

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:

AMDA EpiC Nepal conducted support group meeting (physically) in Jhapa, Morang & Sunsari district on 26th, 27th & 29th August 2021 respectively. A total of 31 PLHIV (15 Male and 16 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 ARV medicine, Adherence to treatment, U=U, ART enrollment and re enrollment of all positive cases, 180 days packages, importance of Index based partner testing and also regarding the merosathi booking link for various services. And lastly discussion was made on awareness and safety precautions against COVID-19

Monthly review meeting:

AMDA EpiC Nepal conducted monthly review meetings to review the progress and decide way forward on 16th and 17th August in Sunsari and Jhapa district respectively. In the meeting there was presence of PO, PC, M&E Officers, FS, AFO, HA, CBS, PN, Lab staffs and DIC/M&E Associate. There was discussion on following:

- District and indicators wise target vs achievement.
- Gaps in case findings, ART enrollment, viral load testing, PrEP initiation.
- Known positive mapping for known positive listing & follow ups.
- Target division for each district to achieve 91.6% till Aug 2021.
- Safety & security of all beneficiaries & all staffs from COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Follow up of IIT clients for ART re-enrollment.
- Focus of 3 campaigns ART enrollment, re-enrollment and viral load testing.

Online Activities

- A total of 12 FSWs, 61 Clients of FSWs and 1 MSM was reached through online platform for HIV testing, STI, PrEP & Covid-19 prevention in Jhapa.
- Also 12 FSWs and 4 Clients of FSWs were followed through phone for HIV testing, STI, PrEP and COVID-19 prevention in Jhapa.
- Also 71 PLHIV (43 male and 27 female and 1 other) were followed through phone and 2 male PLHIV through online for ART adherence, index partner testing, viral load testing and other services in Jhapa.
- A total of 11 merosathi bookings were made in Jhapa for August, among which 7 arrived and performed testing. Also, total 21 bookings were followed up for testing, including those who missed the appointments last month and 1 booking of last month arrived after the followup. Hence, total 8 beneficiaries arrived this month for HIV testing, after the merosathi booking.
- A total of 3 FSWs, 4 Clients of FSWs was reached through online platform for HIV testing, STI, PrEP & Covid-19 prevention in Morang.

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- A total of 10 FSW, 63 Clients of FSW & 3 other high-risk female was reached through online platform for HIV testing, STI, PrEP & Covid-19 prevention in Sunsari.
- 27 FSWs and 23 Clients of FSWs were followed through phone for HIV testing, STI, PrEP and COVID-19 prevention in Morang
- 4 FSWs and 3 Clients of FSWs & 1 Other high-risk female were followed through phone for HIV testing, STI, PrEP and COVID-19 prevention in Sunsari.
- A total of 15 PLHIV (6 male and 9 female and 1 other) were followed through phone in Morang District.
- Also A total of 108 PLHIV (43 male and 65 female) were followed through phone in Sunsari District.
- A total of 19 & 5 merosathi bookings were made in Sunsari & Morang respectively in August, among which 18 arrived in Sunsari & 5 Arrive in morang and performed testing. Hence, total 23 beneficiaries arrived this month for HIV testing through meroasathi booking in sunsari & Morang District.

ARV Distribution Services

- In this period 70 PLHIV were supported for pill pick up from ART center in community and home by PN, CBS, Lab, HA, HA-ART. Also, 4 out of EpiC PLHIV were also supported for ARV distribution at their home.
- In this period, 6 PLHIV were supported for pill pick up from ART center in community and home by PN in Sunsari District.
- In this period, 1 PLHIV were supported for pill pick up from ART center in community and home by PN in morang district.

Relief Packages

- Not done in this period.

COVID-19 Isolation Kit:

- In this period 3 PLHIV were supported COVID-19 Isolation Kit 1/1 in Jhapa, Morang and Sunsari. COVID-19 Isolation kit contains sanitizer, mask, soap, gloves, thermometer, oximeter, tissue wipes, Vit.C, Vit.D, ORS, Cough syrup, paracetamol, Zinc Tab etc.

Creative events:

- AMDA EpiC Nepal conducted creative event (physically) at Birtamode city clinic, Biratnagar field office and Itahari city clinic on 24th and 26th Aug, 2021 respectively. A total of 27 FSWs participated in the event, maintaining all the precautions including proper distancing and proper use of mask. It was facilitated by DIC operator and CBS. Discussion was done on benefits and misconception regarding PrEP and also regarding the merosathi booking link for various services. Among them 8 FSWs were tested for HIV with negative results and refer for PrEP. Among them 7 started PrEP. During the event discussion on awareness and safety precautions against COVID-19 was also made.

