



## Webinar: A Tale of Two Programs: Scaling HPV Diagnostics, Self-Sampling + Pre-Cancer Treatment in Rural Kenya

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### Participants:

- Rebecca Lepsik, Program Director, CureCervicalCancer
- Samson Boyo, Program Manager for Kenya, CureCervicalCancer
- Cade Howard, Program Director, CureCervicalCancer
- Ellen Starr, Executive Director, Grounds for Health
- Patrick Mbugua, Grounds for Health, Clinical Specialist

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- **When you say you support women from end to end - the woman expresses desire to be screened, then you provide transportation, find her with follow up results, make follow up appointments, etc.? How will this be sustainable?**

Francois Uwinkindi (Rwanda Biomedical): Yes, it is an end-to-end project – those poor women were provided with transportation and even 10% co-payment at the health facilities for those with invasive cancer not able to pay.

- **What are some of the cultural factors that hinder the implementation of your intervention?**

Cade Howard (CureCervicalCancer): Primarily, we need to work around the schedules of the clients, as such, we try to schedule programs around harvest and planting seasons. Additionally, we work to make sure that Men have a clear understanding of the process and benefits of HPV screening and treatment so as to remove any potential gender barrier.

- **Can you share your experience with data management and plan to leverage the data to role out a population based cervical cancer screening in Kenya if any.**

Cade Howard (CureCervicalCancer): We are fortunate within Kisumu to have population data that the CHV's have access to. This is used in our mapping and targeting - we distribute the appropriate number of test kits based on the population and give CHV's a targeted number of women to reach. With our internal data, we share this back with Kisumu county and use the rates for projections of future need and resource allocation.

- **Do you work in the southern part of Ethiopia, if yes which hospital or clinic? I am in the south as well and would like to know if your clinic work here.**

Rebecca Lepsik (CureCervicalCancer): We are not currently offering HPV testing in Ethiopia.

Ellen Starr (Grounds for Health): Here at Grounds for Health, we work with health facilities in SNNP, Sidama and Oromia.

- I am involved in community-based interventions against cervical cancer within Kakamega County. Currently working with Masinde Muliro University. Which way can we partner in addressing the challenge of cervical cancer in Kakamega County?

Cade Howard (CureCervicalCancer): Please send us an email at [Info@curecervicalcancer.org](mailto:Info@curecervicalcancer.org) to discuss. Thank you for your interest in working together!

- I am curious if CureCervicalCancer has projects in areas of Kenya beyond Kisumu? If so how are they different?

Rebecca Lepsik (CureCervicalCancer): We have done a pilot project in Migori County where we brought our mobile laboratory into the community for 4 days and offered same-day testing, screening, and treatment. We are planning to expand into other counties in Kenya in the Lake Victoria region later this year.

- What is the percentage of HPV-positive women in your population?

Samson Boyo (CureCervicalCancer): We are currently recording a 30% positivity