

# **EpiC Nepal Project**

## **Monthly Update: February 2022**

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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:**

#### **Jhapa:**

AMDA EpiC Nepal conducted support group meeting physically on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Birtamode City Clinic. A total of 9 PLHIV (5 Male and 4 Female) participated in the meeting. Meeting was facilitated by Case manager, PN & Covid Response officers. Discussion was done on COVID-19 & Vaccination, Health Insurance, U=U, ART enrollment and re enrollment of all positive cases, importance of Index based partner testing and COVID-19 vaccination.

#### **Sunsari**

AMDA EpiC Nepal conducted support group meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Itahari Field Office, Sunsari. A total of 9 PLHIV (4 Male and 5 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 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 EpiC Nepal conducted support group meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 in Biratnagar Field Office, Morang. A total of 20 PLHIV (12 Male and 8 Female) participated in the meeting, maintaining all the precautions including proper distancing and proper use of mask. Meeting was facilitated by Case Supervisor and PN. Discussion was done on Importance of COVID-19 vaccine & viral load importance & benefits. Among 20, 12 PLHIV participants sample was collection for Viral load testing.

### **Monthly review meeting:**

AMDA EpiC Nepal conducted monthly review meetings to review the progress and decide way forward on February 17<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Jhapa and Sunsari district. In the meeting, there was the presence of PC, M&E Officer, HA, CBS, PN and Lab staffs. There was discussion on following:

- District and indicators wise target vs achievement.
- Minimizing data errors while filling up the forms
- QR code distribution and its recording
- Recording of 180 days follow up in a separate Register
- Follow-up of COVID Vaccination and its recording and reporting.
- Keeping Separate Register for PrEP
- Index Testing and IPV screening.

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#### **Online Activities**

- A total of 3 KPs and PPs were reached through online platform for HIV testing, STI, PrEP & Covid-19 prevention in Jhapa.
- Similarly, 16 KP & PPS were followed through phone for HIV testing, STI and COVID-19 prevention in Jhapa.
- Also 16 PLHIV (7 male and 9 female) were followed through phone for ART adherence, index partner testing, viral load testing and other services in Jhapa.

#### **ARV Distribution Services**

- In this period, 6 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:**

- Not done in this period.

#### **Hygiene kit Distribution:**

- In this period 9 clients were distributed hygiene kit (5 male and 4 female) after the support group meeting in the Jhapa district in this month.
- In this period 16 KPs were distributed hygiene Kit after creative event in Sunsari district.

#### **Creative events:**

- **Sunsari**  
Conducted creative event (PrEP focused) on 25<sup>th</sup> February in Itahari City clinic. A total of 16 FSWs participated in the event, maintaining all the precautions including proper distancing and proper use of mask. It was facilitated by PC, M&E, DIC Operator and CBS. There was discussion on importance of PrEP and its continuation. They are also taught about the personal hygiene and distributed hygiene kit to all participant.
- **Morang**  
Conducted creative event (PrEP focused) on 22<sup>th</sup> February in Biratnagar Field Office. A total of 10 FSWs, 6 (1.3) and 4 (1.2) were 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 importance of PrEP and its continuation, HIV prevention & treatment. Where 3 KP restarted PrEP.
- **Jhapa**  
Conducted creative event (Covid-19, Prep focused) on 23<sup>rd</sup> February in Birtamode City clinic. A total of 11 (FSWs) participated in the event, maintaining all the precautions including

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proper distancing and proper use of mask. It was facilitated by Covid Response officers, Case Manager, CBS & P.N. Discussion about Covid, covid hotline number and importance of covid vaccination & PrEP in aspect to HIV & AIDS was done. The program was interactive and the questions of participants were also solved in this matter.

#### **Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Training:**

- Not done in this period.

#### **Monthly joint inter-Network meeting:**

- Participated in the monthly meeting of ART center of BPKIHS on Feb.20, 2022 organized by Human Welfare Society and discussion was done on Viral load testing with privacy maintain, update viral load report in DHIS -2 tracker. Follow up of IIT clients.

#### **Viral Load campaign**

- In this period altogether 28 viral load sample was collected in coordination with ART center, BDS sub-IPs and CCC at AMDA Nepal Birtamode city clinic, Jhapa and sent to Koshi Zonal Hospital.
- In this period altogether 47 viral load sample collection was done from AMDA Nepal Itahari city clinic in coordination with ART center, BDS Sub IPs, CCC and sent to Koshi Zonal Hospital.
- In Morang district total 18 viral load sample collection was done on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 in coordination with ART Center and BDS sub-IPs and send 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:**

- Not done in this period.

