

# Working in Europe to Make Microbicides a Reality

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR MICROBICIDES  
& GLOBAL CAMPAIGN FOR MICROBICIDES



## Common goals:

The International Partnership for Microbicides (IPM) and the Global Campaign for Microbicides (GCM) share a mutual vision of the existence and widespread use of microbicides to prevent HIV. Both entities are working to raise awareness of the need for new prevention options for women and specifically to ensure that microbicide development efforts are adequately funded. Both organisations are also committed to the availability and accessibility of microbicides to those women most in need, particularly in developing countries.

**IPM** is a non-profit product development partnership (PDP) established in 2002 to prevent HIV transmission by accelerating the development and availability of safe and effective microbicides for use by women in developing countries.

IPM was created to identify and address gaps or bottlenecks in microbicide development and access and to serve as a resource for the global microbicide field. IPM promotes the rapid development and delivery of microbicides by pioneering a 'best-practices' approach to: screen compounds and design optimal formulations; develop clinical trial sites and conduct clinical trials; identify appropriate regulatory pathways for microbicide products; and establish manufacturing and distribution capacity to ensure rapid access to microbicides as soon as they become available.

As a PDP, IPM establishes collaborations that lead to fast-tracked development of highly promising HIV-prevention drugs for use as microbicides. IPM's partners include widely respected academic institutions, major pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, and leading non-governmental and international organizations.

**The Campaign** is a broad-based international effort to build support among policy makers, opinion leaders and the general public for increased investment into microbicides and other user-initiated HIV and STI prevention methods. Through advocacy, policy analysis and social science research, the Campaign's diverse network of over 250 NGOs works to accelerate product development, facilitate widespread access and use, and protect the needs and interests of users, especially women.

The Campaign does not conduct microbicides research and development but acts to catalyse civil society engagement in the field. By serving as a platform to facilitate collaborations among advocates around the world, the Campaign builds a supportive public and policy environment for microbicide development and cultivates the delicate balance between the urgent need for woman-initiated prevention tools and the ethical imperative to ensure that the scientific process fully respects the rights of communities and end-users.

Currently, the Campaign is most active in the European Union, North America and countries where microbicide clinical trials are taking place, including India, Uganda, Thailand, Ghana and Nigeria.

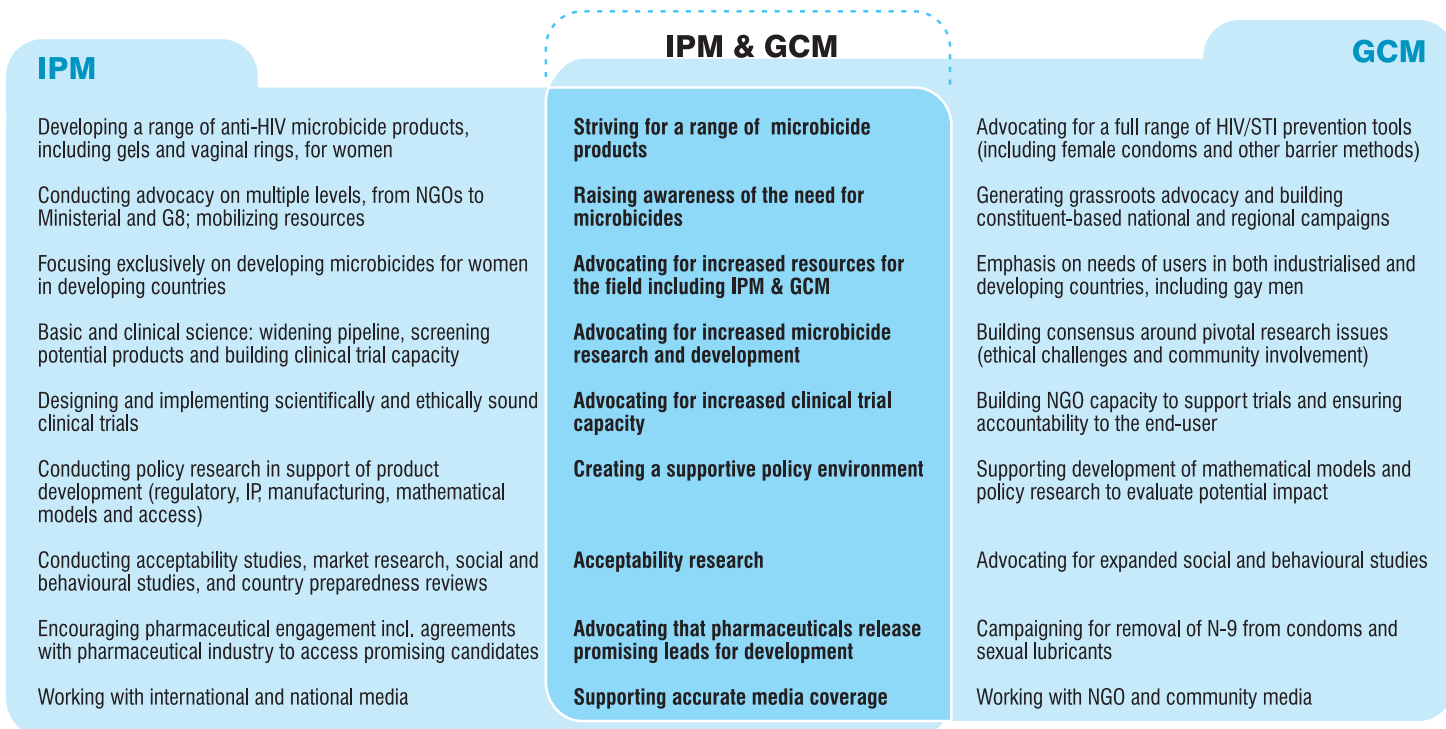
## European activities:

