

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 virtual support group meetings in Sunsari and Morang districts on 18th and 28th June 2021 through Facebook messenger. A total of 18 PLHIV (13 Male and 5 Female) were participated. The meeting was facilitated by Case manager and PN. Discussion was done on Adherence to treatment, awareness and safety precautions against COVID-19, Tenofovir Lamivudine and Dolutegravir (TLD) regimen, VL/CD4 testing, U=U, ART adherence, VL testing, VL suppression, Importance of PrEP and Index based partner testing. During the meeting discussion about prevention from the risk of COVID-19 & suggest to follow all the guidance imposed by government of Nepal & its local authorities for the prevention & control measures to follow.

Monthly review meeting:

AMDA EpiC Nepal conducted monthly review meetings to review the progress and decide way forward was done on 28th June in Sunsari, Jhapa and Morang respectively. In the meeting there was presence of 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.
- Targets to be achieved till June for 74%.
- Known positive mapping for known positive listing & follow ups.
- Target division for each district to achieve 66% till May 2021.
- Safety & security of all beneficiaries & all staffs from COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Proper counseling and enrollment in biometric system of all PLHIV to minimize duplication of cases.

Online Activities

- A total of 6 KP & 116 PP was reached through online platform for HIV testing, STI, PrEP & Covid-19 prevention in Sunsari.
- A total of 21 KP & 37 PP was reached through different online platform for HIV testing, STI, PrEP & Covid-19 prevention in Morang.
- A total of 6 KP, 32 PP and 1 PLHIV reached through online platform for HIV testing, STI, PrEP and COVID-19 prevention in Jhapa.
- Also 62 KPs and 14 PPs were followed through phone for HIV testing, STI, PrEP and COVID-19 prevention in Sunsari.
- Also 42 KPs and 41 PPs were followed through phone for HIV testing, STI, PrEP and COVID-19 prevention in Morang.
- Also 148 PLHIV(82 male and 66 female) in Sunsari and 69 PLHIV(39 male and 30 female) were followed through phone for ART adherence and viral load testing.

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- Also 17 KPs and 45 PPs were followed through phone for HIV testing, STI, PrEP and COVID-19 prevention in Jhapa.

ARV Distribution Services

- In Sunsari, 75 PLHIV (43 Male & 32 Female) were received ARV at community as well as home with the support from Case Manager, FS, CBS, PN, HA-ART as well as PC & M&E staffs.
- In Morang, 41 PLHIV (17 male & 24 Female) were received ARV at community as well as home with the support from Case Manager, FS, CBS, PN, HA-ART.
- In this period 100 PLHIV were supported in pill pick up from ART center in community and home among them 7 were out of EpiC by PN, CBS, Lab, HA, HA-ART, also 91 PLHIV were follow up via phone for ART adherence in Jhapa.

Relief Packages

In this period KPs and PPs were supported to link with the local governance to receive the relief packages due to lockdown of COVID-19. In Sunsari 7 KPs and 1 PPs were supported to link with Mahila Sahayogi Samuha and 5 KPs in Morang Pariwartansil Samaj were linked for relief packages, which contains 25 kg packet of rice, kg pulses, oil, salt, soyabean etc.

COVID-19 Isolation Kit:

In this period 2 AMDA EpiC Project staffs, 3 PLHIV and ART counselor of Koshi ART Center were supported with COVID-19 Isolation Kit who were affected by COVID-19 in the district. Isolation kit contains Pulse Oximeter, thermometer, Mask, Sanitizer, Gloves, Tissue wipes, Soap, Vitamin C, Vitamin D, Zinc, Paracetamol, ORS and Cough syrup.

Creative events:

- Not done in this period.

Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Training:

- Not done in this period.

