



## Just Say It! Increasing Condom Prevalence by Getting the Message Right

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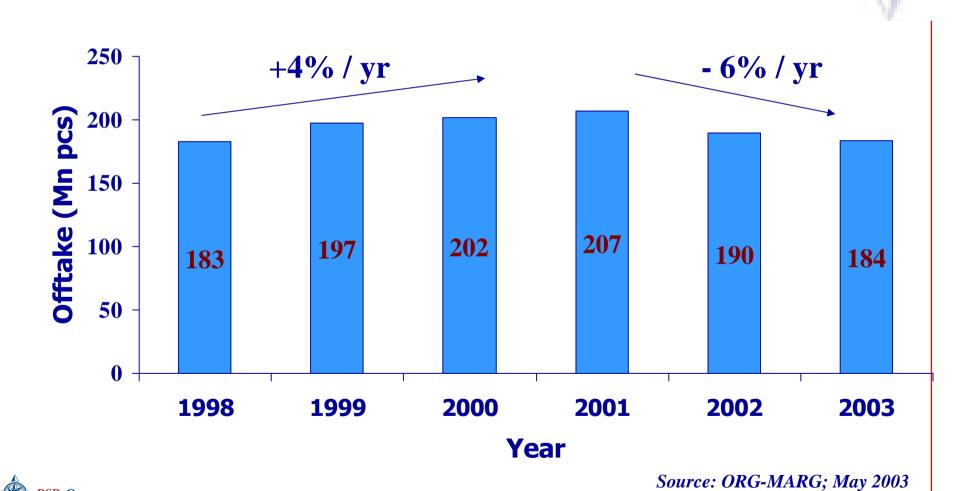


#### Background

- Condom market in India:
  - Cluttered with over 190 brands
  - 13 SMOs accounting for 2/3 of the volumes
  - Commercial brands under increasing price and profitability pressure
- Declining trend in volume of condoms sold in urban areas in 2001-2003



#### Trends in Condom Off-take: Urban North India

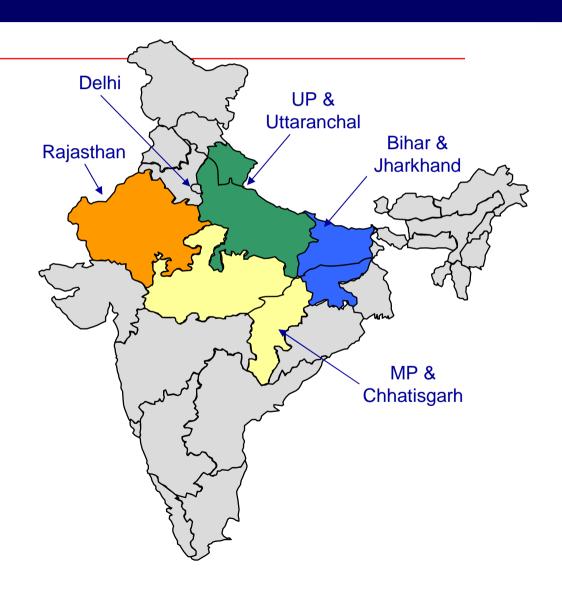


#### **Program Overview**

- Funded by USAID under the PACT-CRH program
  - PSP-One: Technical assistance
  - Lowe: Communications Agency
  - Commercial partners: JK Ansell, HLL, TTK-LIG
- Objective: Increase volume & value of the commercial condom market in urban north India
- Three evidence-based, thematic, integrated multimedia campaigns implemented (2004, 2005, 2006)



#### Campaign Areas – Urban North India





#### **Understanding Barriers to Growth**

- Surveys repeatedly show a gap between awareness & use
  - Very high levels of awareness of condoms, HIV amongst men
  - Avoiding pregnancy & avoiding diseases are dominant stated purposes of condoms; most report convenient access to condoms
  - However, use remains low: 30% among adult men (BSS 2001);
     3.1% among married women (NFHS-2, 1998-99)
- Barriers to use uncovered through our qualitative research:
  - Pleasure related
  - Embarrassment in buying, using condoms
  - Perception that condoms are for non-marital sex only; need not use in regular relationships
- Common underlying issue: Negative image of condoms & condom users