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Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Training:

- Not done in this period.

Monthly joint inter-Network meeting:

- Participated in the coordination and sharing meeting organized by Prayash Mahila Samuha on 13th August at Hotel Triyuga Itahari, Sunsari. There was participation from Itahari Sub Metropolitan City, NAP+N, DPG, Mahila Sahayogi Samuha, AMDA Nepal, Human Welfare Society, Shramik Mahila Sajha Manch, Astha Foundation, FPAN. There was sharing of goals, objectives, activities conducted and challenges faced and lesson learnt by Program Officer of Prayash Mahila Samuha in Sunsari district.

There was discussion on free Health services of FSWs, PLHIV for HIV and STI services. Local governance should create certain funds for specially FSWs and PLHIV for necessary financial support in treatment and GBV related cases also support in income generating activities. Women Development Officer Sushila Karki has assured that there has been already created fund for FSWs and Viral load testing support cost for PLHIV and will incorporate for income generating activity fund.

Viral Load campaign

In this period Viral load sample collection was done in Jhapa, Morang and Sunsari district in coordination with BDS Sub IPs, ART Center and CCCs. During this period, a total of 82 (15 Jhapa, 28 Morang, 37 Sunsari and 2 Ilam) samples were collected and sent to Koshi Zonal Hospital. Also, 86 VL reports of previous month was received from Koshi Zonal Hospital, among them 75 results were received with suppressed result.

Festival campaign social media posts:

- In this period campaign for ART enrollment, re-enrollment and Viral Load testing was conducted in Jhapa, Morang, Sunsari and Illam District. During this campaign 5 case finding, 10 ART enrollment and 82 Viral Load samples of eligible PLHIVs were collected and sent to Koshi Provincial Lab. Also 86 Viral Load reports were received among them 75 were received with suppressed results.

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

Data Quality Assessment:

- Not done in this period.

Monitoring visits:

- Not done in this period.

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Community monitoring Scorecard:

- Not done in this period.

Provincial / Other GoN meeting:

- Not done in this period.

Quarterly Review Meeting

- Not done in this period.

Monitoring visit by GoN

- Not done in this period.

Trainings and Orientations:

- Orientation on LGBTI issues/advocacy issues was organized on August 10, 2021 to the Program staffs.
- An orientation on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) was organized on August 24, 2021 for the Program Staff (Prog Coordinator, M&E Officer, M&E Asst, Admin Finance Officer, Health Assistant, Lab Assistant and DIC O/M&E Asst).
- A knowledge sharing session on Transgender Programming was organized on August 30, 2021 to the Program staffs.

Monthly ART center Meetings

- In this period monthly meeting with Ilam Hospital, ART center was done in the presence of ART counselor, HA ART, Program Coordinator and Paramedic team- CCC and M&E of AMDA Nepal on 12th Aug 2021. The discussion was made on identifying new and hidden cases from the community and various strategies for index testing and bringing the missing and LTFU into the treatment, Viral load testing and timely dispatch of report to the clients.
- In this period monthly meeting with Inaruwa Hospital, ART center was done in the presence of newly appointed Mesu Dr. Anil Achariya, ART counselor, Lab Incharge, ART-doctor, MNCH Incharge, Emergency Incharge, HA ART, Project Coordinator from AMDA Nepal and Human Welfare Society, OCMC focal person on 3rd Aug 2021. There was brief description on the EpiC Project with its objectives and goal, working areas, modality, support in national HIV control program by 3 95s in close coordination with ART centers, hospitals, government agencies and stakeholders in the district. After that discussion was made on currently running 3 campaigns ART enrollment, re-enrollment and Viral Load testing in the district. Also discussion was made on identifying new and hidden cases from the community and various strategies for index testing and bringing the missing and LTFU into the treatment.

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- In this period monthly meeting with Koshi Hospital, ART center was done in the presence of ART counselor, Lab Incharge, HA ART, Sr. Program Officer, Project Coordinators from AMDA Nepal and Pariwartansil Samaj, Field Supervisor, PN on 17th Aug 2021. The discussion was made on timely Viral load reporting mechanism and access of Viral load report quickly so that we can dispatch the result with the clients ASAP. Also discussion was made on currently running 3 campaigns ART enrollment, re-enrollment and Viral Load testing in the district. Provide the listing of LTFU cases as per Organization to bring them from missing and LTFU into the treatment. And lastly discussion on logistic support to Lab and ART center was made. AMDA Nepal will support remaining logistics for lab and ART center consulting Sr. PO.

