This satellite, sponsored by PEPFAR and USAID through the AIDSFree Project, will provide a summary of VMMC and early infant male circumcision (EIMC)-related research findings to be published in July 2016 in two journal collections in PLOS and Global Health: Science and Practice. The PLOS collection, focused on VMMC modeling, was developed in collaboration with USAID, the World Bank, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The Global Health: Science and Practice collection, focused on EIMC, was produced in collaboration with UNICEF. Results with significant policy- and strategy-level consequences for national HIV programs will be highlighted. A moderated panel discussion following presentation of the research will feature key stakeholders sharing their experiences in scaling up VMMC and their ideas about future directions. Members of the audience will be encouraged to participate actively in the dialogue.
WHO, UNAIDS, and Jhpiego developed the Manual for Male Circumcision Under Local Anesthesia in 2008 to serve as the international technical resource for HIV prevention programs introducing medical male circumcision services. To date, the manual has been adopted or adapted for use in 14 African countries. To complement this, COSECSA, PSI, and CDC developed the Adverse Event (AE) Action Guide, standardizing the diagnosis and management of AEs. Both documents have served the needs of health ministries, policy makers, trainers, and health care workers in reaching over 10 million boys and men with safe circumcision for HIV prevention by 2015. Since initial editions of both manuals, extensive experience and standard practice have advanced. This year, WHO and Jhpiego will launch the 2nd editions of the manual and the AE Action Guide and highlight the key updates of relevance to program planners and service providers.

This two-hour satellite event, sponsored by PEPFAR and USAID through the ASSIST Project, will demonstrate how external quality assurance (EQA) and continuous quality improvement (CQI) approaches are improving VMMC service quality and patient outcomes in six East and Southern African countries. Speakers will share results and available tools to support programs to improve quality of medical male circumcision services. Presentations will be followed by a panel discussion among stakeholders to share lessons learned and implications for other countries and HIV program areas.