

# **EpiC Nepal Project**

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### **Objectives**

**Objective 1 &2: Attain and maintain HIV epidemic control among at-risk adult men, women and PPs and KPs**

#### **Support group meeting:**

##### **Jhapa:**

AMDA EpiC Nepal conducted support group meeting virtually on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 virtually in Birtamod City Clinic. A total of 6 PLHIV (4 Male and 2 Female) participated in the meeting. Meeting was facilitated by Case manager and PN. Discussion was done on Health Insurance, U=U, ART enrollment and re enrollment of all positive cases, importance of Index based partner testing and COVID-19 vaccination.

##### **Sunsari**

AMDA EpiC Nepal conducted support group meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in Itahari Field Office, Sunsari A total of 15 PLHIV (1 Male and 14 Female) participated in the meeting, maintaining all the precautions including proper distancing and proper use of mask. Meeting was facilitated by Case manager and PN. Discussion was done on Health Insurance, U=U, ART enrollment and re enrollment of all positive cases, importance of Index based partner testing and about viral load.

##### **Morang**

AMDA EpiC Nepal conducted support group meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in Biratnagar Field Office, Morang a total of 8 PLHIV (6 Male and 2 Female) participated in the meeting, maintaining all the precautions including proper distancing and proper use of mask. Meeting was facilitated by Case manager and PN. Discussion was done on Importance of COVID-19 vaccine & prevention, Adherence to treatment, ART enrollment and re enrollment of all positive cases.

#### **Monthly review meeting:**

AMDA EpiC Nepal conducted monthly review meetings to review the progress and decide way forward on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Jhapa, Morang and Sunsari district respectively. In the meeting, there was the presence of PC, M&E Officer, HA, CBS, PN and Lab staffs. There was discussion on following:

- District and indicators wise target vs achievement.
- Gaps in case findings, ART enrollment, viral load testing, PrEP initiation.
- Follow up of IIT clients for ART re-enrollment.
- COVID-19 vaccination and its recording and reporting.
- Index Testing and IPV screening.

#### **Online Activities**

- A total of 7 KPs and PPs were reached through online platform for HIV testing, STI, PrEP & Covid-19 prevention in Jhapa.
- Similarly, 7 KP & PPS were followed through phone for HIV testing, STI and COVID-19 prevention in Jhapa.

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- Also 6 PLHIV (3 male and 3 female) were followed through phone for ART adherence, index partner testing, viral load testing and other services in Jhapa.
- Also, there were 10 bookings through merosathi link where 4 had pending visit in this month.
- 1 support group meeting was conducted consisting of 6 PLHIV (2 female & 4 male) where discussion was done about ARV medicine, Adherence to treatment, ART enrollment and re enrollment of all positive cases, importance of Covid -19 vaccine and its benefits.

#### **ARV Distribution Services**

- In this period, 6 PLHIV were supported for pill pick up from ART center in community and home by PN and CBS in Jhapa district.

#### **Relief Packages**

- Not done in this period.

#### **COVID-19 Isolation Kit:**

- Not done in this period.

#### **Creative events:**

- **Sunsari**

Conducted creative event (FSWs focused) on 14<sup>th</sup> January in Itahari City clinic. A total of 13 FSWs participated in the event, maintaining all the precautions including proper distancing and proper use of mask. It was facilitated by PN, DIC Operator and CBS. There was discussion on hand made sanitary pad with help of clothes, thread & needle. The all participants were trained to make sanitary pad in home. They are also taught about the personal hygiene regarding reproductive organ. Also discussed about the COVID-19 preventive methods.

- **Morang**

Conducted creative event (PrEP focused) on 19<sup>th</sup> January in Biratnagar Field Office. A total of 8 FSWs (1.3) participated in the event, maintaining all the precautions including proper distancing and proper use of mask. It was facilitated CBS, PN and Field Supervisor. There was discussion on importance of PrEP and its continuation, STI prevention & treatment, also discussed about the covid-19 preventive methods.

