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The Launch Event of “Women Living with HIV Fertility Study Report”

27 January 2025, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology and STD, Phnom Penh

The National Center for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology, and STD (NCHADS), in collaboration with NMCHC, UNAIDS and Cambodia University of Technology and Science, have organized the meeting for the “Launch Event of Women Living with HIV Fertility Study Report”

The Objective of the Launch Event:

- Present the key findings of the Women Living with HIV Fertility Study.
- Facilitate discussions on the implications of the findings for eMTCT programming and policy.
- Foster collaboration among stakeholders to enhance data-driven approaches for eMTCT.

Expected Outputs

- Increased awareness of the fertility and breastfeeding practices of women living with HIV in Cambodia.
- Stakeholder recommendations on integrating findings into national eMTCT effort.
- Strengthened partnerships between government, civil society, and development partners for eMTCT.



There are 40 Participants came from

- NCHADS, NMCHC,
- UNAIDS, CamTech, and key technical partners (FHI360 EpiC)
- Civil society organizations (AUA, CPN+, CCW, CRS, EWNNet, AHF) and development partners (UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO, USAID, US-CDC, French Initiative, DFAT)
- Healthcare professionals and provincial health representatives with zoom meeting online from PASP and ART Team leader 12 provinces (15 ART sites): Seri Sophon RH, BMC, Battambang PH and Thmor Kol RH, BTB, Kampong Cham PR, KCM, Kampong Tralach RH, KCN, Chey Chum Neash PH, KDL, NCHADS ART Clinic 1, Pochintong RH and NCHADS ART Clinic 3, PNP, Prey Veng PH, PVG, Preah Sihanouk PH, PSN, Siem Reap PH, SRP, Stung Treng PH, STG, Romeas Hek RH, SVG and Takeo PH, TKO.

Honorable Persons for Opening the Launch Event:

1. Remarks by **Dr. Ye Yu Shwe**, Strategic Information Advisor, UNAIDS Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Malaysia.

2. Remarks by **Ms. Sean Souchetra**, Programme Manager of PMTCT on behalf of Director of National Maternal and Child Health Center.
3. Opening Remarks by **Prof. Ouk Vichea**, Director of NCHADS.

Presentation:

- Dr. Vatana Chea, Lead Researcher, make a presentation: Overview and Findings of Women Living with HIV Fertility Study.
- Opening flow for discussion and Stakeholder Feedback and Recommendations on the Fertility Study and Ways to improve EMTCT in Cambodia and Q&A Session, with facilitated by Dr. Ye Yu and Dr. Chhorn Samnang, Technical Assistant for NMCHC.
- Wrap up of the meeting by Dr. Chhorn Samnang, Technical Assistant for NMCHC.

Conclusion:

- For adolescents (15-19 years old)
 - o ASFR is higher than the general population
 - o Desire to have more children compared to other age groups
 - o More likely to visit private clinics for antenatal care but also more likely to visit public facilities for delivery
 - o More likely to lack knowledge concerning the impact of ART on MTCT

Policy Recommendation

- Develop an awareness campaign on the benefits of ART in preventing vertical transmission.
- Collaborate with local community partners to amplify awareness-raising messages.
- Create a guideline illustrating safe childcare and support for HIV-positive mothers.
- Provide counseling sessions for couples living with HIV to support informed reproductive health decisions.
- Train healthcare providers to ensure effective counseling and support for HIV-positive patients who desire to have children.
- Offer tailored treatment and support services package specifically for HIV-positive adolescents.

Closing Remarks:

Professor. Ouk Vichea, Director of National Center for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology and STDs (NCHADS) made the closing remarks of the “ Launch Event of Women Living with HIV Fertility Study Report”, by expressed gratitude for efforts of focal points from National Centre for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology and STD (NCHADS) and National Maternity and Child Health Centre (NMCHC), UNAIDS Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Malaysia, Cambodia University of Technology and Science (CamTech) for contributions to the successful implementation of the Cambodia Women Living with HIV Fertility Study and especially grateful for the dedicated, in coordinating with all concerned partners throughout the study's implementation. The collaboration of provincial health departments, PASPS, local stakeholders from ART sites, and volunteers played an essential role in this effort for this study.

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