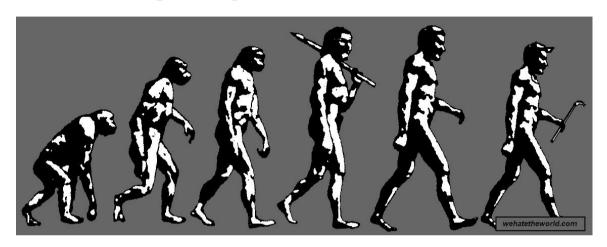


# Historical Highlights of Social Marketing 1969 - 2000

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## Historical Highlights of Social Marketing



#### THE ORIGINS:

- Before 1969, marketing was seen by scholars as an economic activity in which commercial companies provided goods and services to consumers with the objective to maximize return on investment.
- In 1969, Philip Kotler and Sidney Levy argued that:
  - ". . . marketing is a pervasive societal activity that goes considerably beyond the selling of toothpaste, soap, and steel. . . . [An] increasing amount of society's work is being performed by organizations other than business firms . . . [and] every organization performs marketing-like activities whether or not they are recognized as such."

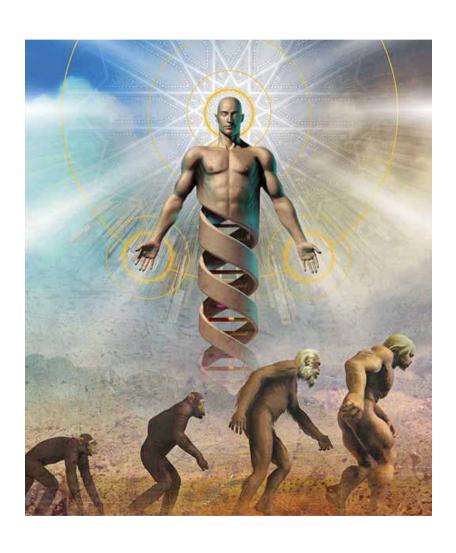
# Historical Highlights of Social Marketing

#### **EXPANDED PERSPECTIVE ARGUMENTS:**

- Scholarly establishments argued that the "broadening" of marketing was taking the field well beyond where it properly belonged.
- Kotler and Levy responded that marketing was about transactions, not just market transactions (Kotler and Levy 1969b).
- David Luck argued that marketing obviously involved markets and this meant buying and selling. Broadening the field would divert attention from critical issues and encroach on other disciplines (Luck 1969).
- The 'broadening movement" threw the field into some confusion and sparked debate as to just what the essence of marketing really was. Whether marketing was defined by its technology (the Kotler-Levy position) or by the class (or classes) of behaviors towards which it was directed (the Luck position).



# Historical Highlights of Social Marketing



#### **EARLY DEVELOPMENTS:**

- Because Kotler saw marketing as a technology, he and his colleagues set out to ask what it would mean if one applied it to non-economic settings (Elliott 1991).
- Kotler and his colleague Gerald Zaltman explored what it would mean to apply the technology to social issues where, they suggested, it could be called "social marketing" (Kotler and Zaltman 1971).
- Social marketing began as a formal discipline in 1971, with the publication of "Social Marketing: An Approach to Planned Social Change" in the Journal of Marketing by marketing experts Philip Kotler and Gerald Zaltman.

# Definitions of Social Marketing

#### Kotler & Zaltman (1971)

"Social Marketing is the application of principles and tools of marketing to achieve socially desirable goals, that is, benefits for society as a whole rather than for profit or other organizational goals and includes the design, implementation and control of programs calculated to influence the acceptability of social ideas and involving considerations of product planning, pricing, communications and market research."

#### Andreasen (1995)

"The application of commercial marketing technologies to the analysis, planning, execution, and evaluation of programs designed to influence the voluntary behavior of target audiences in order to improve their personal welfare and that of their society."

#### Kotler, Roberto & Lee (2002)

"Social Marketing is the use of marketing principles and techniques to influence a target audience to voluntarily accept, modify, or abandon a behavior for the benefit of individuals, groups, or society as a whole."



# Social Marketing in USA

Social marketing approaches have been adopted by a wide range of federal agencies, most prominently the US Department of Agriculture "5-a-Day" program and the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as state and local governments and a significant number of non-profit organizations.

