

EpiC Nepal Project

Monthly Update: November 2021

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 16th and 19th November 2021 in Sunsari and Morang district respectively. A total of 22 PLHIV (6 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.

Monthly review meeting:

AMDA EpiC Nepal conducted monthly review meetings to review the progress and decide way forward on 18th and 29th November in Jhapa and Sunsari district respectively. In the meeting, there was the presence of Sr. PO (virtually), 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.

Online Activities

- A total of 3 FSWs and 7 Clients of FSWs was reached through online platform for HIV testing, STI, PrEP & Covid-19 prevention in Jhapa.
- Also 1 FSW was followed through phone for HIV testing, STI and COVID-19 prevention in Jhapa.
- Also 9 PLHIV (6 male and 1 female) were followed through phone for ART adherence, index partner testing, viral load testing and other services in Jhapa.
- A total of 13 merosathi bookings were made in Jhapa for November, among them 8 arrived and performed HTC, all were non-reactive.

ARV Distribution Services

- In this period 8 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:

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- Not done in this period.

Creative events:

- **Jhapa**

Conducted creative event (PrEP focused) on 24th November in Birtamode City clinic. A total of 11 FSWs participated in the event, maintaining all the precautions including proper distancing and proper use of mask. It was facilitated by DIC operator, CBS and Case Manager. There was discussion on importance of PrEP and its continuation. A total of 10 FSWs performed HTC. Among them 1 was diagnosed positive whereas the other 9 with negative results were offered for PrEP. Among them, 2 initiated PrEP on same day. Also, FSWs were facilitated to make paper flowers for home decoration. This activity made the event more interesting and interactive. All the FSWs were thankful to AMDA Nepal for conducting such event specially for FSWs.

- **Sunsari**

Conducted creative event (PrEP focused) on 17th November in Itahari City clinic. A total of 12 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. There was discussion on services provided by EpiC Project clinic and detailed discussion of importance of PrEP and its continuation. A total of 4 FSWs performed HTC. Among them 2 were eligible for PrEP Initiation and Initiated PrEP and 2 were follow up clients for PrEP and refilled PrEP. Participants suggested it would be better if sanitary pad is supported by EpiC Project to KPs.

- **Morang**

Conducted creative event (PrEP focused) on 24th November in Biratnagar Field Office. A total of 10 FSWs 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 services provided by EpiC Project and detailed discussion of importance of PrEP and its continuation and played games of Maya Ko Bagaicha.

Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Training:

- Not conducted in this period.

Monthly joint inter-Network meeting:

- Not conducted in this period.

Viral Load campaign

In this period Viral load sample collection was done in coordination with BDS Sub IPs, ART Center and CCCs on 22nd November. During this period, a total of 10 samples were collected from Jhapa district and sent to Koshi Zonal Hospital. Also, 19 samples were collected on 16th November with the help of CCC, Bhadrapur and sent to NPHL this month.

Similarly in 15th, 22nd & 25th November 27 samples were collected and send to Koshi Hospital in coordination with BPKIHS ART center, Inaruwa ART Center.

Festival campaign social media posts:

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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 Team Leader and Sr. PO Birtamode city clinic and Itahari City Clinic on 21st and 23rd November respectively.
During monitoring visit of Birtamod city clinic: DIC, Digital SBC material, Daily plan of CBS/PN, mobility and coverage map of district, games, Index testing register along with use of partner elicitation box, HMIS register, clinic and lab observation with waste disposal flowchart, was done. Also, ensured safety & security of all beneficiaries & all staffs from COVID-19 Pandemic.

Community monitoring Scorecard:

- Not done in this period.

