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Every day, more than 6,000 women and girls get HIV – mostly from unsafe sex with their husbands and boyfriends.



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Women need a safe, easy, and private way to protect themselves from HIV.

Join a public campaign to put MICROBICIDES into the hands of women now!

- Find out more about microbicides and how you can help make them a reality.
- Invite a speaker to visit your community group or school.
- Speak up and talk to other women about microbicides.



Global Campaign FOR Microbicides

The Global Campaign for Microbicides is a broad based, international coalition of organizations working to accelerate access to new HIV prevention options. To find out more and get involved, visit our website: www.global-campaign.org or e-mail us:

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MICROBICIDES

HIV has a woman's face. More women are getting infected with HIV than men worldwide.



Women are ready for something new...

We deserve our own way to protect against HIV. We deserve microbicides.

What are microbicides?

Microbicides (mī-KRO'-bī-sīdz) are products made to kill HIV and maybe other germs that cause sexually transmitted infections (STIs).



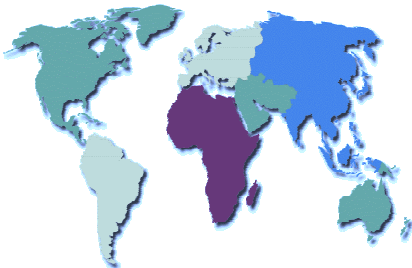
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When will microbicides be available?

Microbicides are *not yet* on the market. Research is being done all over the world to find ones that are safe and work well. One may be ready within the next 5 years.



How will microbicides work?



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Microbicides will look and feel like the cream and gel products you can get in the drug store for birth control or to treat a yeast infection. They will be easy to insert in the vagina before sex. Their purpose will be to reduce your risk of getting HIV or other STIs.

What about condoms?



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Male and female condoms are the best protection. But what if your partner will not use condoms? A microbicide by itself will reduce your risk better than using nothing. And microbicides plus condoms could be safest of all.