Monthly joint inter-Network meeting:

- Coordination meeting was done on 27th June between AMDA Nepal and Pariwartansil Samaj Morang. In the meeting there was presence of PC, M&E Officers, Case Managers and Field supervisor. There was discussion on following issues:
 - i) **Clinical services of Morang districts:** All clinical services will be delivered from Pariwartansil Samaj clinic effective from July 2021. In case of any support needed AMDA Nepal will support and all the clients' documents will be maintained and keep safely in clinic after service delivery.

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- ii) **Recording and reporting:** Clinical services recording and reporting will be done by Pariwartansil Samaj clinic of Morang district and AMDA Nepal will support as per need and every month clinical daily and monthly logsheet will be provided from AMDA Nepal as conducted by AMDA Nepal in Morang district.
- iii) **Handover of clients file:** AMDA Nepal will handover all the clients file for clinical services of Morang district to Pariwartansil Samaj after reporting of June 2021 in 1st week of July 2021.

Viral Load campaign

In this period Viral load campaign was conducted on 22nd and 23rd June in Jhapa, Morang and Sunsari in coordination with BDS Sub IPs, ART Center and CCCs. During this period a total of 41 sample collected in which 25 from Jhapa, 9 from Morang and 7 samples from Sunsari and sent 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:

- DQA was conducted on 10th June 2021 by FHI360 for the period of FY21 Semi Annual one October 2020 to March 2021 of Jhapa district. There was presence of Sr. PO, Sr Ms. Salina Joshi, M&E Technical Advisor Mr. Pradip Kumar Thakur, AMDA Technical advisor Dr. Anil Kumar Das, AMDA PC, M&E, City Clinic and field level staffs of Jhapa district. In the DQA process there was verification and discussion on:
 - 1) Number of new people contacted in HIV prevention of Oct.2020
 - 2) Number of individuals who were newly enrolled on oral antiretroviral pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to prevent HIV infection in the reporting period of March 2021.
 - 3) Number of individuals who received HIV Testing and Counseling (HTC) services for HIV and received their test results (HTS-TST) of Nov.2020.
 - 4) Number of KPs tested HIV positive (HTS_TST_POS) of Jan. 2021.
 - 5) Number of adults and children newly enrolled on antiretroviral therapy (TX_NEW) of Feb.2021
 - 6) Number of new PLHIV received ART at community/home of Oct. 2020.
 - 7) Number of lost to follow up PLHIV restarted ART of Dec.2020
 - 8) Number of New HIV positive (as reported to DPHO in HMIS 9.3) (Ashoj 15, 2077 to Chaitra 18, 2077)

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Monitoring visits:

- Not done in this period.

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:

- Not done in this period.

Monthly ART center Meetings

- Virtual monthly meeting was conducted with ART centers of Jhapa, Morang, Sunsari and Illam districts on 28th June 2021. In the meeting there was presence of ART Councilors of ART centers of Jhapa, Morang, Sunsari and Illam districts, AMDA PC, M&E Officers, HA ART of all ART Centers and Field Supervisor. In the meeting there was discussion on following agenda:
 - EID Sample collection:** There are 7 EID samples from BPKIHS, 6 EID samples from Koshi and 4 EID samples from Mechi ART Centers to be collected immediately and AMDA Nepal EpiC Project will support to collect EID sample and send to NPHL in coordination with ART centers.
 - Viral Load Testing:** Due to Pandemic situation of COVID-19 lockdown we have been unable to collect VL samples in April and May 2021 from Jhapa, Morang, Sunsari and Illam districts and currently the situation is being little better so we will plan for VL testing on 2nd week of July 2021 in coordination with ART centers and send to Koshi Zonal Hospital.
 - ART distribution:** During this COVID-19 lockdown period most the clients are unable to come ART centers so EpiC Project is supporting for ARV distribution in home and community level in coordination with ART centers and CCCs and no one has missed to refill ARV in this situation.

