



Training of Trainers on implementing Long Acting Injectable Cabotegravir as HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis

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The National Center for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology, and STD (NCHADS), in collaboration with the **EpiC** project of **FHI 360, USAID, RISE, MOSIAC** and **IHRI**, organized a Training of Trainers on CAB-PrEP at the Hyatt Hotel in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. This three-day event aimed to enhance the knowledge and skills of PrEP providers from Siem Reap, Battambang, Banteay Meanchey, and Phnom Penh on administering long-acting injectable Cabotegravir (CAB-LA) for HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).



This event was honored by the presence of esteemed guests, including **H.E. Dr. Hok Kim Cheng**, Director General for Health, Ministry of Health, **H.E. Dr. Tia Phalla**, Vice Chair of the National AIDS Authority, **Prof. Ouk Vichea**, Director of NCHADS, **Dr. Christopher Akolo**, Senior Director of FHI 360, **Ms. Stacy Wallick**, Team Lead for Infectious Diseases, USAID Cambodia, **Ms. Patricia Ongpin**, Country Director, UNAIDS Cambodia, **Dr. Deng Searongkea**, WHO Representative, and **Soth Peosamnang**, UN Youth Advisory Panel Cambodia. Representatives from the Provincial Health Departments of Siem Reap, Battambang, Banteay Meanchey, and Phnom Penh participated, along with key stakeholders such as KHANA, RHAC, MHC, MHSS, CWPD, AHF, CHAI, and community representatives. Virtual participation was also facilitated for broader engagement.

The event began with remarks from esteemed guests, emphasizing the critical role of CAB-LA in advancing HIV prevention strategies in Cambodia.



Prof. Ouk Vichea, Director of NCHADS, delivered a welcoming address, acknowledging the contributions of all participants and partners followed by a series of informative presentations by local and international experts from FHI 360, USAID, RISE, MOSIAC and IHRI, covering best practices, clinical guidelines, and strategies for overcoming challenges in CAB-LA implementation and adherence.

The core training sessions will commence on the afternoon of 21st January 2025 and continue until 23rd January 2025. This Training of Trainers on CAB-PrEP serves as a pivotal initiative in strengthening Cambodia's capacity to deliver innovative HIV prevention solutions.