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Unfortunately microbicides are not yet available for women. There are about two dozen products being tested, but much more funding is necessary to make them publicly available. Right now, for every \$1 spent on AIDS research, barely three cents goes to microbicide research. Your voice and support are needed to put microbicides

IN WOMEN'S HANDS.

You can help.

how?

- TELL a friend about microbicides
- HOST a speaker to discuss microbicides at your community group or school
- LEARN about AIDS and microbicides at www.global-campaign.org
- WRITE your Legislators about the Microbicide Development Act to increase funding for microbicides
- JOIN the Global Campaign



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<http://www.global-campaign.org/afr-am-women.htm>

Women and girls are the new face of HIV/AIDS. About 7,000 women are infected per day. Young women are particularly at risk. When women become infected, they can pass a

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pregnancy, labor and delivery, or breast-feeding. Many women who become infected have only 1 sexual partner, their husband. Current HIV prevention options are not enough. Strategies must recognize women's vulnerabilities. If women are to have an opportunity to protect themselves



who?

Globally, **women of color are the new face of the HIV epidemic.** Particularly, in the U.S African- American women are 19 times more likely get infected by HIV than white women. Two out of three American women newly diagnosed with AIDS are African American. Many of these infections are through sex with a husband or boyfriend in a committed relationship.

“Couples need a method of HIV protection that will allow them to conceive a child and start a family...Some microbicides in development may allow women to become pregnant while at the same time protecting them from infection.”

- 2007 Microbicide Development Act
S. 823, H.R. 1420



“Look, I know about abstinence, monogamy and condoms. But I need something I can control.”



what?

Microbicides are products that would prevent the transmission of HIV and possibly other viruses and other germs that cause STDs. Like today's spermicides, a microbicide could be available in a variety of forms that would be applied in the vagina before sex. Both contraceptive and non-contraceptive products are being tested.



why?

Avoiding sexual activity, using condoms, or practicing mutual monogamy with an uninfected partner are currently the only ways to prevent HIV and other STDs. However, these options are not viable for millions of women. Their partners may simply refuse—or worse threaten violence.

Women of color need a **method of protection we control ourselves.**

Microbicides will put the power to protect into women's hands.

