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The Cervical Cancer Prevention Initiative

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The CCA News Brief is now the CCPI News Brief

Since our [London meeting](#) two years ago, Cervical Cancer Action attention has increasingly focused on our Cervical Cancer Prevention Initiative (CCPI). For that reason we recently decided to "sunset" the CCA and begin rebranding as CCPI. In this inaugural issue of the *CCPI News Brief* we are excited to include important developments in the field of cervical cancer prevention along with news from countries and international partners. We hope you like our new direction!

Countries on the move

- Health Minister Chitalu Chilufya of **Zambia** recently announced that his country has reached a milestone: 500,000 women have been screened since the program began, with 59,000 screened this year alone.
- During a recent regional meeting on precancer treatment, a number of African countries, including **Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zimbabwe**, announced that they are expanding their screening programs, as reported by **PATH**. Screening numbers now are in the tens of thousands for many countries—an encouraging development! Some of those countries are using thermal ablation for precancer treatment on a pilot basis.
- **Zimbabwe** has renewed their national cervical cancer strategy. They also have been approved for **Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance** assistance with national HPV vaccination.
- **Kenya** and **Uganda**, in partnership with the **American Cancer Society (ACS)**, inaugurated the "Partners for Cervical Cancer Prevention Behavior Change Communication Program" in September. The program leverages partnerships with local cancer organizations to empower women and girls in low- and middle-income countries to prevent cervical cancer and detect it early, with a focus on increasing coverage of the HPV vaccine. Together, the partners will adapt and create locally relevant cervical cancer prevention communication strategies aimed at measurable behavior change. Content and media formats will be developed with technical assistance and guidance from ACS and the Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs. For more information: globalcancerprevention@cancer.org.
- Seven **Nigerian** States are working with **Rotary** District 9142 and the Rotary Health Education and Wellness Rotarian Action Group (HEWRAG) on a public awareness campaign.

HEWRAG is also working with **Zambian** Rotarians and the Ministry of Health to design a comprehensive cervical cancer prevention project expected to launch in the summer of 2018.

- **Tanzania** was the focus of a **UN Joint Global Programme** (UNJGP) on Cervical Cancer mission in December. The inception meeting in Dar Es Salaam included **Jhpiego, Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon (PRRR), PSI**, representatives from the **Ministry of Health, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** and other implementing partners. The group drafted a set of recommendations and actions to strengthen a comprehensive approach to cervical cancer prevention and control in the country.
- **Botswana** and **Belize** hosted VIA and cryotherapy trainings organized by **Jhpiego**. Jhpiego also facilitated a study tour for a **Namibian** country team, to learn more about Botswana's cervical cancer program.
- As of September 2017, **Central American** countries had screened over 150,000 women with HPV tests according to **PATH**.

Other developments in cervical cancer prevention

- The **WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia** recently published a [training package](#) on a comprehensive approach to cervical cancer screening and management of cervical pre-cancers. The package provides strategies for screen-and-treat programs building upon existing, evidence-based WHO global guidelines.
- Take a look at this recently published [Call to Action](#) signed by 14 global leaders. It was published as part of a Supplement to the [International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics](#) which focuses on cervical cancer prevention and is available for free download. All of the abstracts and one of the papers (a summary) have been translated into French and Spanish. Three webinars based on the Supplement have been archived online, featuring different speakers: [English webinar 1](#), [English webinar 2](#) and a [Spanish language webinar](#).

International partner news

- The **International Papillomavirus Society** announced the "Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Awareness Day Initiative" seeking to raise awareness about the availability of prevention tools, promote education about HPV, and encourage governments and individuals across the world to take action against HPV. The first HPV Awareness day will take place on March 4, 2018, and annually thereafter. For more information, contact Corey Leifer: cleifer@kenes.com.
- The **Global Fund** recognizes the important relationship between HIV programming and cervical cancer control. Beginning in 2016, Global Fund-supported countries began to integrate activities to screen and treat cervical cancer and scale up HPV vaccination for 9 to 14 year-old girls in their 2017–2019 grant cycles.

Zambia (US\$0.45 million): Zambia's cervical cancer prevention program has demonstrated that linking cervical cancer screening and HIV services is a cost-effective way of improving health outcomes of women living with HIV. The program was integrated into the existing HIV program, leading to a projected expansion of cervical cancer screening to more than 100,000 women (28% of whom were living with HIV) over a period of five years. The new integrated program is on track to reduce incidence and mortality from cervical cancer by 25% by 2025, particularly among women living with HIV.

Malawi (US\$0.56 million): Yearly cervical cancer screening will be integrated in clinics for HIV positive women aged 25 and above. This investment will also support the training of service providers and supervision for cervical cancer activities.

Tanzania (US\$0.429 million): Tanzania will strengthen linkages between reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCH) and HIV. As part of the multi-sectoral package of services being offered to target adolescent girls and young women, Tanzania will look for synergies with Gavi and the national EPI Program to support the integration of the HPV vaccine scale-up for girls 9 to 14 years old in 2018.

- **PRRR** has been involved with many activities, including leading a delegation to **Botswana** and **Namibia** headed by President and Mrs. Bush; hosting webinars; publishing videos, blogs, and articles; and making presentations at various fora.

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