#### **Some Examples**

- National High Blood Pressure Education Program
- Blood Donation Programs (Influence People to Donate Blood)
- Click-it or Ticket (Encourage Seat Belt Usage)
- The Truth (Youth Tobacco Prevention Campaign)
- Florida Cares for Women Program (Breast Cancer Screening)







The **Nirodh condom project** in India was the first nationwide contraceptive social marketing program. (1967)



Health promotion campaigns in the late 1980s began applying social marketing in practice. Notable early developments took place in Australia.

- Anti-tobacco campaign "Quit" (1988)
- Campaign against skin cancer "SunSmart" (1988)





- USAID was one of many agencies that have applied social marketing extensively in their strategies. Social Marketing for Change (SOMARC) project was funded by USAID (1980–1998).
- DFID started funding social marketing programs from 1991. DFID currently uses SM primarily in relation to its health and population development programmes (family planning, HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and communicable diseases, especially malaria). DFID-funded SM programmes are currently operating in over 30 countries.

#### Mass Media and Health Practices Project (Honduras) 1978

Under funding by USAID this was the first major test of social marketing applied to reduction in infant mortality in developing countries to address the growing epidemic of acute diarrhea dehydration in infants.

#### National Breast-feeding program (Brazil) 1981

One of the successes of social marketing methods is that it is remarkable for its broad scope, including activities aimed at protecting (employment legislation, control of marketing of substitutes for mother's milk), promoting (use of the media, professional training), and supporting breastfeeding (mothers' groups, information material, and direct counseling).

#### "Stop Aids" (Switzerland) 1987

Developed by the Swiss Aids Foundation, this is one of the longest running and most carefully evaluated social marketing programs for AIDS prevention in the world.



#### Condom Social Marketing

In the mid-1980s, condom social marketing (CSM) emerged as an effective tool in combating the spread of HIV/AIDS. Social marketing has been widely used globally to promote the distribution, sale and use of condoms by organizations such as UNAIDS and the World Bank especially in developing countries.

- Social Marketing for AIDS Prevention (Haiti) 1989
   Population Services International (PSI) has been active in social marketing for reproductive health and reduction in high-risk sexual behavior in Haiti since 1989, focusing its efforts principally on providing accessible and affordable condoms to the low-income segments of the population for HIV/STD prevention.
- Social Marketing of Bednets (Tanzania) 1997
   Funded by The World Bank, Population Service International (PSI) and Ifakara Health Research and Development Centre (IHRDC) have implemented social marketing of insecticide-treated nets in Tanzania as an effective malaria control strategy.





#### **Examples of Social Marketing Programs in Different Sectors**

| Area               | Туре                            | Country  | Organization                            |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Public<br>Health   | Nutrition                       | Indonesia  | Indonesian Government                   |
|                    | Sanitation                      | Tanzania   | WEDC                                    |
|                    | Immunization                    | Nepal  | UNICEF                                  |
|                    | Breastfeeding                   | Brazil   | Brazilian Government                    |
|                    | Oral rehydration                | Honduras   | HealthCom<br>USAID programs             |
| Family<br>Planning | Contraceptives                  | India, Bangaldesh,<br>Indonesia, Zambia, Pakistan<br>Vietnam | DKT International Government Ministries |
| HIV/AIDS           | Condom use                      | Ethiopia, Uganda, Thailand, Vietnam                          | UNAIDS                                  |
|                    | HIV/Aids prevention information |  | UNICEF                                  |
| Human<br>Rights    | Child rights<br>Gender          | Africa/Asia  | UNICEF                                  |
| Civil Society      | Corruption                      | Asia   | World Bank                              |

SOURCE: Cecilia Martinsen: SOCIAL MARKETING - a useful tool or the devils work?

# International Models of Social Marketing (1980's–1990's) (1)

#### The Manufacturer's Model

 Relied to a large extent on an established commercial partner (or supplier), who is provided with incentives (e.g. marketing support) to enter a new market, but who continues to operate as an independent, commercial, for-profit player.



- The manufacturer maintains control over the brand, and is usually responsible for sales and distribution.
- A manufacturer's model can have varying degrees of market intervention: large subsidies can support brand building, distribution, product price reduction, etc. over a long period of time; alternatively, temporary brand building and market support with quick transition to independence and subsidy withdrawal can be provided.



# International Models of Social Marketing (1980's–1990's) (2)

#### The Manufacturer's Model

- The manufacturer's model is more feasible in middle-income countries with a fairly well developed commercial infrastructure.
- "The manufacturer's model comes with built-in product sustainability that may help ensure continued availability after donor funding is no longer obtainable. Products marketed through this type of intervention are sold at commercially viable prices through a manufacturer's existing distribution network. The trade-off of the manufacturer's model is its limited ability to meet the needs of people outside the mainstream population, such as lowincome or hard-to-reach groups."

