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Objectives:

Objective 1: Increased access to and demand for HIV services that reduce HIV incidence and improve health and lives of PLHIV.

Support group meeting:

Jhapa: 9 female, 5 male=14

Sunshari: 12 females=12

Morang: 5 male 4 female=9

Jhapa:

AMDA-USAID Sustainable HIV Epidemic Control conducted support group meeting on 30th October, 2024 in Birtamod Field Office, Jhapa. A total of 14 PLHIV (9 female, 5 male) participated in the meeting. Meeting was facilitated by Case Manager, CBS & 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.

Sunsari

AMDA-USAID Sustainable HIV Epidemic Control conducted support group meeting on 25th October ,2024 in Itahari Field Office, Sunsari. A total of 12 PLHIV 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 about viral load.

Morang

AMDA-USAID Sustainable HIV Epidemic Control conducted support group meeting on 25th October 2024 in Biratnagar Field Office, Morang a total of 9 PLHIV (4 Male and 5Female) participated in the meeting. Meeting was facilitated by Case Manager and PN. Discussion was done on Importance of viral load importance & benefits, adherence, mental health.

Monthly review meeting:

Virtual Orientation meeting was conducted on October 18th, 2024 for AMDA-USAID Sustainable HIV Epidemic Control Project in participation of the board member from AMDA Nepal, Chief of Party, HIV

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Service Director and all the field staffs which was facilitated by Mr Achyut Sapkota, Rashmee Putuwar, Dr. Kiran Bastola and Rohit Uranw. Orientation was provided on AMDA Nepal policies and guidelines regarding HR, Financial management and USAID Sustainable HIV epidemic Control project activities and targets.

Online Activities:

In this reporting period 49 people booked for service through online of which 46 of them arrived to receive the service in Sunsari.

In this reporting period 16 people were phone followed in Jhapa.

ARV Distribution Services

- Not done in this period.

Relief Packages

- Not done in this period.

COVID-19 Isolation Kit:

- Not done in this period.

Hygiene kit Distribution:

- Not done in this period.

Creative events:

Sunshari 12

Morang 12

Jhapa 12

- **Sunsari:**

Conducted creative event (PrEP focused) on 28th October, 2024 in Itahari City clinic. A total of 12 participants were in the event, maintaining all the precautions including proper distancing and proper use of mask. It was facilitated by Case manager DIC Operator and CBS. There was discussion on importance of PrEP and its continuation. They are also taught about mental health, mediums of HIV

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transmission and ways to prevent it. Through the event, 1 FSW (1.3) re-started PrEP, 2 PrEP refill (1.2=1 67=1), 1 HIV Screening by FSW (67), 2 STI Screening (1.2=1, 67=1) and 1 FSW (1.2) was diagnosed and treated for STI.

3 Re started &/or refill PrEP

1 HIV testing

3 STI screening &/or treatment

total 12

- **Morang**

Conducted creative event (PrEP focused) on 22th February in Biratnagar Field Office. A total of 12 FSWs were participated in the event facilitated by CBS, PN and Case Manager. There was discussion on importance of PrEP and its continuation, HIV prevention & treatment. Information was also provided on mental health.

- **Jhapa**

Conducted creative event (PrEP focused) on 29th October in Birtamod City clinic. A total of 12 FSWs (12-1.3) were participated in the event which was facilitated by HA, DIC, CBS & P.N. Discussion was done about the importance of PrEP its advantages, sexually transmitted Infections (STIs) and its effects. In this event, 8 KP tested for HIV & STI and 1 KP started PrEP, 2 KP restarted PrEP, Also 2 KPs was diagnosed and treated for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs).