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(iv) **Minimization of duplication:** All new and old diagnosed PLHIV are supported to enrolled on biometric by ART centers of Jhapa, Morang, Sunsari and Illam districts. Also, to minimize duplication of cases ART councilors will deeply take clients history of previously taking ARV from any other sites during counselling. If any clients seem doubtful then will keep on observation for some days and enrolled on ART after confirmation. 2 cases were found duplication from Koshi ART center in this month who were previously enrolled on BPKIHS ART Center.

Target Vs Achievement

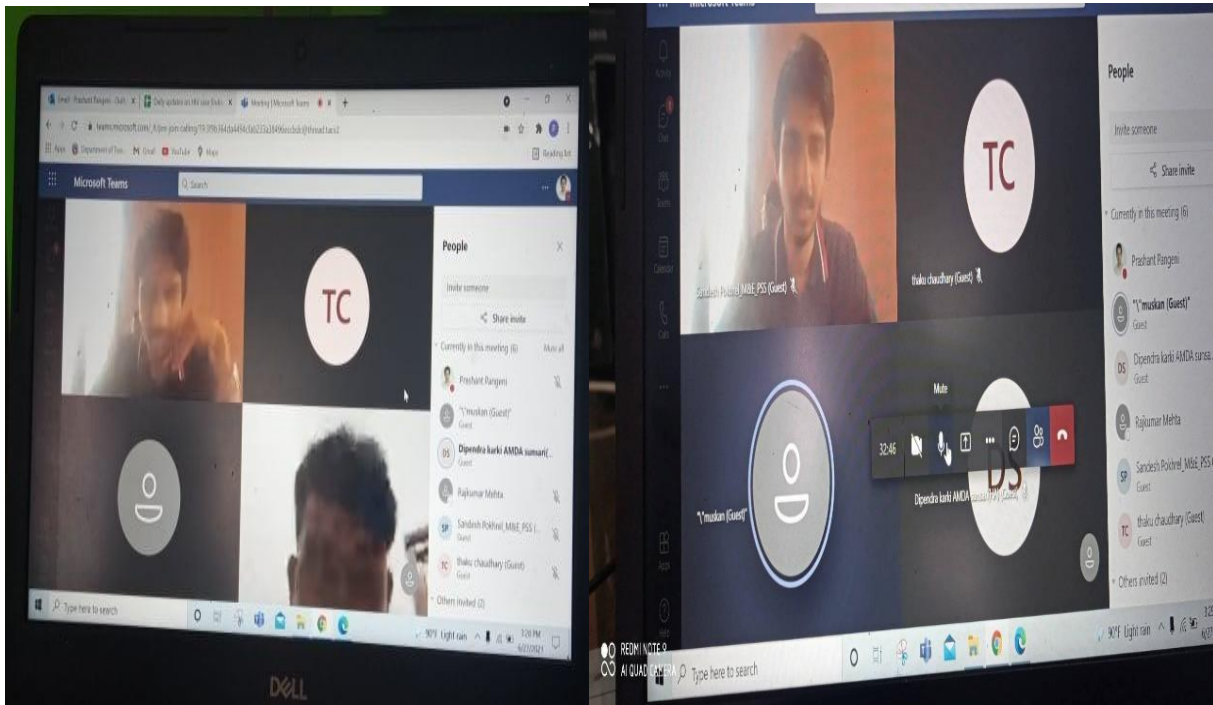
S.N.	Indicators	Target FY 2021	Achievement In June.2021	Cumulative Achievement (Oct 2020-June 2021) FY2021
1	KP_Prev	823	9	616(74%)
2	PP_Prev	686	26	764(111%)
3	HTS_TST_FSWs	576	7	384(66%)
4	HTS_TST_PPs	530	13	383(72%)
5	HTS_TST_POS_FSWs	12	0	8(66%)
6	HTS_TST_POS_PPs	37	3	55(148%)
7	TX_New_FSWs	12	0	7(58%)
8	TX_NEW_PPs	171	2	92(53%)
9	TX_PVLS(D)	561	9	292(52%)
10	TX_PVLS(N)	537	6	265(49%)
11	STI_Screening	274	7	455(166%)
12	STI_Diagnosis & Treatment	76	4	242(318%)
13	PrEP_New	144	0	116(80%)
14	Condom distribution	223872	4567	1484499(66%)
15	Stigma & discrimination reduction training	300	0	176(58%)

