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# VMMC Online Training Hub Updates

## What's New in the Online Training Hub



### *Two New Training Modules Available: Continuous Quality Improvement and In-Service Communication and Counseling*

AIDSFree just enhanced the training with two new modules—(1) Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) and (2) In-service Communication and Counseling. This is an important achievement and enhances learning opportunities using the OTH—now making training modules available for VMMC counselors. Since September 2017, AIDSFree has been creating mobile training modules for online and offline learning to cover didactic, theoretical VMMC information. Learners complete and pass this online course before proceeding to their in-person clinical practicum. The OTH has standardized training curriculum and materials, which may also be revised in real time to provide the latest updates. It also has a learning management system (LMS) that enables creation of a trainee database, tracking of providers' training dates, time elapsed since completing the course, competency scores, and allows for subsequent engagement with trainees to introduce new/updated information.

### *We Heard You – OTH Improvements Rolled Out*

After receiving feedback from the USG, MOHs, OTH workshop participants, e-moderators, and enrolled learners, we have adapted the tool to make it even more user-friendly, efficient, and effective:

- Rather than having to complete all seven of the training modules, the content and module selection can now be tailored for specific professional roles in VMMC, such as for a provider, counselor, program manager, or hygiene officer. Learners can take only the modules associated with their specific tasks and roles. This will make the training more useful and tailored to each cadre.
- Participants can now download all training material to use offline. This feature solves the problem of intermittent internet connectivity while ensuring that all course material is easily available. Using the Cornerstone app, we have set up easy steps to help orient new trainees on how to navigate the platform online and offline. The LMS monitors who has been trained, provides notifications to the program manager, and documents staff training needs.



## OTH Training in Country



### *Past Trainings and Upcoming Workshop*

Approximately 175 participants from nine countries—South Africa, Swaziland, Lesotho, Namibia, Malawi, Mozambique, Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania—have attended the first three VMMC training-of-trainers (TOT) workshops held in South Africa, Swaziland, and Uganda. These participants from the USG, MOHs, as well as implementing partners are now qualified to facilitate training for VMMC providers, counselors, and hygiene officers.

These workshops marked the completion of the OTH pilot phase. Since then, OTH roll out has continued to grow with 420 VMMC managers and providers from 3 countries registering for refresher trainings and 58 new clinicians from 3 countries enrolling in VMMC provider training as of July 2018. On completion of the online session, participants will proceed to practicum sessions for clinical competency and certification as VMMC providers.

**A fourth workshop is planned for South Africa in 2018.** This will be the second workshop to be held in South Africa and an important meeting for follow-up, capacity development, enhancements, and learning after training e-moderators on using the OTH.

### *Coming Soon – OTH to be Launched in Portuguese*

AIDSFree is finalizing the development of all seven OTH modules in Portuguese. Training in Mozambique will be launched in late July 2018 and learners will be able to take the entire course and use the OTH platform in Portuguese.

## What People Are Saying



*“This is a great platform to learn from each other. I am looking forward to engaging in different discussions and learn new things.”*

- Victoria Kazangarare, South Africa

*“It was initially not easy for me to log on to start the classes and had to consult the HelpDesk, whose response was so good, timely, and helpful.”*

- Peter Masaba, Uganda

To enquire about registering for the OTH course, please contact: Yazabantu Soldati at [yazabantu\\_soldati@za.jsi.com](mailto:yazabantu_soldati@za.jsi.com) or Zebedee Mwandu at [zebedee.mwandi@jhpiego.org](mailto:zebedee.mwandi@jhpiego.org).

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