#### **Monitoring visits:**

- Not done in this period.

#### **Community monitoring Scorecard:**

- Not done in this period.

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#### **Provincial / Other GoN meeting:**

- Coordination visit was done with Mr. Sagar Prasai (HoD of Health Division of Ministry of Social Development) of Province One on February 13<sup>th</sup> 2022 with COVID-19 Response Office and briefly described the COVID-19 activities that is going to be implemented by EpiC Project in the district in coordination with Health Office of district.
- Coordination meeting was done with Health Office of Jhapa on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022. In the meeting there was presence of Chief of Health Office, Vaccine supervisor, HIV focal Person, AMDA PC, M&E Officer, COVID-19 response Officer, HA. In the meeting discussion was done on COVID-19 supportive activities that is going to be done by EpiC Project in coordination with Health Office.
- Coordination meeting was done with Health Office of Sunsari on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. In the meeting there was presence of Chief of Health Office, Vaccine supervisor, HIV focal Person, AMDA PC, COVID-19 response Officer, HA. In the meeting discussion was done on gap analysis of COVID-19 vaccinated in Koshi, Dewanjung, Harinagar, Bhokraha-Narsing Rural Municipality of Sunsari district. Mobilized FCHV, Youths, Local leaders and vaccinators to aware people on vaccination and minimize Gap. Also provide travel, communication and refreshment support to volunteers of Bhandari POE, Sunsari

#### **Monitoring visit by GoN**

- Not done in this period.

#### **Trainings and Orientations:**

- 2 days Online Outreach training was given to newly appointed CBS + of Morang district by Technical Unit of fhi360 virtually on February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

#### **Monthly ART center Meetings**

- **Mechi ART Center**

Monthly ART center meeting was conducted at ART center of Mechi Zonal hospital on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. In the presence of AMDA Nepal PC, M&E Officer, Covid Response officers, ART Counselor, HA-ART, Case, CBS Plus and Peer Navigator. Discussion was done about SIMS visit, Viral load tests, COVID vaccination and IIT follow-up during the event.

- **Koshi ART Center**

Monthly ART center meeting was conducted at ART center of Koshi Hospital on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. In the meeting there was presence of newly appointed Mesu, Matron, ART doctor, Administrator, AMDA PC, M&E, Lab Incharge, Lab assistant, ART counselor, HA-ART, Peer Navigator. Meeting was started by the round of introduction, brief description of activities of AMDA Nepal EpiC Project and supportive to ART center to strengthen the service delivery of the sites. Also requested to provide additional room for counseling to patients and manage the logistics of ART center.

- **Ilam ART Center**

Monthly ART Meeting was conducted at Ilam ART center of Ilam Hospital on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. In the meeting there was presence of AMDA PC, M&E, ART counselor, HA-ART,

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Peer Navigator, Lab Incharge. In the meeting there was discussion of sample collection of Viral load testing, COVID-19 vaccination, Index testing, IIT follow up and maintain register and timely entry of viral load report in DHIS-2 tracker.

### Target Vs Achievement

S.N.	Indicators	Target FY 2022	Achievement Feb.2022	Cumulative Achievement (Oct 2021-September2022) FY2022
1	KP_Prev	598	110	472(78%)
2	PP_Prev	501	109	529(105%)
3	HTS_TST_FSWs	423	81	383(90%)
4	HTS_TST_PPs	348	86	417(119%)
5	HTS_TST_POS_FSWs	13	2	9(69%)
6	HTS_TST_POS_PPs	48	5	36(75%)
7	TX_New_FSWs	13	0	9(69%)
8	TX_NEW_PPs	133	8	46(34%)
9	TX_PVLS(D)	460	32	168(36%)
10	TX_PVLS(N)	437	31	164(37%)
11	STI_Screening	233	98	452(193%)
12	STI_Diagnosis & Treatment	86	36	181(210%)
13	PrEP_New	291	11	65(22%)
14	Condom distribution	90188	13,115	87000(96%)
15	Stigma & discrimination reduction training	380	0	(103)27%

### Photos

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Pic: Monthly ART meeting at Koshi ART Center, Morang



Pic: Creative event with active PM and KPs taking PrEP for Initiation and continuation



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Pic: QR code distribution in private Medical/clinic sites



Pic : Conducting support group meeting at city clinic.

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Thank you.