#### **Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Training:**

- Not done in this period.

#### **Monthly joint inter-Network meeting:**

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### **Viral Load campaign**

- 20 VL samples were collected from Jhapa (AMDA, Birtamode) and sent to Koshi Zonal Hospital.
- In this viral load sample collection was done on 01/03/2022 at AMDA NEPAL itahari office, a total no 6 sample for viral load was collected. Also, on 01/10/2022 a total no 8 sample for viral load was collected. As same as on 01/17-18/2022 a total no 25 sample for viral load was collected and sent to Koshi Zonal Hospital.
- In Morang district total 40 viral load sample collection was done and send to Koshi Zonal Hospital.

### **Festival campaign social media posts:**

- Not done in this period.

### **Objective 3: Improve program management including HIS and HRH and financial systems to ensure attainment and maintenance of epidemic control; and**

#### **Data Quality Assessment:**

- In this period Data Quality Assessment (DQA) was done in AMDA Nepal, Jhapa from January 11 to 14, 2022. There was presence of Salina Joshi Sr. PO and AMDA Nepal PC, M&E Officer, AFO, Case Manager, CBS Plus, Peer Navigator, DIC Operator. In DQA there was verification of Semi-Annual Data for FY2021 SA2 (April -September 2021) of Jhapa district. There was verification on:
  1. Human resources capacity and Management.
  2. M&E Plans and standard Operating procedures.
  3. Data Collection and Management.
  4. Data Safety and Security.
  5. Data Systems
  6. Data quality assurance
  7. Data Analysis, Use and feedback.
  8. Data Accuracy.
    - 8.1. KP and PP reach.
    - 8.2. HTS\_TST
    - 8.3. HTS\_Index\_Offer
    - 8.4. HTS\_Index\_Elicit
    - 8.5. HT
    - 8.6. S\_TST\_POS
    - 8.7. HTS\_Recenct
    - 8.8. HTS\_Self
    - 8.9. HTS\_Self\_Confirmed
    - 8.10. TX\_New
    - 8.11. PrEP\_New

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- 8.12. VL\_Sample Collection
- 8.13. Comm\_Supp\_Ret.
- 8.14. Condom distribution
- 8.15. S&D reduction training.
- 8.16. HMIS report

#### **Monitoring visits:**

- In this period Red Cap Assessment regarding Index testing was done by Sr. PO in Jhapa district on January 11, 2022 physically. Similarly in Morang, Sunsari and Ilam Red Cap Assessment was done by Dr. Kriti virtually on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022. In the assessment there was presence of Sr. PO, Dr. Kriti, PC, M&E Officer, Lab Assistant, Case Manager. There was discussion on Index testing process and documentation that includes Index offer, Index elicitation, Index testing, IPV screening, referral of IPV cases and documentation, PrEP to Index negative cases, follow up of Index clients, Maintain 5Cs during Index testing.

#### **Community monitoring Scorecard:**

- Not done in this period.

#### **Provincial / Other GoN meeting:**

#### **Quarterly Review Meeting**

- Quarterly Review Meeting was conducted in January 31<sup>st</sup> to February 1, 2022 through virtually for the period of FY22Q1 (October to December 2021). In the review there was presence was Team Leader, PO, PC and ME Officers of AMDA Nepal and BDS Sub IPs of Province One and Siraha and Saptari of Province Two.
- In the review there was discussion of Challenges, Issues and way forward for ART Initiation, Viral Load Testing, PrEP Initiation.
- Also, Gap identification of in Index testing and prepared action plan for gap minimization of FY22Q2 to achieve 50% within March 2022.
- Participated Semi Annual Review on January 28<sup>th</sup> 2022 organized by AMDA Nepal Central office. In the review there was presence of AMDA Central Board Member, Office Incharge of Projects and Hospitals conducted by AMDA Nepal. There was discussion on challenges, Issues, Target vs achievement and way forward for the period of SA1 FY78/79 by every Projects and Hospitals.

