

# Engaging the Community in Microbicide Research: a Network Perspective

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# Discussion Points

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- 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

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- 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

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

# Engagement in Media Training

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- Possible inclusion of 2-3 community representatives
- Will enriched messages, increase community awareness, and improve support for MTN research

# Engagement in Community-Researcher Partnerships

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



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Thank you.