Both IPM and the Campaign are active in Europe in the areas of resource mobilisation, advocacy, policy and communications with a range of key audiences, including European donors and policy makers, politicians and elected representatives, NGOs and the media.

**IPM's** European activities include product development, conducting clinical trials, policy work, global advocacy and resource mobilisation. Many of IPM's donors are European: Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the UK, as well as the European Commission. **IPM Belgium** was established in 2004 and is registered as a Belgian non-profit organisation.

**The Campaign** catalyses and supports many national grassroots campaigns across Europe. Activities include provision of advocacy and skills training, development of targeted advocacy tools and materials, networking and parliamentary lobbying, as well as policy development on accountability, ethics and community involvement. Through the Brussels secretariat, these campaigns are brought together to influence the European Union in the creation of a supportive environment for the eventual introduction and use of microbicides, both in the developing world but also within Europe itself.

## Global activities:



## European collaborators:

COUNTRY	IPM	GCM
BELGIUM	Donor Partners: Tibotec BVBA; University of Ghent	Partner: Sensoa
DENMARK	Donor Partner: AIDS-Fondet	Partners: HIV Denmark; NordPol
FRANCE	Donor Hélène Rossert, Director of AIDES, IPM Board Member Partners: AIDES; Equilibres & Populations	Partner: AIDES
GERMANY	Donor Partner: German Foundation for World Population (DSW)	Partner: German Foundation for World Population (DSW)
IRELAND	Donor	Partners: Irish Family Planning Association; GLEN (Irish Campaign for Microbicides)
NETHERLANDS	Donor Els Borst-Eilers, former Deputy Prime Minister, IPM Board Chair Partner: International Antiviral Therapy Evaluation Center	Partners: AIDS Fonds; World Population Foundation
NORWAY	Donor	Partners: Plusse-Ima; NordPol
SPAIN		Partners: gTt; Creacion Positiva
SWEDEN	Donor	Partner: NordPol
UK	Donor Robin Shattock, Professor at St. George's University of London, IPM Scientific Advisory Board Chair Partners: London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine; Imperial College London; National AIDS Trust (NAT); Queen's University of Belfast; St. George's, University of London; UK Microbicide Development Programme; University of York; Warner Chilcott	Partners: Interact; National AIDS Trust (NAT) (UK Campaign for Microbicides); London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
European Commission	Donor (AIDCO) Partner: European Microbicide Project	Partner: 'Giving Women Power Over AIDS' Exhibit
Pan-European	Partner: World Health Organization (WHO) Emerging collaboration with ICW Co-convenor, UNAIDS' Global Coalition on Women and AIDS	Partners: ActionAid International; European AIDS Treatment Group (EATG); GNP+; ICW; International HIV/AIDS Alliance; IPPF Co-convenor, UNAIDS' Global Coalition on Women and AIDS