#### Communication Strategy and Progression

#### Normalize image of condoms & condom users

by creating a positive image of condoms, condom users





#### Review and Strategy Planning Process

- Environment mapping
- Market Intelligence and partner manufacturer consultations
- Analysis of tracking surveys to identify key barriers
- Qualitative research to understand barriers and develop concepts
- Persuasion testing on final concepts
- Appropriate media planning



#### Year 3 Approach: Embarrassment

Avoid local chemist

Use code names: Helmet, Raincoat,...

Buying condoms = publicly revealing pre /extra-marital sex

Embarrassment at time of Use / Disposal

How embarrassed are we about condoms?

Men

Society

Retail

- Won't display prominently
- Will conduct a hush-hush deal at the counter
- People don't like to talk about condoms –
   even media and celebrities
- Can't watch condom ads with family
- Uncomfortable with public display



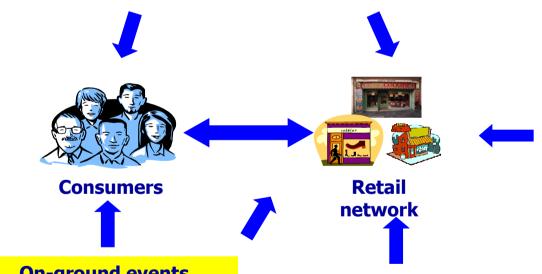
#### Address Embarrassment at All Levels



#### **Mass media**

Normalize condoms, image of condom users

**Public Relations** 



#### **On-ground events**

Generate consumer experience of user image, communication messages

#### **PSP-One Field Team**

Commercial Partners

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Facilitate provider-client interaction: provider detailing, contests, visibility



#### The Creative Brief

- Depict that one should not be embarrassed about saying the word
- Celebrate, don't ridicule saying Condom
- At the same time it's not aspirational/macho/heroic
- Create and reinforce a powerful call to action and campaign line



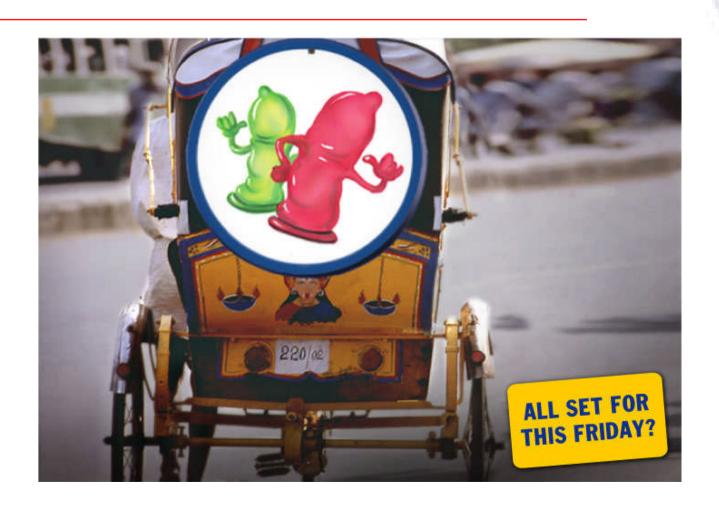
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#### Three new concepts:

- Dog and Thakur
- Men will be men
- Bindaas Bol



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- "Bindaas" aids to higher memorability.
- Multiple executions strengthen the campaignability.