Target Vs Achievement

S.N.	Indicators	Target FY 2021	Achievement In August.2021	Cumulative Achievement (Oct 2020-August 2021) FY2021
1	KP_Prev	823	98	792(96%)
2	PP_Prev	686	78	906(132%)
3	HTS_TST_FSWs	576	75	514(89%)
4	HTS_TST_PPs	530	44	462(87%)
5	HTS_TST_POS_FSWs	12	1	11(91%)
6	HTS_TST_POS_PPs	37	4	61(164%)
7	TX_New_FSWs	12	2	13(108%)
8	TX_NEW_PPs	171	8	109(63%)
9	TX_PVLS(D)	561	86	406(72%)
10	TX_PVLS(N)	537	75	367(68%)
11	STI_Screening	274	71	618(225%)
12	STI_Diagnosis & Treatment	76	31	269(353%)
13	PrEP_New	144	19	164(113%)
14	Condom distribution	223872	9434	1500776(67%)
15	Stigma & discrimination reduction training	300	0	176(58%)

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Photos



Pic: Monthly ART center meeting in Illam District Hospital.

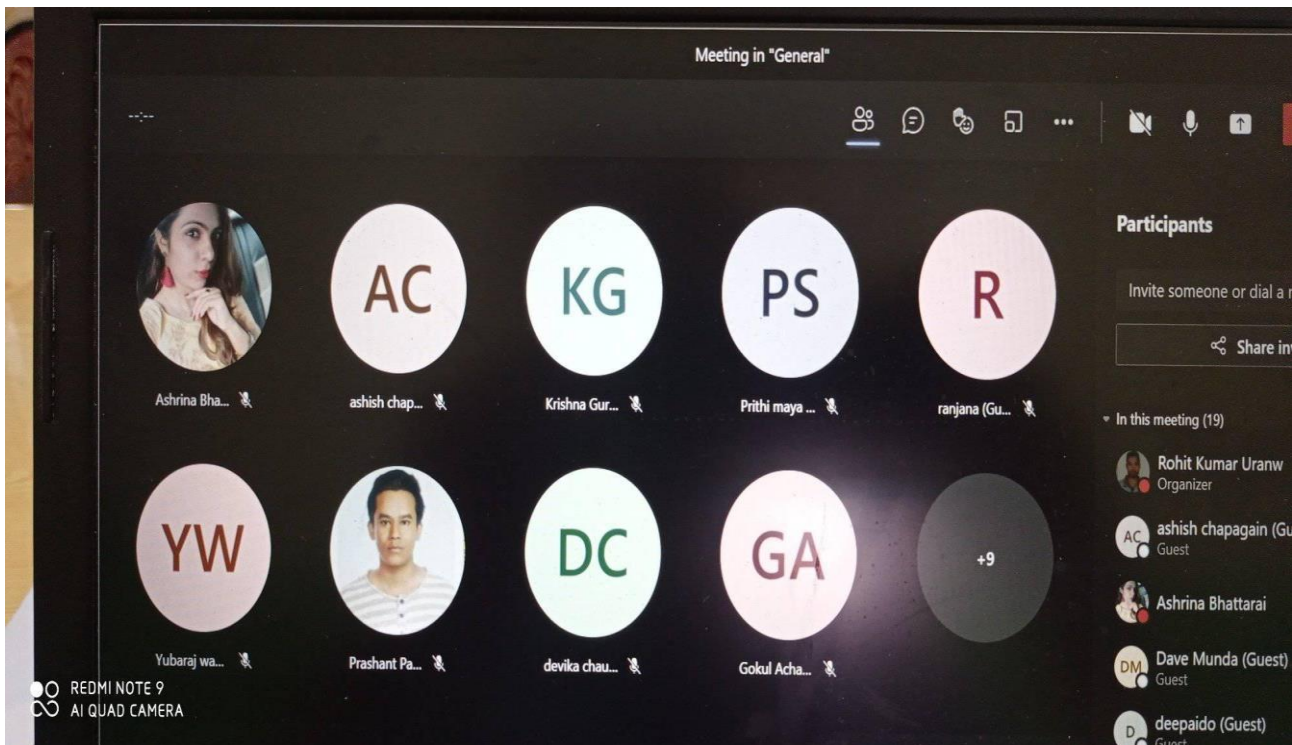


Pic: Creative event, Birtamode city clinic.

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Pics: Coordination and sharing meeting with Prayash Mahila Samuha, Sunsari



Pics: Weekly meeting with EpiC project staffs of AMDA Nepal.

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Pics: Conducting Support Group Meeting

Thank You.

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