(Social Marketing Models for Product-Based Reproductive Health Programs: A Comparative Analysis by Franciose Armand 2003)

# International Models of Social Marketing (1980's–1990's) (1)

#### **Product Social Marketing**

- The traditional product social marketing program involves developing a brand; establishing an in-country management unit; and selling and promoting through the local infrastructure.
- The entity usually undertakes research, planning, procurement, marketing, behavior change/demand creation while 'piggy-backing' on existing distribution systems.
- Product social marketing is more appropriate in lower-income countries with less-developed commercial infrastructure.











# International Models of Social Marketing (1980's–1990's) (2)

#### **Product Social Marketing**

"Donor-funded NGO models are more likely to focus on achieving health impact and serving the poor because they do not need to secure minimum profit levels. Programs managed by NGOs also tend to have greater control over the full marketing mix as brands are often created and managed inhouse, rather than by a commercial manufacturer. As a result, these programs have the ability to reach entirely new population groups because they offer the most flexibility in terms of branding, pricing, and distribution. The downside of this approach is its dependence on sustained donor funding and, in some cases, high operating costs."

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# International Models of Social Marketing (1980's–1990's)

#### **Non-Product Social Marketing**

 Involves the changing of behavior without a tangible product or service being marketed.

 These transactions are typically not economic, as in the case of many social marketing program and campaigns.

- Influences behavior to address social issues.
   Examples of issues:
  - Smoking
  - Domestic violence
  - Child gender issues
  - Corruption
  - HIV/AIDS discrimination



## **Example of Manufacturer's Model**

#### **NetMark Project (1999)**

- Public-Private Partnership for sustainable malaria prevention funded by USAID and implemented by Academy for Educational Development (AED) in 7 sub-Saharan African countries.
- NetMark's goal is to reduce the burden of malaria in sub-Saharan Africa by increasing the commercial supply of and public demand for insecticide-treated nets.
- NetMark has entered into partnerships with 35 African and 9 international commercial partners (manufacturers) to increase the distribution of commercial mosquito nets and promote their use in under-served areas.
- NetMark advocacy with governments helped offer tax exemptions to commercial partners who in turn reduced prices and increased distribution coverage. Simultaneously NetMark helped in developing strong market-building programs, such as consumer-directed behavior change communication campaigns.





# Example of Product Social Marketing

### Social Marketing of Insecticide-Treated Nets (ITNs) in Kenya (2002)

- DFID contracted PSI for an intensive 5-year effort to stimulate the emergence of a "mosquito" net culture for widespread sustainable malaria prevention.
- The program rapidly scaled up the commercial trade in ITNs by developing and introducing a heavily promoted social marketing brand 'Supanet'.
- PSI collaborated with ministries of health, national malaria control programs, NGOs and commercial companies, to ensure effective coordination and to maximize distribution opportunities.
- The promotion and sale of 'Supanet' was primarily through existing commercial infrastructure.
- To ensure coverage of the most vulnerable, highly subsidized ITNs were delivered to pregnant women and children under five through public sector and NGO channels.

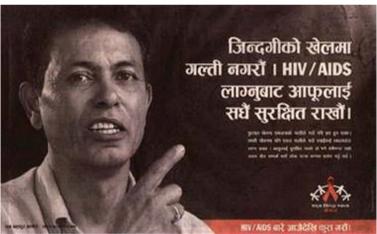


## Example of Non-Product Social Marketing

### The 'Black-and-White' Celebrity Campaign for HIV/AIDS – Nepal 2002-03

- Collaboration between National Centre for AIDS STDs Control (NCASC), Family Health International (FHI), Population Services International (PSI) and USAID.
- Objective of the campaign was to reduce stigma related to HIV/AIDS.
- Campaign Slogan-"Let's start talking about HIV/AIDS today".
- Campaign 'firsts': Open declaration of HIV+ individual on national media, condom shown on national television, use of national sports stars (national football team coach and captain), movie stars, national singers, and comedians in HIV prevention campaign.
- Integrated campaign with 10 individual spots on national television, radio, hoarding boards, print advertisements and advocacy forums in a striking 'black-and-white' format.
- Won the Nepal Advertising Association Award in 2002 for "Best Media Campaign".





The 'Black-and-White' Celebrity Campaign for HIVAIDS -- Nepal

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