#### Advert Score Card – Excellent

Ratings n=242	/	Coolie Ad	L	awyer Ad	Policeman Ad	Industry Norm
Overall likeability		4.55		4.43	4.48	3.76
Relevance		94		93	90	88
Believability		95		92	93	70
Uniqueness		91		93	93	72
Appeal		80		85	79	56
Ease of understanding		92	7	93	93	86
New information		72		70	76	72
Overall Effectiveness		82		81	79	63



## High Persuasion Scores

Post viewing intention n=242	Coolie Ad	Lawyer Ad	Policeman Ad
Makes me plan to buy condoms more often than usual	60	61	64
Makes no difference	37	36	33
Makes me plan to buy condoms less often than usual	3	3	3



#### **Retail and Consumer Activation**

- Retail Contest -Objectives
  - To encourage retail outlets to bring condoms out of the closet - through high visibility of condom brands and messages
  - To sensitize retailers & encourage them to treat a condom sale like any other
- 15000 outlets covered
- Prizes a function of the display & their behavior
- Sponsored and valued by commercial partners

- Consumer Contest Objective
  - To persuade consumers to shed embarrassment associated with the word condom and ask for it openly at retail outlets
- Builds on the energy of the mass media and retail activities
- Spot prizes to those who actually ask for condoms openly at retail outlets







## Bindaas Bol makes an impac Condom sales rise

The campaign has contributed significantly to an increase in usage people shed inhibit

#### IN FOCUS

Chhavi Madhok

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■ HE SOCIAL advertising campaign, Condom Bindaas Bol, has made a mark, over-achieving its target of four per cent sales increase on condoms per year, thanks to a well-orchestrated 360degree integrated marketing communications campaign. ORG/AC Nielsen sales data reveals that there is a 21 per cent increase in condom sales in volume terms and a 29 per cent value increase.

The ORG/AC Nielsen data also shows that retail take off (volume) of commercial

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गाजियाबाद। 'कंडोम बोल बिन्दास बोल। कंडोम बोलने से बम नह

regional media. National media were used to raise the issue; regional media were used to create buzz around the contest.

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फट जाएगा.....।' ये नारे इन दिनों यहां कुछ के मिस्ट स्टोर में नजर आते 1 on a pro-bono हैं। एचआईवी एडस की रोकथाम के साथ -साथ परिवार नियो सफल बनाने के उद्देश्य से लोगों की झिझक दूर करने के लिए य द्वारा यह अभियान छेडा गया है। कैमिस्टों से बातचीत के ब चला कि 'अभियान' के बाद कंडोम की बिक्री कुछ बढ़ी है। खरीदने वालों को छोटे-मोटे उपहारों का प्रलोभन भी है, शायद इ बिक्री बढी है। 'कंडोम बोल बिन्दास बोल' प्रतियोगिता में कैमि में बिना किसी शर्म या घबराहट के खुलेआम कंडोम मांगने वाले को तुरंत इनाम देने की व्यवस्था है, लेकिन स्थानीय लोगों को आपत्ति भी है, वे कह रहे हैं : बच्चों को ऐसी जानकारी मिलने से नैतिक पतन होगा। प्रताप विहार स्थित जीत मेडिकल स्टोर के श्री जीत ने बताया कि जब मैंने शाप में उक्त नारे लिखवाये और का प्रदर्शन किया, तो महिलाओं ने उनसे आकर कहा कि इस कंडोम को देख कर और ये सब नारे पढ़ कर बच्चे गलत दिशा में आपकी शाप में हम बच्चों को कैसे भेज सकती हैं। इसके विपरी महिलाएं भी मिलीं जिन्होंने कहा कि बच्चों को यह भी पता चाहिए कि सही क्या है।

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Says Anand Verdhan Sinha, country director, PSP-One India, "The campaign idea was simple: remove embarrassment

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## स्थानीय स्तर पर लोगों की झिझक समाप्त करने का अभियान शरू

करने तथा बेचारे से चुड़ी हिचक को चड़ाने के मामले में समें महसूस करते सम्बन्ध करने के लिए स्वास्थ्य व परिवार है। अधियान की सफलता के लिए कल्याण मंत्रालय की सहायता से ग्राहकों और दुकानदारों के लिए ने अधियान की शुरुआत को है। यह गया है। जिसमें जिलकी प्रतिभागियों अभिटान जीस वर्ष से उत्तीम वर्षको , को आकार्यफ इनाम भी दिए जायेंगे। अपूर्वा में होतिक रूप में मुख्य उन्होंने बताया कि २००४ में कुट किने एकल और वैवाहिक पुरुषों पर केन्द्रित गर्धे इस अध्यान की सफलता प्राप्त है। यह अध्यान आत उत्तर भारतीय सर्वेक्षण के हिसान से ३७ प्रविश्वत से