Photos:

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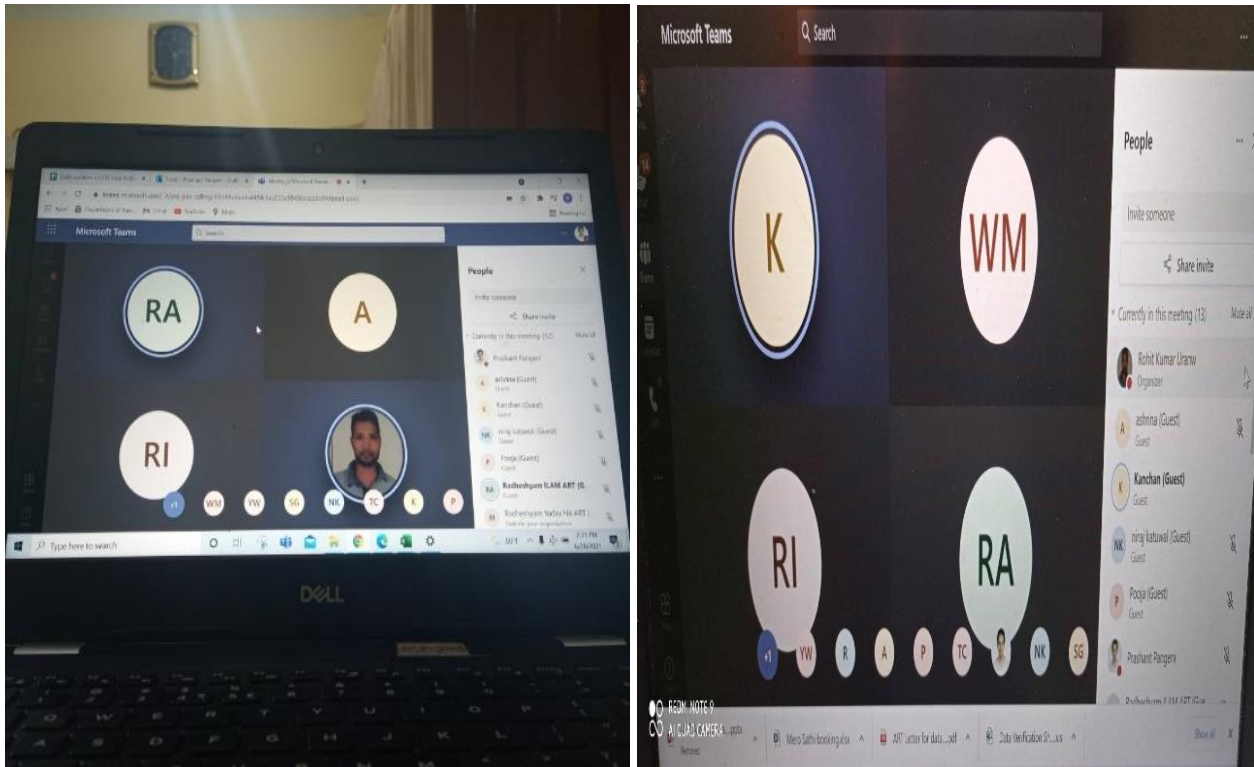


Pics: Virtual Support Group Meeting



Pics: Virtual coordination with Pariwartansil Samaj Morang

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Pics: Virtual monthly meeting with ART Centers of Jhapa, Morang, Sunsari and Illam district.

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Pics: Prepn of COVID-19 Isolation kit for COVID-19 affected PLHIV and AMDA EpiC Staffs.

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Pics: KPs & PPs were supported to link in relief packages from local governance.

Thank You.

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