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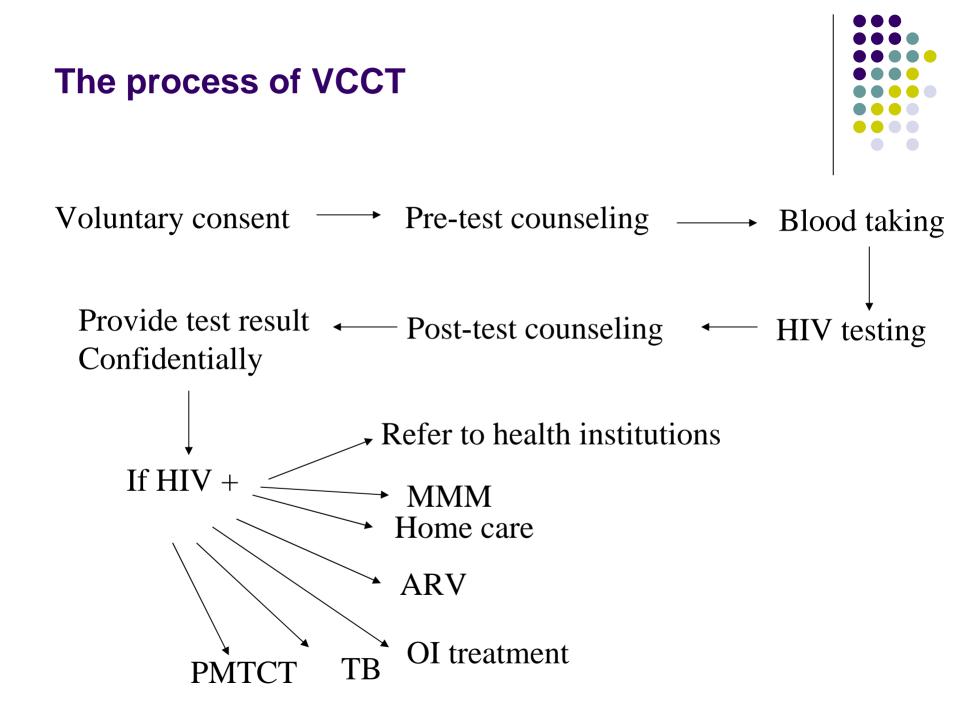
Objectives

- To reduce HIV transmission
- To serve as entry point and help PLWHA to access appropriate health care services and to improve their quality of life
- To facilitate behavior change and risk reduction.
- To reduce stigma and discrimination and support PLHA and family.
- To support ARV, PMTCT/TB and MMM program.



Background of VCCT services in Cambodia

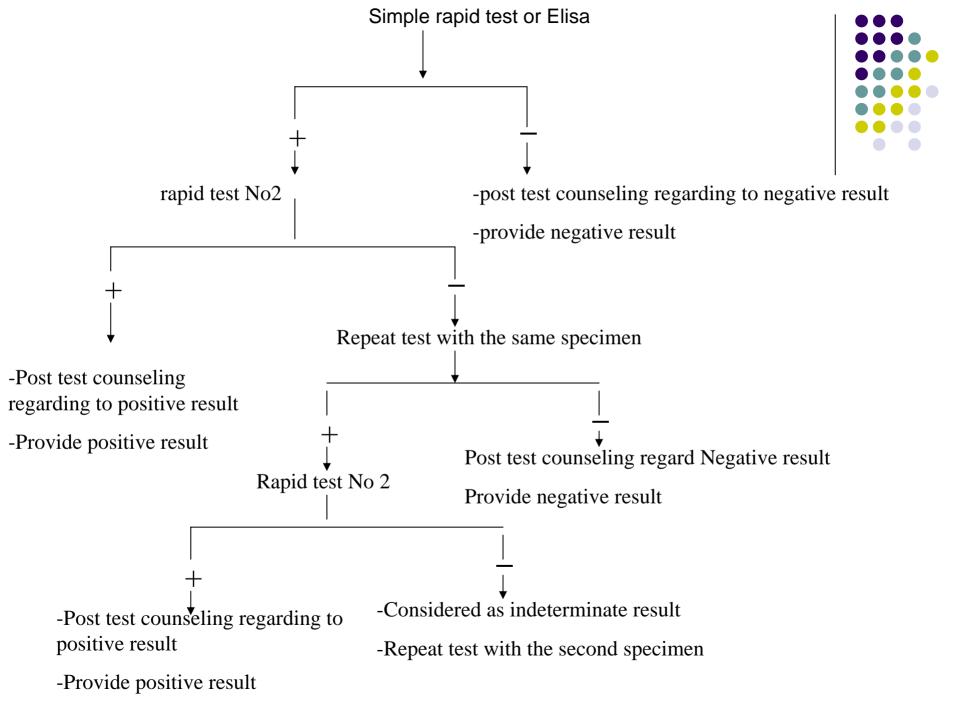
- First VCCT established in 1995 in Phnom Penh-until 2000, there were only 6 VCCT centers.
- At the end of 2005, there were 109 VCCTs in 24 province and towns.
- On 30 August of 2006, there are 134 VCCTs
- Policy and Strategy for HIV counseling and testing approved by MoH in 1995, 2002 (updated)
- HIV counseling curriculum developed
- HIV testing curriculum developed 2004
- Guidelines for Implementation VCCT developed 2004
- Guideline for Establishment of VCCT 2004
- SOP for Quality Improvement (QI) for HIV Counselling and Quality Control (QC) for HIV Testing in 2005



