



Universal Access to Female Condoms
(UAFC) Joint Programme



Making FCs Available, Accessible and Affordable in order to:

- Decrease of number of unwanted pregnancies 200 million women have no access to contraceptives
- Decrease in the STI incidence, including HIV transmission
- 61% of new HIV infections in Sub-Saharan Africa are among women
- Promote gender equality and empower women
- 1:20 women die due to consequences of pregnancy or delivery



Comprehensive Approach is needed

UAFC is partnership

Three components

Lower prices, more choice, demand creation, competition, supply chain, funding, distribution, awareness, advocacy, etc.



Beauty of female condoms:

Women initiated

Double protection

Can be inserted beforehand

Needs to be negotiated only once

Acceptability is high

Leads to more gender equality



- Why has it not yet caught on:
- Image problems: noisy, ugly, availability, lack of funding etc
- Major stumbling blocks are lack of availability and lack of choice and the price is too high



- Research and development is needed
- Investment is required in research (pre-qualified different female condoms)
- More condoms will lead to more demand
- More demand will lead to competition and better prices and better products



- FC programmes also fail due to bad supply chain management and stock outs
- Condoms needs to be brought near to users and to be available year round



Challenges in the next years:

Demand creation in countries

Get unit price down

More variety of condoms on the market

More funding and commitment available

Men and women need to take responsibility



- Universal Access to Female Condoms NOW

Thank you for your attention









