

Exploring the Stumbling Blocks on the Way to a Successful Male Circumcision Campaign in Zimbabwe

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ABSTRACT The present research, through a review of literature aimed to discuss the challenges that the government of Zimbabwe faced in its quest to win its male circumcision campaign. Findings indicated the following stumbling blocks to the campaign: The socio-historical dimension of male circumcision; perceptions surrounding male circumcision and witchcraft; knowledge and awareness gaps regarding male circumcision, and its benefits thereof; fallacies regarding male circumcision; funding and infrastructural gaps; and exorbitant prices offered by private and public circumcision practitioners in Zimbabwe. The researchers made the following suggestions as the way forward to bolster the campaign: Adequate funding and enhanced infrastructure for the circumcision campaign; the government to strengthen male circumcision drive and strictly regulate male circumcision pricing; and foster collaboration of diverse players in the campaign.