

Access

~~Diaphragm Renaissance~~

*The Role of  
Cervical  
Barriers*

# “Access” means product is...

- Acceptable
- Approved
- Available: Supply and Demand
- Affordable

# Approved

- National regulatory approval
- On National Essential Drugs List
- Labeling and guidelines for use\*:
  - OTC or prescription?
  - Pelvic exam required for fitting?
  - Spermicide needed?
  - Duration of protection?
  - Maximum wear time recommended?

\* Source: Felicia Stewart, Vaginal Barriers, Table 18-5. Hatcher et al. Contraceptive Technology, 1998.

# Available: Supply Device and Additional Products

- Manufactured
- Service delivery channel: Public sector vs. private provision:
  - Government program authorization
  - Social marketing if OTC
  - Providers trained?
- Infrastructure for distribution and promotion

# Available: Demand

- Awareness of method
- Informed desire to use appropriately
- Knowledge of where to obtain
- Purchasing

# Affordable

- Financing:
  - donor provision to public sector
  - private insurers
- Cost-effective
  - unit price + office visit + adjuvant
  - reusable device over 2-3 years
  - volume
  - effectiveness (pregnancy vs. HIV prevention)

# Access Goals = The 6 Rights\*

- The Right Products
- in the Right Quantities
- in the Right Condition
- delivered to the Right Place
- at the Right Time
- for the Right Cost

\* Source: JSI

# Successes

- Regulatory approval in many countries
- On WHO model list of Essential Medicines
- Global manufacturing exists
- Acceptability studies conducted

# To Achieve Access, Need:

- Provider training +/- or devices that don't require fitting
- Recommendation re: additional product use
- Effectiveness data for HIV prevention
- Service delivery channels & infrastructure for distribution and promotion
- Demand



# Public Sector Provision

- Mostly donor-provided
- How does donor make decision to provide?
- Procurement: specifications, suppliers, effective competition, price, volume, quality assurance
- Continuity of supply at country level: forecasting, storing, shelf-life, and delivering