Engaging the Community in Microbicide Research: a Network Perspective

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Discussion Points

• Strategies for engaging community representatives in microbicide research:
  • Protocol development and beyond
  • Capacity building
  • Media training
  • Community-Researcher partnerships
Engagement in protocol development and throughout the research process

- Should begin following completion of the first draft of the protocol
- Enables understanding, accurate information dissemination, and well thought out recommendations
Engagement in Capacity Building

“How to Review and Provide Feedback About: The Schema, Informed Consent Documents and Other Elements of the Protocol”
Engagement in Media Training

• Possible inclusion of 2-3 community representatives

• Will enriched messages, increase community awareness, and improve support for MTN research
Engagement in Community-Researcher Partnerships

- Facilitate an enhanced scientific agenda
- Require consistent inclusion
- Result in prepared, knowledgeable and effective advocates
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Thank you.