Female Condom: A Powerful Tool for Protection

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Female condoms offer dual protection

- Female condoms are available now.
- Female condoms are as effective as male condoms for STI/pregnancy protection.
- Acceptable to women/men.
- New products coming that address user concerns.
Female condom programming—platform for future methods

• Successful female condom introduction and programming *paves the way* for introduction of future protection methods, such as cervical barriers and microbicides.
Female condoms—steps to improved access and use

- Global and country-level advocacy.
- Greater public- and private-sector investment.
- Scale-up from pilot introduction.
- Operations research within the context of increased programming.