

History, Lessons Learned and Beyond

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A social marketing approach whereby an organization forms a partnership with one or more commercial manufacturers in exchange for them lowering their prices and devoting more of their marketing effort to the product with a social benefit

Third generation Social marketing Approach, Futures Group Briefing, Dec. 2002.



SOMARC's Four Basic SM Models

First generation

Fully subsidized NGO operation

Second generation

Donated commodities partial cost recovery

Third generation

Use of existing commercial products

Fourth generation

Management by commercial partner

Low commercial sector involvement

High commercial sector involvement



Key aspects:

- Fourth generation model
- SM organization partners with commercial manufacturer(s) or distributor
- Brand(s) selected from existing portfolio
- Retail prices cover costs + profit margin
- Distribution managed by commercial partner
- Generic or "umbrella" campaigns may promote several brands at once
- Commercial partners may contribute financially



Advantages:

- Lower marketing costs for the project
- Umbrella campaigns help increase overall market rather than defend market shares
- Use of a commercially sustainable product
- Provides incentives for increased commercial activities and investments



USAID-Funded Partnerships

Country	Products	Dates
Barbados	Condoms	1984 - 1994
Brazil*	IC	1997 - 1998
Egypt	OC, IUD	1993 - 1996
Haiti	OC, IC	1989 - 1996
India*	OC	1997 - 2003
Indonesia*	Condoms, OC, IC, IUD	1989 - 1994
Jamaica	OC, IC, IUD	1994 - 1998
Jordan*	OC, IUD	1994 - 1998
Kazakhstan*	Condoms, OC, IC	1994 - 1998

^{*} Meet the definition of manufacturer's model



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Mexico	OC	1996 - 1998
Morocco*	Condoms, OC, IC, IUD	1989 - 2003
Peru	Condoms, OC, VFT	1993 - 1997
Philippines*	OC, IC, IUD	1993 - 1998
Turkey*	Condoms, OC, IC	1991 - 1998
Uganda	Condoms, OC	1991-1997
Ukraine*	Condoms, OC	1997 - 1998
Uzbekistan*	OC, IC	1994 -1998
Zimbabwe	Condoms	1988 -1994

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Program design:

- Target population
- Product features
- Prices
- Distribution
- Communication

Low control



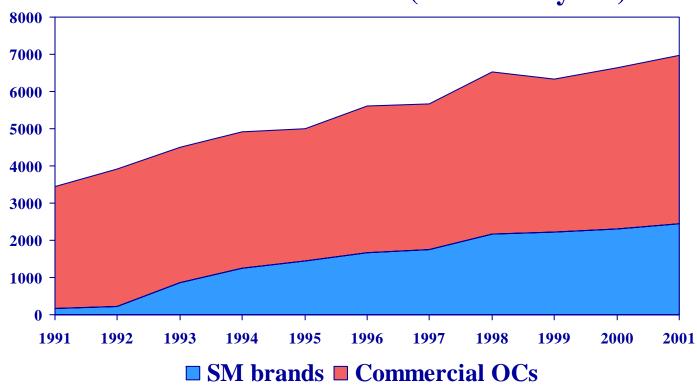
Limitations:

- Minimal donor control over marketing mix
- Subject to users' willingness to pay
- Post-graduation void
- Weight of corporate priorities vs. health goals
- Policy, legal barriers



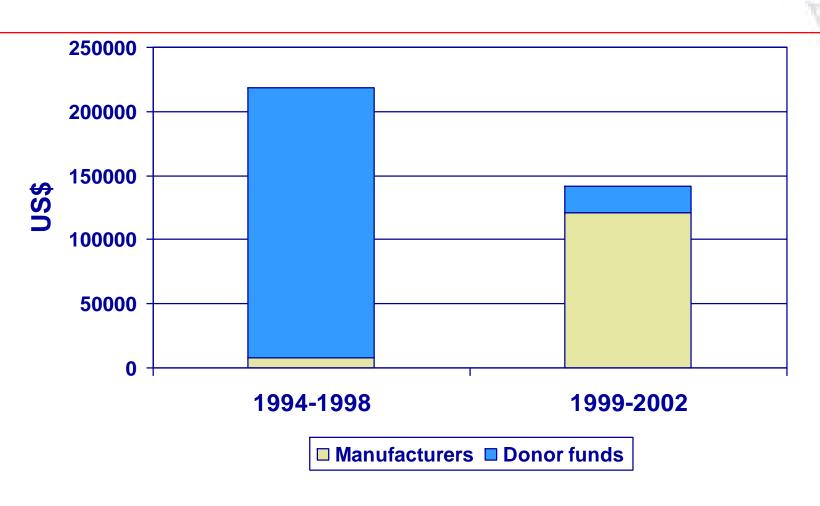
Success Stories: Morocco

Sales of Commercial OCs (thousand cycles)





Funding Sources for Kinat Al Hilal Campaigns





Success Stories: Turkey

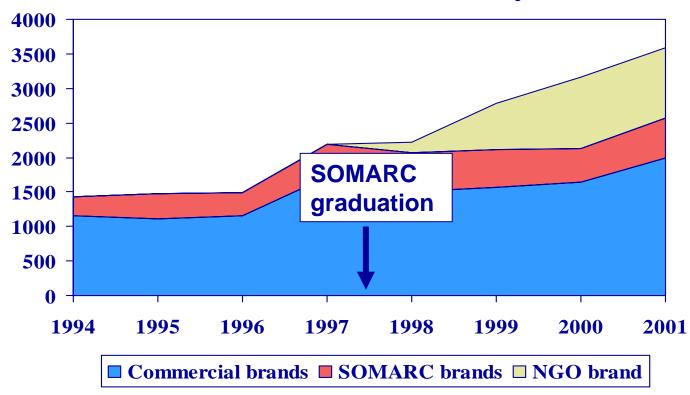


Sales of condoms in Turkey (million units)