वाराणसी। कन्होम एक गाना उत्तरांचल, मध्यप्रदेश, उत्तीसगढ्, ल पत्नान शब्द है। लेकिन व्यवसारिक किया व आरखण्ड में सुरू किया गय रूप में अभी भी यह पूर्व प्रचलन में हैं। भीएसदी यन के कन्द्री हायरेक्टर नहीं है। कारण इसके बारे में तथाम आनन्दवर्धन के अनुसार अधिकांश तरह की प्रान्तियाँ भी पाल रखें हैं। भारतीय परिकार नियोधन या कराजारी और आसपास के इलाकों एचआईबी/यहस के बारे में बिन्धास S में कन्होंन के बारे में अर्थित माहोल बालें करते हैं किन्तु अन्द्रोम की S समाप्त करने कन्दोम छरोडने, प्रयोग स्थाकार्यता और उसके उपसोग को आईसीआईसीआई बैंक व यूएसएड प्रतियोगिताओं का भी आयंक्त किया है

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The story of how Condom Bindas Bol campaign clicked

Himanka Das and V S Mani

PSP-One (social marketing outfit) has the task to increase the use of condoms and hence prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted (STIs), HIV/AIDS. Funding was from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in collaboration with ICICI Bank, with support of the ministry of health and family welfare (MoHFW).

Findings from a survey conducted by Synovate India in 2005-2006 across



states across northern India. Media choice and interactive ap-

to engage the consumer by making the content relevant and interactive.

## Tracking Survey – Key Results

Indicator	Baseline (2004)	End-line (2007)	Sig
Reported current use of condoms with spouse amongst married men	38%	60%	**
Reported consistent use of condoms with non-regular partners amongst sexually active men	75%	80%	**
Disagreed that condoms need to be used with paid or commercial partners only	54%	70%	*



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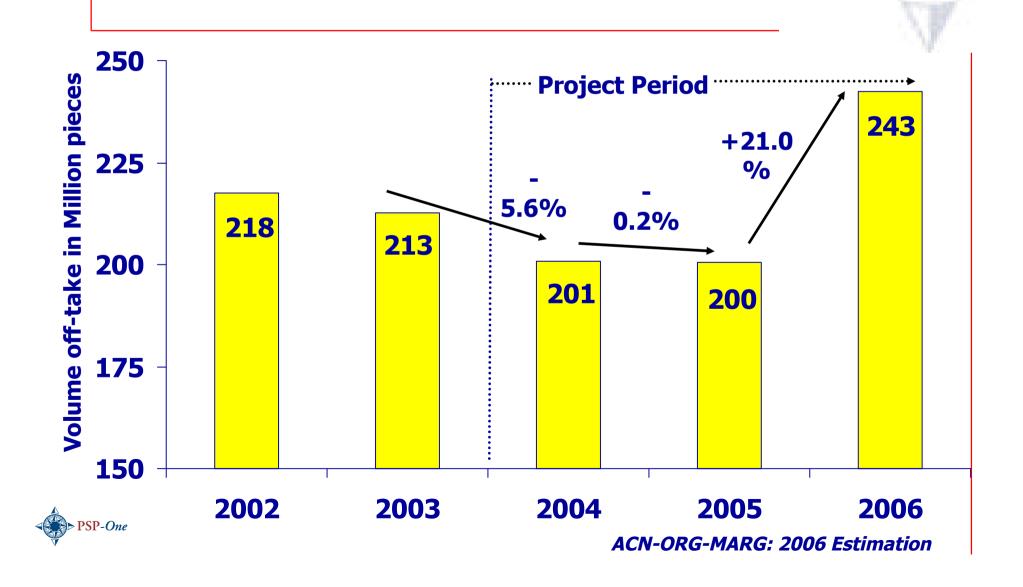
#### Association to Exposure