Jhapa: 8 tested for HIV

1 started PrEP

2 restarted/refilled PrEP

2 diagnosed and treated for STI

Total 12

Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Training:

- Conducted stigma and discrimination reduction training was organized on 28th October, 2024 at Kamal Municipality, Padajungi bridge construction site at damak Jhapa. In the orientation there was presence of 42 participants among them 35 male and 7 were female. The program was conducted by HIV Prevention officer, Case manager, Lab Assistant & CBS, PN from AMDA Nepal. The participants of the program were construction labor, kitchen helper, construction engineers and drivers. The program

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was interactive and discussion was done about different aspects of HIV, AIDS and stigma & Discrimination. Further, we offered and conducted CLT to those participants who were interested to know their HIV status and done testing.

Viral Load campaign

- In Morang district total of 9 viral load sample collection was done on October, 2024 in coordination with ART Center and BDS sub-IPs and send to Koshi Zonal Hospital.
- In Sunsari a total of 12 viral load sample collection was done on October in coordination with ART Center and BDS sub-IPs and send to Koshi Zonal Hospital.
- In Jhapa a total of 40 viral load result received among them all are suppressed.

Morang 9

Sunshari 12 viral load sample collection

Condom Day celebration:

Name of organizations participated:

Jhapa :AMDA Nepal, Health Office Jhapa, Birtamod municipality, Mechi Provincial hospital Mechi, ART Center Bhadrapur, AHF Nepal Jhapa and CLM Jhapa.

Ilam: AMDA Nepal, CCC, ART site- Ilam district hospital, DHO and FPAN in coordination with Ilam municipality.

Sunsari:Itahari sub-metropolitan city, AMDA Nepal, Human Welfare Society, Mahila Sahayogi Samuha, Prayash Mahila Samuha, Astha Foundation, Shramik Mahila Sajha Manch, Jagaran Aarogya Kendra, Mariestopes, Maiti Nepal, Sahara samaj, Mitini Nepal and FPAN.

Morang: Amda Nepal, Biratnagar Metropolitan city, Pariwartanshil Samaj, Sparsha Nepal, FPAN, Richmond Fellowship, Koshi hospital, AHF Nepal, NAP+N Morang and NATA Morang.

Activities:

Jhapa:

- Informative message on importance and uses of condom was disseminated through audio clip.

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- Also, Information stall was kept at Illam stand Birtamod area with IEC materials; condom promotion, distribution and demonstration. Almost 57 people participated in the stall among which 48 were male, 9 were female and gained the information and knowledge.
- Total 2880 pieces of condom were distributed.
- Total 12 self kits were distributed and 1 was displayed.

n-57(48 male, 9 female)

2880 condom distribution

12 self kits distributed

Ilam:

- Play card preparation, condom distribution and exhibition through rally from Tudikhel to Ilam Chowk Bazar. Informative messages and importance of proper condom use disseminated through the play cards.
- Almost 20 people participated in the program
- Total 1080 pieces of condom were distributed.
- Finally, candle lighting was done in the middle of Ilam Chowk Bazar.

N=20

Condom=1080

Sunsari:

- Information stall was kept in front of Itahari Sub-Metropolitan City.
- IEC materials; condom promotion, distribution, awareness about the importance of condom in HIV/STI prevention and demonstration were done during the event.
- Around 15900pieces of condom were distributedto the rickshaw driver, bus driver and high risk and priority populations' of the city.
- Free HIV/STI counseling and HIV screening to high risk KPs and PPs.

N= NA

Condom=1590

Morang:

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- Information stall was kept at Biratnagar Bus Park chowk with IEC materials; condom promotion, distribution and demonstration. Almost 38 people participated in the stall and gained the information and knowledge.
- IEC materials; condom promotion, distribution and demonstration were done during the event and 350 condoms were distributed to clients.

N=38

Condom-350

Challenges

- Though stalls were set for IEC materials and free condom distribution, there was still hesitation in people to talk about Condom and its use, in public area. Hence, we could not distribute condom in the expected quantity in Jhapa.
- In Morang district, we were unable to distribute needed condoms due to deficiency of condom stock.

Festival campaign social media posts:

- Not done in this period.

