



FILM SCREENING AND PANEL

It's About the People - Tanzania's Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) Program Gets It Right

Friday, October 30, 12-1pm

School of Public Health, Room 932

1603 W. Taylor Street

Panelists:

Lisa Russell, MPH

Film maker, Global Health Advocate

Bob Bailey, PhD

Professor, Epidemiology

UIC School of Public Health

It's About the People: Tanzania's VMMC Program Gets it Right, a film by award-winning documentary filmmaker **Lisa Russell** and narrated by Common in English and Fid Q in Kiswahili, documents USAID's successful voluntary medical male circumcision program in Tanzania. Tanzania has demonstrated its commitment to assisting and driving down the incidence of HIV specifically as it affects voluntary medical male circumcision. The Tohara Program in Tanzania has shown that with strong leadership and commitment from the national government, the support of donors and implementers, and with the good-will of the people it is possible to scale up VMMC services and avert million of new HIV infections in sub-Saharan Africa. This is the second documentary film produced by Russell to document USAID and PEPFAR's investment in scaling up VMMC interventions to bring about an AIDS-free generation. The first film, *In It to Save Lives* can be viewed online.

Dr. Robert Bailey has a PhD in Anthropology from Harvard University and an MPH in Epidemiology from Emory University. Dr. Bailey was the Principal Investigator of the NIH-funded randomized controlled trial of male circumcision for HIV prevention in Kisumu, Kenya, which found that male circumcision has a 60% protective effect against HIV acquisition in heterosexual men. He has supervised studies in Uganda, Kenya, Malawi, Zambia and Dominican Republic into acceptability and feasibility of introducing circumcision for HIV/STD prevention and reproductive health. He provide technical assistance to WHO, the U.S. Government under CDC-PEPFAR, and the Kenyan Ministry of Health regarding policy guidelines for provision of a comprehensive package of HIV prevention services including male circumcision in sub-Saharan Africa.