Advantages of HIV testing



- Prevent HIV transmission to others or further infection.
- Reduce stigma and discrimination
- Receive care and treatment
- Behavior change
- Medical and Social support
- Treatment on time
- Support Continuum of Care



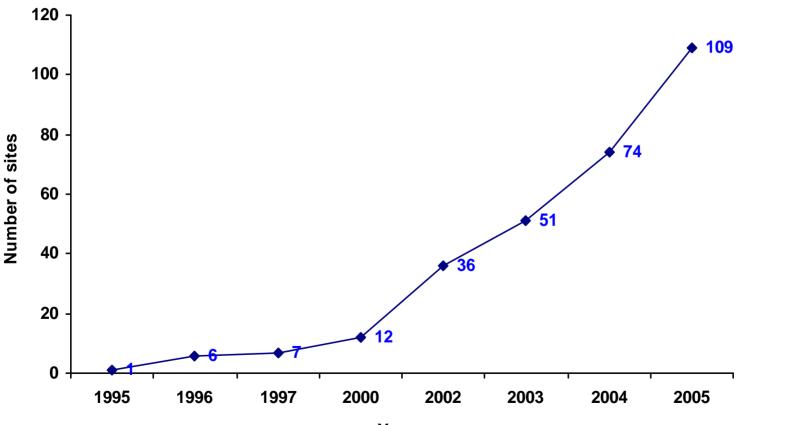
HIV testing procedures



- 1st option: Determine (1st)+ Uni-Gold or Stat-Pak (conf)
- 2nd option: ELISA (1st)+ Determine (conf)
- 3rd Option: Serodia (1st)+ Determine (conf)