#### **Monitoring visit by GoN**

- Not done in this period.

#### **Trainings and Orientations:**

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- 4 days training on HIV and STI Lab Diagnosis was given to Lab staffs of AMDA Nepal on January 10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Hotel Sambhala, Kathmandu.

### Monthly ART center Meetings

- Not done in this period.

### Target Vs Achievement

S.N.	Indicators	Target FY 2022	Achievement Jan.2022	Cumulative Achievement (Oct 2021-September2022) FY2022
1	KP_Prev	598	115	362(60%)
2	PP_Prev	501	118	420(83%)
3	HTS_TST_FSWs	423	85	302(71%)
4	HTS_TST_PPs	348	91	331(95%)
5	HTS_TST_POS_FSWs	13	0	7(53%)
6	HTS_TST_POS_PPs	48	13	31(64%)
7	TX_New_FSWs	13	0	9(69%)
8	TX_NEW_PPs	133	11	38(27%)
9	TX_PVLS(D)	460	74	136(29%)
10	TX_PVLS(N)	437	72	133(30%)
11	STI_Screening	233	104	354(151%)
12	STI_Diagnosis & Treatment	86	49	145(168%)
13	PrEP_New	291	15	54(18%)
14	Condom distribution	90188	12,795	73885(81%)
15	Stigma & discrimination reduction training	380	0	(103)27%

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### Photos



Pics: Conducting DQA in Birtamod City Clinic, Jhapa for SA2 FY21



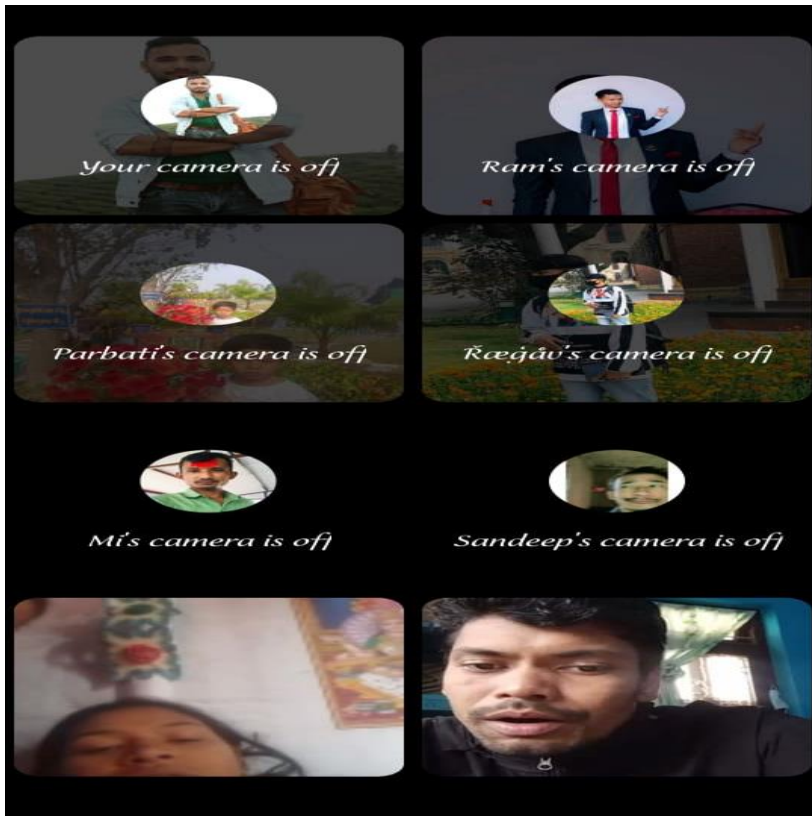
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Pics: Creative event in Itahari City Clinic making of reusable sanitary Pad.

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Pics: Virtual Support Group Meeting.

Thank you.