

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 on 24th, 28th & 29th October 2021 in Morang, Jhapa & Sunsari District respectively. A total of 35 PLHIV (13 Male and 22 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.

Monthly review meeting:

AMDA EpiC Nepal conducted monthly review meetings to review the progress and decide way forward on 27th October in Jhapa, Morang and Sunsari district. In the meeting there was presence of PC, AFO, 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.
- Known positive mapping for known positive listing & follow ups.
- 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 2 FSWs and 16 Clients of FSWs was reached through online platform for HIV testing, STI, PrEP & Covid-19 prevention in Jhapa.
- Also 2 FSWs were followed through phone for HIV testing, STI, PrEP and COVID-19 prevention in Jhapa.
- A total of 4 FSWs and 19 PPs were reached through online platform for HIV testing, STI, PrEP & Covid-19 prevention in Sunsari.
- Also 40 FSWs and 4 PP was followed through phone for HIV testing, STI, PrEP and COVID-19 prevention in Sunsari.
- A total of 2 PPs and 3 PPs were reached through online platform for HIV testing, STI, PrEP & Covid-19 prevention in Morang.
- Also 16 FSWs were followed through phone for HIV testing, STI, PrEP and COVID-19 prevention in Morang.
- Also 32 PLHIV (20 male, 11 female and 1 other) were followed through phone for ART adherence, index partner testing, viral load testing and other services in Jhapa.
- Also PLHIV (16 male & 30 female) were followed through phone for ART adherence, index partner testing, viral load testing and other services in Sunsari.

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- A total of 2 Merosathi bookings were made 1/1 Jhapa and Sunsari for October & HIV testing of done at Sunsari & result was non-reactive.

ARV Distribution Services

- In this period 10 PLHIV were supported for pill pick up from ART center in community and home by PN and CBS in Jhapa district.
- In this period 14 PLHIV were supported for pill pick up from ART center in community and home by PN and CBS in Sunsari district.

Relief Packages

- Not done in this period.

COVID-19 Isolation Kit:

- Not done in this period.

Creative events:

- Not conducted in this period.

Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Training:

- Not conducted in this period.

Monthly joint inter-Network meeting:

- Participation in orientation of National Census for 2078 organized by District Census office, Sunsari at Itahari on 27th October 2021.
- Participation in provincial level sharing program on minimizing violence of Female sex workers at Biratnagar conducted by Mahila Sahayogi Samuha Itahari (CBOs of JMMS) on 29th Oct. 2021.
- Participated in the coordination meeting with development partners on 22nd Oct. 2021 for National Condom Day Celebration 2078.

Viral Load campaign

- In this period Viral load sample collection was done in coordination with BDS Sub IPs, ART Center and CCCs. During this period, a total of 21 samples in Jhapa, 6 samples in Sunsari and 4 samples in Morang districts were collected and sent to Koshi Zonal Hospital.

Day Celebration

27th National Condom Day was celebrated in Jhapa, Morang, Sunsari and Illam district in coordination with Local government and other stakeholders with maintain preventive measures of COVID-19.

Jhapa:

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- Informative message on importance and uses of condom was disseminated through audio clip.
- Also, Information stall was kept at Muktichowk area with IEC materials; condom promotion, distribution and demonstration. Almost 29 people participated in the stall and gained the information and knowledge.
- Total 1600 pieces of condom were distributed.
- Candle lighting in memory of those who lost their lives due to HIV/STI was done in the middle of Muktichowk in support of Traffic Police.

Illam:

- Play card preparation and exhibition through rally from Tudikhel to Illam Chowk Bazar. Informative messages and importance of proper condom use disseminated through the play cards.
- Total 1500 pieces of condom were distributed.
- Finally, candle lighting was done in the middle of Illam Chowk Bazar.

