

PrEP Ring Consultations Namibia Detailed Summary

USAID and WHO-led consultation: February 2022



NAMIBIA USAID-LED CONSULTATION SUMMARY (MOHSS, WHO, PEPFAR)

GUIDING QUESTION	SUMMARY
PERCEPTIONS OF THE RING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available efficacy data shows the ring reduces HIV risk by only 48%. • Participants expressed uncertainty about the use of the ring by adolescents. • The resources needed to optimally implement and sustain the ring are not available.
RING PLANS & CONSIDERATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ring was included in the HIV clinical guidelines in 2021 and added to the NEMLIST (Namibia Essential Medicines List). • An implementation plan is under way. PrEP ring implementation was projected to begin mid-2022 subject to the availability of funds to procure the rings.
WITHDRAWAL EFFECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPM's withdrawal of the ring's NDA from the US FDA does not impact Namibia's plans for ring rollout. • WHO's recommendation is most important • The ring's NDA was not withdrawn over safety or efficacy concerns.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEEDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more information is needed. The ring is already included in Namibia's HIV clinical guidelines.