisor in the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC) in Washington, D.C., and Co-Chair of the PEPFAR VMMC Technical Working Group. He is also a member of the PEPFAR HIV Prevention Steering Committee.

Dr. Reed holds a Medical Degree from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and a Master of Public Health in Epidemiology from Tulane University. He has worked in HIV surveillance and HIV prevention at state, national and international levels for the past 10 years.

**AGENDA**

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Monitoring, Reporting and Use of Data	Anne Thomas, DOD
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New Resources for VMMC Demand Creation	Dan Rutz, CDC
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