

7pm Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
Main Lecture Hall, Franklin Patterson Hall, Hampshire College

# PROTECTION

**Men and condoms in the time of HIV and AIDS** (110mins)

A creative documentary filmed in South Africa, Kenya and Sierra Leone to stir and support discussion among men and boys about sexual well-being and safety


Jill Lewis, executive producer and project co-ordinator for the film, has worked in gender-focused HIV prevention building since 1986 – since 2001 in a range of African contexts. She will introduce the film briefly, the challenges of the initiative and be available for discussion after. Working over several years with a network of African and international HIV educators, Sonke Gender Justice in S. Africa, partners in Kenya & Sierra Leone, she collaborated with South African Director Francois Verster and Producer Neil Brandt to develop this creative documentary resource.

Sonke Gender Justice Network presents a film by Fireworx Media

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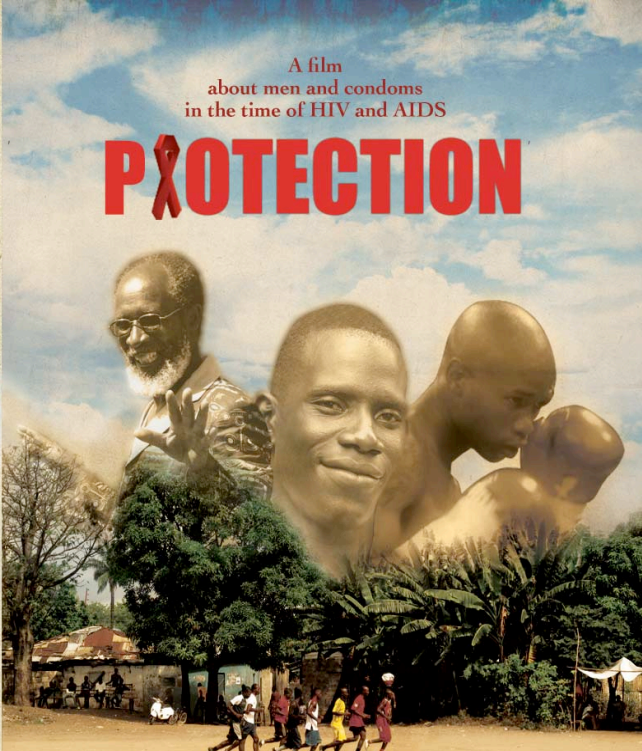
PROTECTION brings alive tensions, contradictions and realities surrounding condom use for men in these times of HIV. The film offers vivid glimpses into attitudes and emotions of men of different backgrounds and ages in South Africa, Kenya and Sierra Leone, in rural and urban contexts, and the challenges and realities of sexual protection that men are facing. It provides moving insights into perceptions and debates about condoms that resonate across Africa and often place men and boys at risk either of contracting HIV or of being ill-prepared to manage well their HIV positive status. As it explores different ways of thinking and arguing about condom use, PROTECTION invites you to think again about the importance of sexual protection for boys and men in sub-Saharan African countries, where lives of millions of men, women and children are affected by HIV and AIDS.



DVD VIDEO

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A resource to stir discussion about the significance of condoms in your ongoing HIV prevention initiatives.

**SPECIAL FEATURES**

**LANGUAGES**

- English
- Zulu
- French
- Portuguese
- Swahili
- Chichewa
- Hausa

**FACILITATOR'S GUIDE**

**CREDITS**

DIRECTED BY: Francois Verster  
PRODUCED BY: Neil Brandt  
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER: Jill Lewis