	End line (2007)		
Indicator	Not Exposed	Low Exposure	High Exposure
Reported current use of condoms with spouse amongst married men	50%	64%	69%
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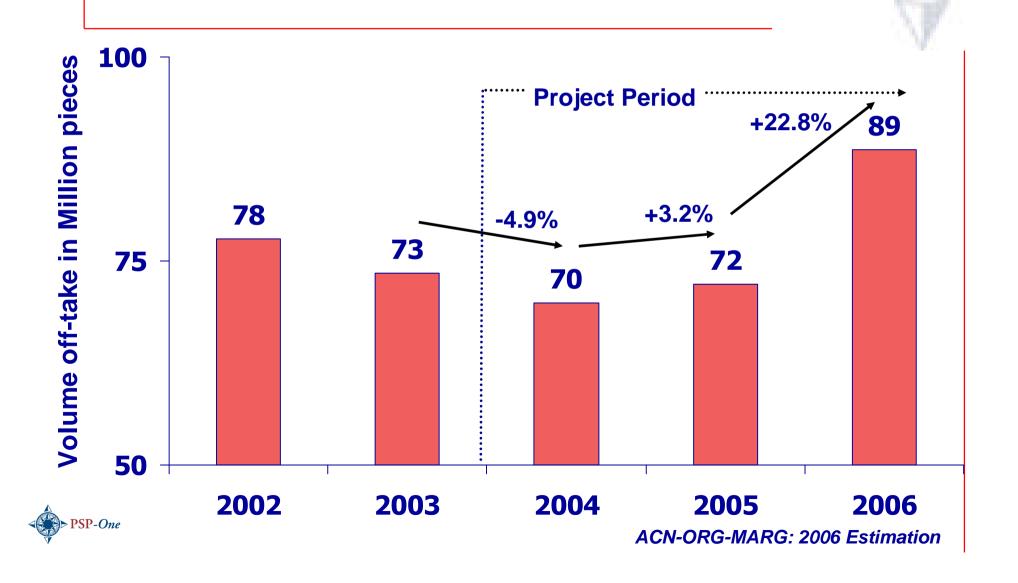
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#### Urban North India: Volume Trends (All Brands)



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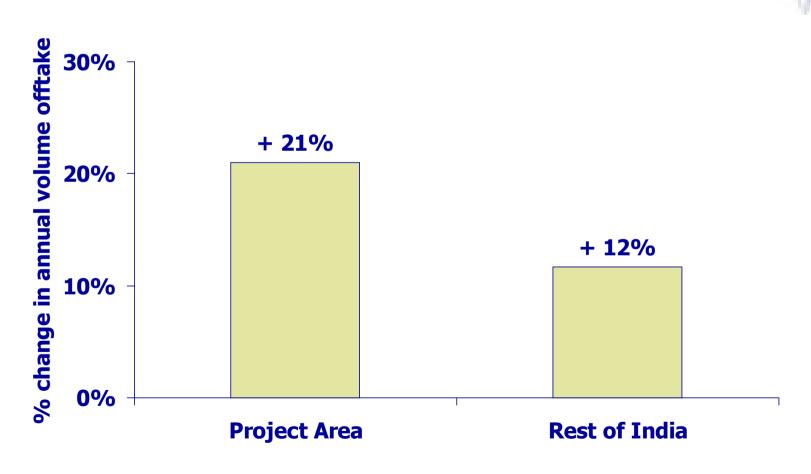


#### A Very Successful Campaign!

- UN Grand Award, 2007
- Population First Special Award, 2007
- Grand Effie Award, 2007
- Golden World Awards for Excellence in Public Relations, 2007
- PR Week Asia Pacific Campaign of the Year
- Goa-Fest Media Awards



### % Change in Annual Volume (All Brands) in Urban India Project States vs. Other States: 2006 vs 2005





ACN-ORG-MARG: 2006 Estimation