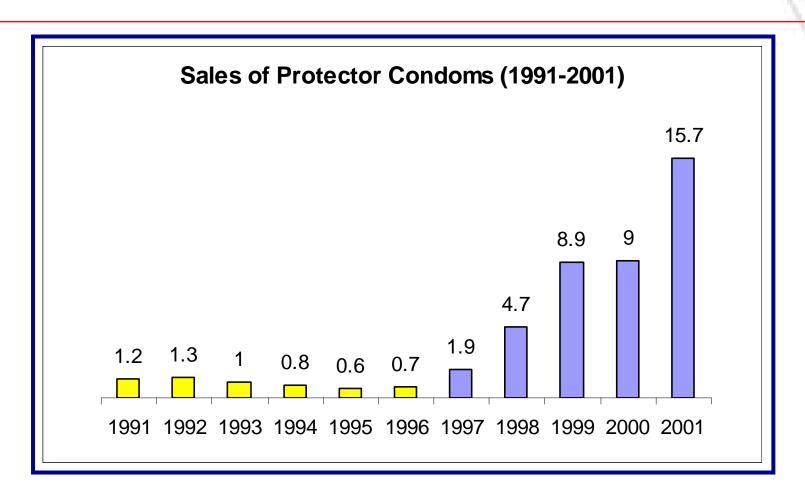
Mixed Results: Philippines

Sales of OCs (thousand cycles)





Failed Attempts: Zimbabwe

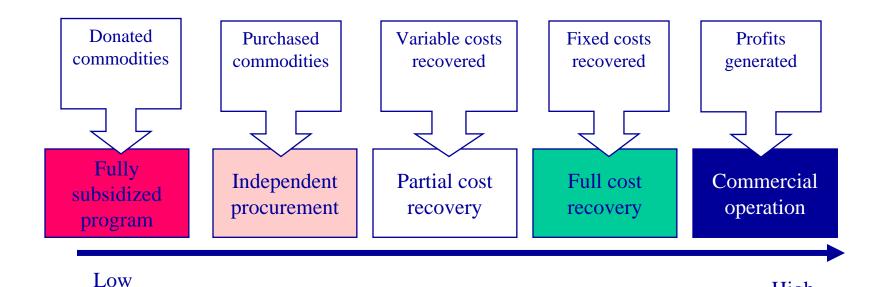




Beyond the Manufacturer's Model



The Sustainability Continuum



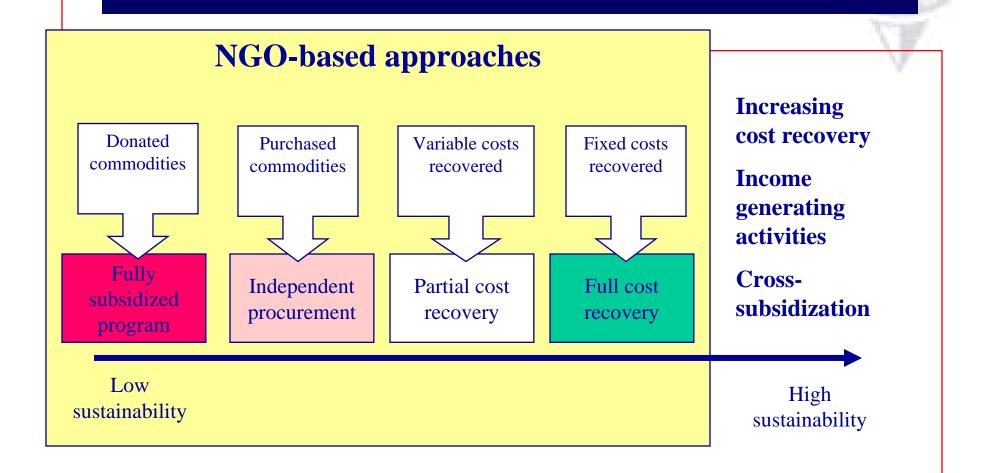
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Sustainability Strategies





Sustainability Strategies

Expand product access

Manufacturer's model

Target new groups

Invest in marketing effort

Commercial approaches

Commercial operation

High sustainability

Low sustainability





In a Nut Shell

- Manufacturer's model works best when
 - Long term funding is unlikely
 - Commercial suppliers/brands already exist
 - Potential for market growth is there
 - Manufacturers express interest
 - Free/subsidized products are well targeted
 - Legal environment is favorable
 - Target group is easy to reach (access)
 - Target group can pay for lowest commercial brand





In a Nut Shell

- Hybrid approach may work better in mixed context, for example:
 - overall contraceptive use is low
 - affordable brands already exist in the market
 - but demand is concentrated at the highest SES levels and/or in urban areas
 - commercial infrastructure is good
 - but target group requires sustained outreach effort
 - local NGO can handle complex programs
 - funding is available for communication activities



Jump-starting Markets

- Particularly for condoms
- De-stigmatized condoms, increased visibility and consumer demand
- Resulted in increased private sector investment and overall market growth
- Mexico, Turkey, Jamaica



Can Models Be Compared?

- Only when program objectives (i.e. health impact, sustainability) are similar
- And when controlling for:
 - Context (socio-economics, contraceptive prevalence, commercial development)
 - Investment in marketing effort (demand)
 - Funding



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