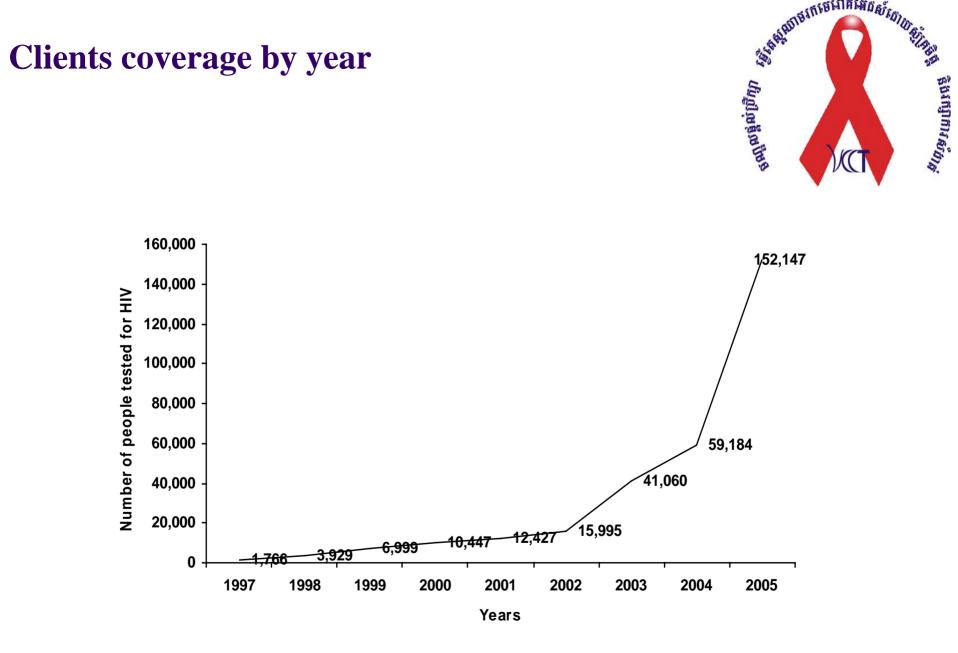
Program Outcomes

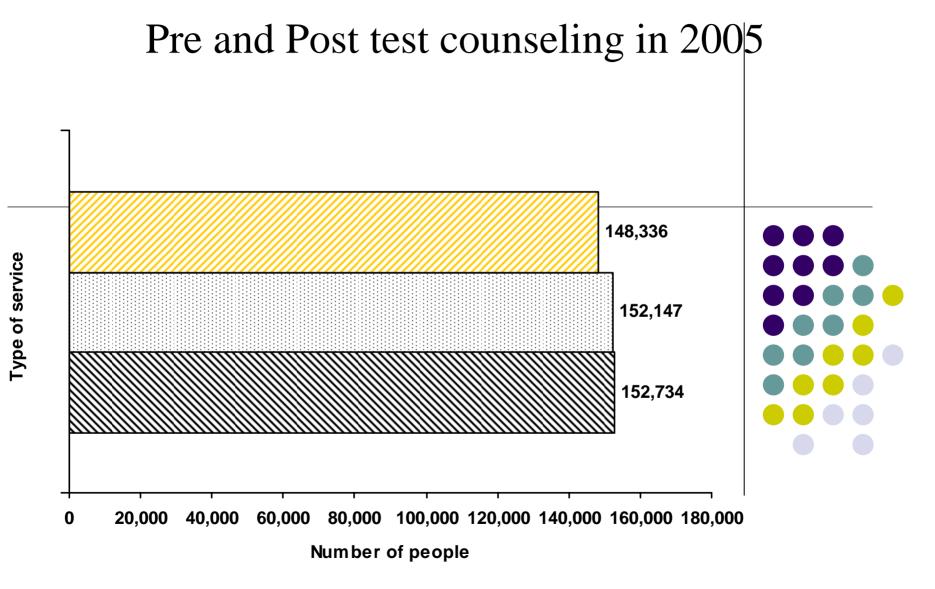
VCCT centers establishment by year



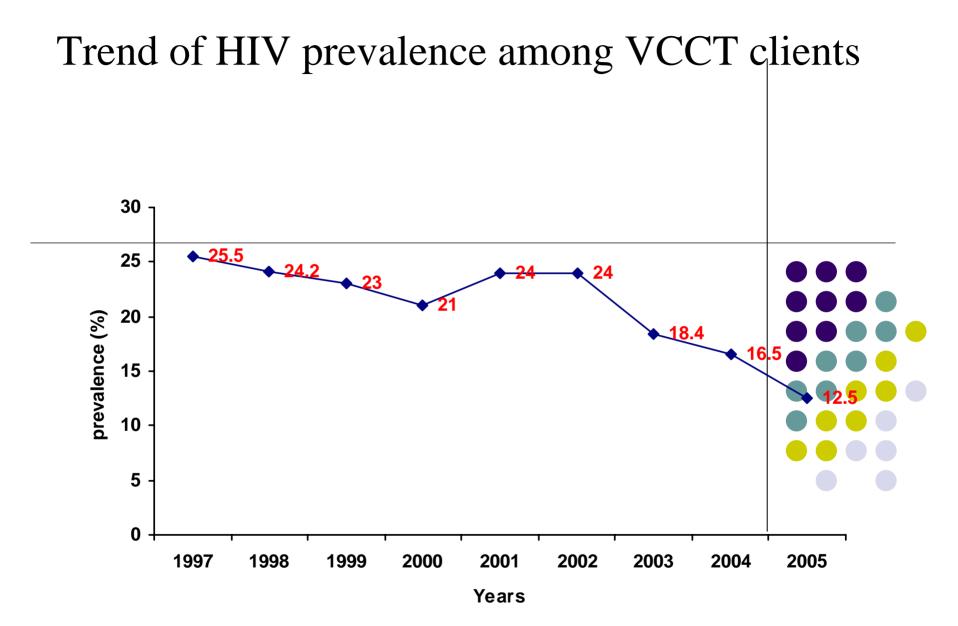


Years





[☑] Pre-test ☐ Tested ☐ Post-test



Lesson learned



- 1- Effective program ownership and leadership very necessary.
- 2-Good partnership: Government, NGOs, International organizations and donors.
- 3- Rapid expansion- need for quality assurance and control.
- 4-Logistic support very important.
- 5- Standardized technical guidelines necessary

Challenges



- Counseling Networks
- Strengthen Quality Improvement and Quality Control for HIV counseling and testing
- Mobilize resources to expand VCCT services
- Recruit PLWA for counseling services (lack staff at the HC).
- Supervision for quality management of services.

