

REPORT OF THE INTRODUCTORY MEETING ON EPiC PROJECT TO THE PREAH SIHANOUK PROVINCE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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The National Center for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology, and STD (NCHADS) management team under the leadership of Dr. Ouk Vichea, NCHADS Director, USAID, and EpiC team join a courtesy meeting with the Deputy Director of the Provincial Health Department and Provincial AIDS and STI Program (PASP) of Preah Sihanouk Province aimed at learning on the progress update of HIV program in the province and introduce the EpiC project as well as seeking further collaboration and support from PHD and PASP on the EpiC project implementation in this province.



NCHADS, USAID & EpiC meeting with PHD Deputy Director and PASP Manager at Preah Sihanouk PHD office.

During the meeting, the EpiC team has had a chance to introduce the overview of the EpiC project, a technical assistance (TA) only project, to PHD and PASP. The objective of the EpiC project is to deliver efficient, affordable, results-based TA to the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology and STD (NCHADS), the focus provinces and sub-sub-implementers (SSIs) and sub-sub-sub-implementers (SSSIs) teams to context and epidemiology that is effective in surging, scaling, and sustaining HIV services and systems for long-term epidemic control. EpiC has one Regional Technical Coordinator that provides TA supports for both Preah Sihanouk province and Kampong Spue province who will work closely with the PASP manager, ART sites, and CBOs working with KPs in these provinces on HIV program implementation.

This is an interesting meeting which comes up with a consensus idea that the HIV program should focus on the first 95 targets in findings new cases among the key population (KPs) and especially MSM and TG (in such high burden of entertainment establishment and mix of KP's nationality) and continue improving the quality of care and treatment service and ensure users-friendly services.

After an interactive discussion and brief presentation on the EpiC project, Deputy Director of PHD and PASP Manager of the Preah Sihanouk province welcome and gratitude with the presence of TA from EpiC and expressed their willingness to support and collaborate with the project to implement HIV program to contribute to the national target.

Take this opportunity, NCHADS through USAID's EpiC project, with funding from the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), provided personal protective equipment to antiretroviral treatment (ART) clinic and provincial health department at the Preah Sihanouk provincial health department. USAID's donation will help protect health workers in ART clinics in the province, as they deliver life-saving services to people living with HIV.



PPE handover from USAID-EpiC and NCHADS to Preah Sihanouk PHD at PHD office.

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