



# Training on HIV Self-Testing Implementation SoP for Health Providers in PNTT Service at ART Sites

First batch: February 7-8, 2023 | Second batch: February 8-9, 2023 | Siem Reap Operational District, Siem Reap Province.

In Siem Reap Operational District, Siem Reap Province, NCHADS conducted two batches of training on HIV Self-Testing Implementation SoP for Health Providers in Partner Notification Tracing and Testing (PNTT) Service at ART sites with technical assistance from EpiC-FHI360 funded by DFAT through UNAIDS Cambodia on February 7-8 for first batch and February 8-9, 2023 for the second batch which benefit to a total number of 74 healthcare workers. The objective of the training was to (1) refresh of PNTT steps including the progress of HIV testing among partners, key challenges, and recommendations, (2) improve HIV testing including HIVST testing option and follow-up, and (3) enhance counseling skill to build trust, relationship with patients for partner elicitation.



The training started with following remarks from Mr Nhim Dalen, Deputy Director of EpiC project of FHI 360, Dr Ngauv Bora, Deputy Director of National Center for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology and STI (NCHADS) and opening remark by H.E Dr. Kros Sarath, Director of Siem Reap Provincial Health Department presided over the opening training session.

A total of 74 (30 are females) from two batches of training consist of PHD, provincial AIDS and STI program (PASP), ART team leader, clinician, counselor, emergency service for PEP, Lab, VCCT, data clerk, outreach worker, and CAA from selected health providers from referral hospitals such as Siem Reap, Sonikum, Kralanh, Angkor Children Hospital, Reproductive Health Association of Cambodia (RHAC), Men Health's Cambodia (MHC), including community action approach (CAA) staffs from the Catholic Relief Service (CRS).



There were six main presentations presented at the training, 1) refresh the eight steps of Partner Notification, tracing, and Testing by Mr. Chea Chamnan, Senior data management officer of NCHADS, 2) an overview of HIVST-PNTT guidance note by Dr. Chea Chankosalmony, VCCT unit of NCHAD, 3) updating the HIVST, testing procedure and testing flow by Dr. Chea Chankosalmony, VCCT unit of NCHADS 4) Motional Counselling and group practice by So Kimhai, EpiC-FHI360 5) Record and reporting forms by Mr. Chea Chamnan, 6) Small group discussion by Mrs. Nith Sopha and Mr. So Kimhai.

The two training courses on the HIV Self-Testing Implementation for Health Providers in PNTT service at ART sites have been very successful in updating attendees on the situation of HIV testing and testing options for both physically and virtually assisted mechanisms, sharing lessons learned, and having group discussions on the gaps and future directions for case finding. Additionally, it addressed how ART-VCCT counselors might enhance their counseling abilities to support patients with partner elicitation. The ART-VCC management team and healthcare providers value the data collection form, report, and data use. The positive interactions between the facilitators and participants during the training were another positive outcome. These interactions included the sharing of best practices for counseling among the CAA team regarding the current PNTT-HIVST implementation, with a focus on partner elicitation for patients who had recently received a diagnosis, as well as cooperation with CBO who are collaborating with KPs for additional counseling and follow-up.

