

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:

Jhapa:

AMDA EpiC Nepal conducted support group meeting on 21st April, 2022 in Birtamode Field Office, Jhapa. A total of 9 PLHIV (4 male & 5 female) participated in the meeting. Meeting was facilitated by Case Manager, CBS & PN. Discussion was done about the importance of covid-19 vaccine, ART adherence, index testing as well as importance of the viral load. The program was interactive where the question of participants was responded by our staff.

Sunsari

AMDA EpiC Nepal conducted support group meeting on April 13th in Itahari Field Office, Sunsari. A total of 16 PLHIV (4 Male and 12 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 Viral load testing, U=U, ART enrollment and continued of all positive cases. Also on the upcoming New Year 2079, we exchange the wishes.

Morang

AMDA EpiC Nepal conducted support group meeting on April 13th in Biratnagar Field Office, Morang. A total of 13 PLHIV (5 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 Viral load testing, ART enrollment and continued of all positive cases. Among 13, 5 PLHIV participants sample was collection for Viral load testing.

Online Activities

- A total of 1 KP was reached through online platform for HIV testing, STI, PrEP & Covid-19 prevention in Jhapa.
- Similarly, 7 KP & PPs were followed through phone for HIV testing, STI and COVID-19 prevention in Jhapa.
- 19 (12 in Sunsari and 7 in Jhapa) merosathi bookings were done among them 5 in Jhapa and 9 in Sunsari received HIV/STI testing services.
- Also, 15 PLHIV (8 female & 7 male) were followed through phone for ART adherence, index partner testing, viral load testing and other services in Jhapa.

ARV Distribution Services

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Relief Packages

- Not done in this period.

COVID-19 Isolation Kit:

- Not done in this period.

Hygiene kit Distribution:

- In this period 14 clients were distributed hygiene kit after creative event 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 12th April in Itahari City clinic. A total of 13 FSWs, 9(1.2), 3(1.3) & 1(2.5) 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. Also on the upcoming New Year 2079, we exchange the wishes and also planned for upcoming year. Where 2 KP restarted PrEP.

- **Morang**

Conducted creative event (PrEP focused) on 20th April in Biratnagar Field Office. A total of 11 FSWs, 7 (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.

- **Jhapa**

Conducted creative event (PrEP focused) on 25th April in Birtamode City clinic. A total of 14 (FSWs) participated in the event. It was facilitated by M & E, Covid Response team, CBS & P.N. Discussion was done about the importance of PrEP, its continuity, HIV Prevention as well Treatment also about COVID-19 vaccination. In this event, 8 tested for HIV, 4 enrolled in PrEP and 1 restarted PrEP.

Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Training:

- Not done in this period.

Monthly joint inter-Network meeting:

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- Participated in the coordination meeting on Damak organized by Lead Nepal & NFWLHA. There was presence of staffs from Richmond foundation, CCC, catholic fund, Damak hospital and municipality staff. Discussion was done for working together with better coordination and collaboration incoming days.
- In this period participated in the coordination and sharing meeting in Itahari Sunsari organized by Human Welfare Society. There was presence from Itahari Sub-Metropolitan City, ART center, Mahila Sahayogi Samuha, Prayash Mahila Samuha, Sahara Samaj, Astha Foundation, ACT Nepal. There was discussion on LGBTIQ issues and challenges that to be addressed by local stakeholders and partners.

Viral Load campaign

- In this period, 5 VL load sample collection was done from AMDA Nepal Jhapa from Mechi Zonal hospital in coordination with ART Center, BDS Sub IPS, CCC and sent to NPHL.
- In this period altogether 22 viral load sample collection (4/4/2022-3, 4/11/2022-10, 4/18/2022-5, 4/25/2022-4) 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 10 viral load sample collection was done on April 13rd, 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.

Focus group Discussion

- Focus group discussion was conducted on ART Center, Mechi Zonal Hospital and AMDA NEPAL Birtamode City clinic by consultant Shradha Acharya about the IIT, Viral load, Quality of services by ART and way forward.