**RUNNING TIME**  
110 min


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**EXTRAS**

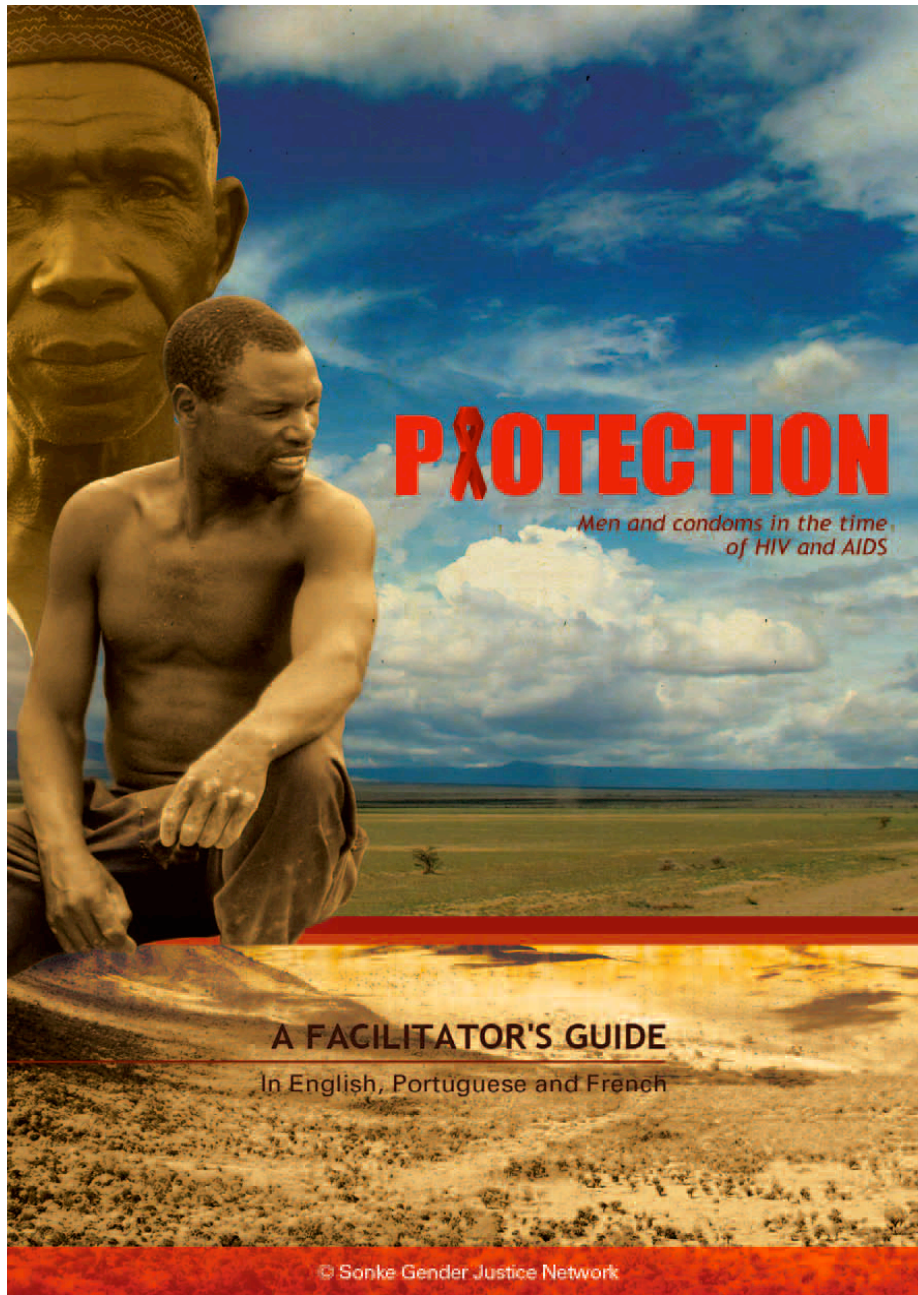
- **Lifelines (2:45)**  
*Animated images illustrate how a man's life might be affected by engaging in unprotected – or protected – sex*
- **A Condom Lesson in Cape Town (7:53)**  
*An educator discusses details of correct condom use with young men*
- **Condoms if you Care (7:00)**  
*Men's sexual health advocates from across Africa speak about the significance of condoms*
- **As Men... The Courage to Change (2:44)**  
*Moving words about men, gender and HIV from a former prime minister of Mozambique*

Visit the Protection website [www.protectionthefilm.com](http://www.protectionthefilm.com)



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The screening is co-sponsored by Hampshire College programs in **Arts and Social Action** (School for Interdisciplinary Arts), **Civil Liberties and Public Policy**, **Population and Development**, **Global Migrations**, **Feminist Studies**, **Centre for Feminisms**, **Lebron-Wiggins-Pran Cultural Center**, **Spiritual Life**, **Community Health & Wellness**, the **Global Education Office** and by the **Five College Culture, Health & Science Program**.



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The film (with versions in 7 languages - including Chichewa, Zulu, Swahili and Hausa) has been made as a resource for use in HIV awareness / prevention work in a range of contexts in sub Saharan African countries.

Launched in Pretoria, Oslo, Harare, Nairobi and Maputo at the end of last year, already some 4,500 copies have been requested and distributed to African initiatives and organizations. <http://www.protectionthefilm.com>