Sunsari:

- Rally on city rickshaw with IEC materials and Informative message on importance and uses of condom was disseminated through audio clip around Itahari Sub Metropolitan City.
- IEC materials; condom promotion, distribution and demonstration was done during the event.
- Total 15000 pieces of condom were distributed during nagar parikrama in major hotspots to FSWs, Clients and Hotel Owner

Morang:

- Informative message on importance and uses of condom was disseminated through audio clip.
- Also, Information stall was kept at Rani boarder area with IEC materials; condom promotion, distribution and demonstration.
- Total 21000 pieces of condom were distributed.

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:

- In this period, monitoring visit was done by Dr. Durga with USAID team to Birtamode city clinic on 4th of October.

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During monitoring visit of Birtamod city clinic: clinic register, IIT tracker, Index testing register, HMIS register, clinic and lab observation with waste disposal flowchart, was done.

- SIMS was conducted on 3rd of October by Team USAID in ART site, Mechi Zonal Hospital.

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:

- Training on One National HIV Information System (ONHIS) was given by EpiC Nepal from 4-6th October in Birtamod, Jhapa.
- Motivational Counseling training to newly appointed CBS was given by SI unit from 25th to 28th October 2021 in Ktm.
- Clinical orientation to case managers was given by TU from 25-28th October in Ktm.
- Virtual Orientation to Laboratory staffs on HIV testing, HIV viral load, EID, recency testing, quality assurance and basic laboratory management was given by TU on 28th October.

Monthly ART center Meetings

Morang

In this period monthly ART meeting was done on 29th October 2021 at Koshi ART center. In the meeting there was presence of Mesu. Dr.Chuman Lal Das, ART Doctor Dr. Hari Khanal, Chief Administrator Nabaraj Luitel, Lab Incharge Pranab Kumar Yadav, Lalit Chaudhary, ART counselor Ms. Laxmi Gautam, OPD Incharge Laxmi Thapa, HA ART, Case Manager of PSS, AMDA PC, Field Supervisor, Peer Navigator. There was discussion on the free OPD card ticketing of all PLHIV in easy ways. In this agenda Mesu suggested to give extra 1 hour for OPD ticketing of all PLHIV during viral load testing for OPD Incharge.

ART counselor requested to provide separate room for counseling for PLHIV clients, In this agenda Mesu suggested its not possible to provide separate room now but will address in coming days when new building will completed which is in construction.

Sunsari

In this period monthly meeting with Inaruwa Hospital, ART center was done in the presence of acting. Mesu Of Inaruwa Hospital, Lab staffs, Administration Staffs, OPD staffs, ART counselor, M&E

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officer, HA ART of AMDA Nepal on 31st October 2021. The discussion was made on new case finding (Offer index testing), ART enrollment of known positive, Viral load testing, IIT tracing & re-enrollment and PrEP Importance.

Target Vs Achievement

S.N.	Indicators	Target FY 2022	Achievement Oct.2021	Cumulative Achievement (Oct 2021-September2022) FY2022
1	KP_Prev	598	84	14%
2	PP_Prev	501	89	17%
3	HTS_TST_FSWs	423	68	16%
4	HTS_TST_PPs	348	60	17%
5	HTS_TST_POS_FSWs	13	1	7.6%
6	HTS_TST_POS_PPs	48	5	10.41%
7	TX_New_FSWs	13	3	23%
8	TX_NEW_PPs	133	7	5%
9	TX_PVLS(D)	460	21	4.5%
10	TX_PVLS(N)	437	20	4.5%
11	STI_Screening	233	56	24%
12	STI_Diagnosis & Treatment	86	19	22%
13	PrEP_New	291	7	2.4%
14	Condom distribution	90188	6990	7.5%
15	Stigma & discrimination reduction training	380	0	0%

Photos

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Pic: During SIMS at ART site, MZH

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Pic: Training on ONHIS, Birtamode.

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Pics: 27th National Condom Day Celebration



Pic: Participation in orientation of National Census 2078S

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Pic: Monthly Coordination meeting at Inaruwa ART center.



Pic: Participated on Provincial level review meeting at Biratnagar conducted by Mahila Sahayogi Samuha (JMMS CBOs)

Thank You.