

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
Po Box 622 KIGALI

- The Mayor of District (All)
- The Vice Chancellor (All)
- The Rector (All)
- The Principal of IPRC (All)
- The Director/Coordinator of HLI Campus (All)

Dear Madam/Sir,

**RE: Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision campaign in secondary schools (both General and TVET) and Higher Learning Institutions in Rwanda**

Available evidence shows that Voluntary Male Medical Circumcision reduces 60% the risks of HIV transmission. Based on this data, the Ministry of Health has included Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision in the package of HV prevention interventions to reduce new HIV infection in the general population in general, and in adolescents and young boys in particular. On this basis, the Ministry of Education supports the implementation of this important intervention in secondary schools (both general and technical) and higher learning institutions (HLIs) operating in Rwanda.

It is in this regard that I would like to request for your support and collaboration during the activities of service delivery by the teams of health care providers in secondary schools as well as HLIs across the country.

Adolescents and young boys willing to have Male Circumcision services will be receiving them in phases: The first phase including provision of two doses of tetanus vaccination and the second phase including the actual male circumcision procedure.

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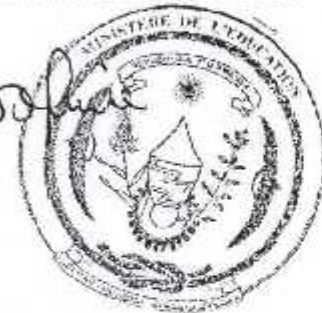
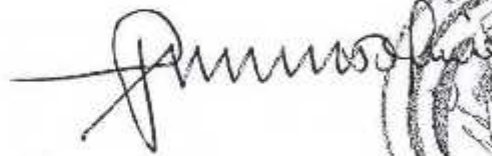
According to the implementation plan, secondary school students will receive tetanus vaccination and appointment for male circumcision during holidays while HLI students will receive both the tetanus vaccination and circumcision procedure at the same time.

Services will be provided as a continuous activity in schools and HLIs from the first week of June, 2017 to June, 2018.

For more details about this activity, please contact Dr. Placidie Mugwaneza on e-mail: [placidie.mugwaneza@rbc.gov.rw](mailto:placidie.mugwaneza@rbc.gov.rw) or phone number: **0788418769**.

We seize this opportunity to thank you for your commitment in supporting the national effort to scale up the Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision services.

Sincerely,



**Dr. Papias MUSAFIRI MALIMBA**  
Minister of Education

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- Minister of Health
- Minister of Local Government
- Minister of State in charge of TVET
- Minister of State in charge of Primary and Secondary Education
- Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education
- Executive Director, Higher Education Council
- Director General, Rwanda Education Board
- Director General, Workforce Development Authority
- Director General, Rwanda Biomedical Centre
- Directors, District Hospitals