Objective 2: Strengthened utilization of data to monitor service delivery and conduct quality improvement of program services.

Data Quality Assessment:

- Not done in this period.

Monitoring visits:

- Not done in this period

Data Quality Assessment (DQA) :

- Not done in this period.

Provincial / Other GoNmeeting:

- Not done in this period.

Monitoring visit by GoN

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- Monitoring visit was done by Social Welfare Council on 25th October at Itahari city Clinic, Koshi Hospital and Itahari Sub-metropolitan city. In the visit the team visited Koshi ART Center and Laboratory unit for interaction with ART Counselors, HA- ART on kind of service delivery and support to KPs, PPs and PLHIV from projects with Issues and challenges they facing ART Centers during service delivery with recommendations and areas to be incorporated in coming project. They also visited Itahari Sub Metropolitan City Health Section to know kind of service delivery and support to KPs, PPs and PLHIV from projects with Issues and challenges they facing during program implementation and recommendations and areas to be incorporated in coming project. After that SWC team visited AMDA Nepal Itahari field Office and had interaction with Key beneficiaries on satisfaction with of service received from AMDA Nepal City Clinic and their expectations from projects in coming days.

Objective 3: Sustainability roadmap and implementation plan for the HIV response developed and implemented in collaboration with the Government of Nepal (GoN) and other stakeholders.

Monthly joint inter-Network meeting:

- In this period participated in the coordination and planning meeting with key stakeholders at Itahari Sub Metropolitan city, Health Section Office for 30th National Condom Day celebration planning on Oct.18th, 2024. In the meeting there was planning of Informative stall for free distribution of Condom, lube, IEC materials, counseling for HIV/STI services, social media posting in front of sub metropolitan city office.

Trainings and Orientations:

- In this period participated in the DATIM Training was conducted by FHI360 at Kathmandu, on 21-22 October,2024 with the participation of Chief of Party, HIV Service Director, Program/M&E Specialist, HIV Prevention Officer from AMDA Nepal along with Blue Diamond Society and M&E/ Program Associate at Hotel Manaslu, Lazimpat.
- In this period Online Facilitator participated in the Training on Motivational Counseling was conducted at Pokhara, Nepal on22-25 October, 2024 with the participation of Online Facilitator at Mount Kailash Resort.

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Monthly ART center Meeting.

- Not done in this period.

Central Level:

- 7 members working group has been formed under the command of COP, with HSD, M&E Specialist, HPO, M&E Associates both from Itahri field office and Birtamod Field Office and Admin & fianance Officer. The working group sit together virtually on a weekly basis and discuss the current program implementation status, key issue, challenges and way forward.
- Annual Implementation Work plan has been finalized and is on process of submission. (2nd milestone)
- Annual MEL plan is being drafted and is in process of finalization.
- Project Management guideline(PMG) is being drafted and being finalized. The guideline contains flow of command, delegation of authority along with programmatic obligation/duties/responsibilities of all the project staffs.
- Coordination with NCASC Director has been done with visit from AMDA Secretary, COP, HSD to NCASC. Request letter for official letter from NCASC to ART center for placement of ART counsellor has been registered in NCASC. The director request for formal letter from USAID to issue placement letter.
- Planning for Inception was done with tentative date on December with LOP from government side, USAID, FHI, other INGOs, NGO, CBO, Provincial health stakeholders, District stakeholder and Representative from Hub hospital, referral hospitals, CBO and so on.

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Photos of the event



Fig: Creative Event at Birtamod City Clinic

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Fig: Support Group Meeting at Morang Field Office

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Pics: Free

Condom & lube distribution during National Condom Day



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Pics: Monitoring Visit by Social Welfare Council at Itahari city clinic, Koshi Hospital and Itahari Municipality.



Pics: S&D reduction orientation to Asian Highway workers at Damak, Jhapa



Pics: Meeting at AMDA Central Office for USHEC project