Provincial / Other GoN meeting:

- In this period participate in the Annual review meeting of Province one at Eastern star Hotel in Biratnagar from 30th October to 2nd November 2021. In the meeting there was participation from Province Health Directorate, Dhankuta, Ministry of Social Development, District Health Officers and Medical recorder from all District Health Offices, District Ayurvedic Offices, District Hospitals of Province One, representatives from all NGOs/INGOs of Province One, Biratnagar Metropolitan City Mayor, Health Coordinator, Health Secretary of Department of Health Services and other representatives related to Health sector of Province One. There was discussion and presentation following agendas
 - i) Health progress on different indicators of Province One from all districts.
 - ii) COVID-19 emergency preparedness and responses by Province One.
 - iii) Health Insurance objectives and its implementation modality.
 - iv) Supporting activities by NGOs/INGOs in the district and their reporting status.
 - v) Issues and challenges faced during program implementation.
 - vi) Way forward for FY2078/79
- Participated in the meeting of IBBS Survey organized by NCASC and NHRC in Jhapa, Morang, Sunsari and Illam district and supported in organizing meetings via arranging venue, participants and division of clusters for sample collection of Male Labor Migrants and distributed to CBOs of the districts.
- Participated in the opening ceremony of 16 days campaign of violence against gender on 25th Nov.2021 at Durga Party Palace organized by Itahari Sub Metropolitan City.

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- Participated in the meeting of DHO and Municipality of Jhapa, Morang, Sunsari and Ilam to plan the activities for World AIDS Day 2021 on 1st Dec.2021 with all stakeholders working in HIV/AIDS of the district

Quarterly Review Meeting

- Not done in this period.

Monitoring visit by GoN

- Not done in this period.

Trainings and Orientations:

- 4 days ToT on HIV treatment and viral load literacy was given to PCs on third week of November 2021 at Hotel Sambhala Kathmandu. There was discussion and practiced on Importance of HIV treatment, Mechanism of treatment, Viral load testing, Communication and Counselling skill, session plan and micro teaching session of all participants.
- 4 days training on Monitoring and Evaluation and R&R tools was given on third week of November 2021 to HA-ART of Inaruwa and Mechi ART Center at Hotel Radisson Kathmandu. There was discussion on ART program, MMD report preparation, recording and reporting of ART centers.
- 4 days training on motivational Interviewing of HIV/AIDS to newly appointed CBS Plus at Hotel Radisson Kathmandu.
- Virtual orientation on revised ART program report of to PC, M&E Officer, HA-ART on 26th November 2021.
- Virtual orientation to PCs on COVID-19 response to our KPs and our beneficiaries by Country Director on 29th November 2021.

Monthly ART center Meetings

- Not done in this period.

Target Vs Achievement

S.N.	Indicators	Target FY 2022	Achievement Nov.2021	Cumulative Achievement (Oct 2021-September2022) FY2022
1	KP_Prev	598	107	191(31%)
2	PP_Prev	501	121	210(41%)
3	HTS_TST_FSWs	423	86	154(36%)
4	HTS_TST_PPs	348	96	156(44%)
5	HTS_TST_POS_FSWs	13	1	2(15%)
6	HTS_TST_POS_PPs	48	7	12(25%)

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7	TX_New_FSWs	13	1	4(30%)
8	TX_NEW_PPs	133	10	17(12%)
9	TX_PVLS(D)	460	7	28(6%)
10	TX_PVLS(N)	437	7	27(6%)
11	STI_Screening	233	101	157(67%)
12	STI_Diagnosis & Treatment	86	45	64(74%)
13	PrEP_New	291	10	17(5%)
14	Condom distribution	90188	33480	40470(44%)
15	Stigma & discrimination reduction training	380	0	0%

Photos



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Pic: Conducted Creative Event in City Clinic.



Pics: Monitoring visit by Team Leader and Sr. PO at Itahari City Clinic

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Pics: Participated in the ToT of HIV Treatment and Viral Load Literacy

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Pics: Participated in the Annual Review Meeting of Province One at Biratnagar

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Pics: Participated in the opening ceremony of 16 days activism campaign against Gender Based Violence

Thank You.