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Quarterly Review Meeting:

- In this period participated in quarterly review meeting organized by FHI360 in Janakpur from April 5-7. In the review there was presence of Team Leader, Sr.PO, PO, M&E Specialist along with PC and M&E Officers from Province One and Madhesh Pradesh. There was discussion on Issues, Challenges, good practices that was faced and done during conducting program activities to achieve the target in the districts and way forward to achieve the remaining target in coming quarter. Along with this there was discussion and session on data cleaning, Index Testing, EPOA, Merosathi Booking.
- In this period participated in policy, planning and budgeting meeting organized by AMDA Central Office in Bandipur, Tanahun from April 27-29th. In the meeting there was presence of President, Chief Administrator, Finance Controller, from AMDA Nepal CO, Incharge, Mesu, AFO from AMDA Damak Hospital, AMDA Dhulabari Hospital, AMDA Butwal Hospital, EpiC Project, AIHS, AMDA PoC Project, Breast and Cervical Cancer Project. In the meeting there was discussion on areas to be address in HR policy, Procurement policy so that Hospitals and projects can run effectively and get progress in achievement. Also discussed on target vs achievement and areas to be addressed to fulfill the gaps in coming days.

Monitoring visits:

- In this period monitoring visit was done by Dr. Kriti Adhikari from Technical unit in ART Center Mechi and Ilam to follow up on progress and updates on SIMS visit recommendation and feedback from April 12-13. Also visited Birtamod City Clinic for and get updates on SIMS recommendation.

Community monitoring Scorecard:

- Not done in this period.

Provincial / Other GoN meeting:

- Participated in Province level NHSSP FY2022-2030 strategic planning meeting in Biratnagar on April 10, 2022. In the meeting there was presence from Ministry of Health, Province Health Director, Province Data Statistics, representative from NHSSP, WHO, SCI, Karuna Foundation, SUSAHARA, NATA, FHI360, AMDA Nepal, NEPHEG, Save The Earth, NSI, BNMT, TLMN etc. There was discussion and group work on planning process and areas to be addressed in NHSSP FY2022-30.

Monitoring visit by GoN

- Not done in this period.

Trainings and Orientations:

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- 4 days Motivational Interviewing training was given to CBS + of Jhapa district by FHI 360 on April 18-21, 2022.
- 6 days STI case management training was given to Case managers of Jhapa and Sunsari District by FHI360 on April 24-29, 2022.
- 1 day training on CME on IPC was given to M & E, Covid Response officer, HA, HA-ART, Lab Assistant on April 28 at Itahari.

Monthly ART center Meetings

- **Mechi ART Center**

Quarterly ART center meeting was conducted at ART center of Mechi Zonal hospital on April 13th, 2022. There was presence of PC, M&E, Case Manager from AMDA Nepal and Lead Nepal, Staffs from CCC, Administrative staff, Lab Incharge, ART counselor, HA-ART. During the meeting, discussion was done about coordination between IPs for viral load sample collection, mode of sample storage and transportation, role of the Lab Incharge, ART Counselor in the viral load sample collection.

Target Vs Achievement

S.N.	Indicators	Target FY 2022	Achievement April.2022	Cumulative Achievement (Oct 2021-September2022) FY2022
1	KP_Prev	598	117	623(104%)
2	PP_Prev	501	141	803(160%)
3	HTS_TST_FSWs	423	94	517(122%)
4	HTS_TST_PPs	348	88	565 (162%)
5	HTS_TST_POS_FSWs	13	1	12(92%)
6	HTS_TST_POS_PPs	48	5	48(100%)
7	TX_New_FSWs	13	2	13(100%)
8	TX_NEW_PPs	133	7	58 (43%)
9	TX_PVLS(D)	460	36	359(78%)
10	TX_PVLS(N)	437	34	340 (77%)
11	STI_Screening	233	112	815 (349%)
12	STI_Diagnosis & Treatment	86	38	304 (353%)

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13	PrEP_New	291	21	107(36%)
14	Condom distribution	90188	11,229	111385(123%)
15	Stigma & discrimination reduction training	380	140	220(57%)

Photos:



Pics: Monitoring visit and by Dr Kriti at Mechi ART Center, Jhapa

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Pic: Focus group discussion at Birtamode City Clinic



Pic: Hygiene Kit distribution at Birtamode city clinic

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Pics: Participation in CME conducted at Itahari, Sunsari.

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Pics: Creative events at itahari office



Pics: Quarterly Review Meeting FY22Q2