



Women Deliver Side Event: June 2, 2019

Not Without A Cervix: Accelerating the Cervical Cancer Response



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Integrating cervical cancer screening and management within SRH programs

❖ PCI has been supporting the **Zambia Defense Force (ZDF)** to implement **integrated facility- and community-based HIV/AIDS and related services** in all military units and surrounding communities since 2003

❖ **August 2011: Initiated the Integrated Mobile HIV testing and Cervical Cancer Screening Program**

- Cervical cancer screening offered to women who access mobile HIV testing and ART services using the opt-out approach
- Demand creation interventions precede the integrated mobile screening and HIV testing services
- VIA and cryotherapy provided in a single visit
- Women with big pre-cancer lesions and HIV-positive women referred to loop electrosurgical excision procedure (LEEP) services and co-located ART services respectively;
- Referral followed through by a cadre of trained community health workers to ensure completion of care.



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Integrating cervical cancer screening and management within SRH programs, continued

❖ May 2019:

- Cervical cancer screening offered to women enrolled in the ART clinic or newly enrolled through Test and Start
- Trained ZDF health personnel implementing services in 5 ZDF facilities
- Screening services using visual inspection with acetic acid (VIA)
 - Women with small precancerous lesions treated in a single visit using cryotherapy/cold coagulation
 - Women with big lesions are referred to loop electrosurgical excision procedure (LEEP) available in most district/general/central hospitals and referral completion documented

❖ Upcoming: HPV testing for cervical cancer screening

- Currently test of choice is the Xpert HPV using the GeneXpert platform available in most ZDF facilities
- HIV-positive women will first be tested for HPV and those testing positive will be triaged for VIA screening

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Questions for Discussion

- What are key features of other integrated models of care for cervical cancer screening and treatment?
- What are other points of care where CCS&M are being integrated? Family planning? STD counseling/testing? MCH clinics? Are these best suited for HPV testing and triage?
- How are partners/programs integrating HPV vaccines into SRH programs or other programs, e.g. school health services?
- Do integrated service delivery models result in increased demand for both services?
- What are quality of care issues that need to be addressed for these integrated health services?
- How do we advocate at national level to ensure priority populations who are HIV- are also receiving cervical cancer screening and treatment?



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