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**The welcome meeting and visit with USAID, FHI 360, and EpiC delegation on HIV in Cambodia**

January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | NCHADS Meeting Room | Phnom Penh | CAMBODIA



This welcome meeting had 35 participants, including representatives from UNAIDS HQ, FHI 360 HQ, and EpiC Consultants, representing a diverse set of expertise. **Prof. OUK Vichea**, Director of NCHADS, opened the meeting with welcome remarks, followed by a self-introduction of all the participants and delegations.

**Purpose and productivity of the meeting:**

**Review PEPFAR strategies for HIV prevention in Cambodia, focusing on:**

- Demand generation and Social and Behavior Change (SBC) strategies.
- Current progress of PrEP implementation.
- Opportunities for scaling up PrEP and improving retention while reducing dropout rates.

**Review PrEP data systems, including:**

- Challenges related to the interoperability between the PrEP database and other HIV databases.
- Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) strategies for PrEP coverage and measuring person-years on PrEP.

**Share best practices on:**

- Models for PrEP expansion and choice counseling, including oral PrEP, vaginal ring, and CAB-LA.

**Improve understanding of client preferences, focusing on:**

- Identifying gaps and opportunities for scaling up engagement and prevention programs for Young Key Populations (YKP).
- Leveraging digital health tools for program engagement and implementation.

### Key Presentation:

Dr. NGAUV Bora, Deputy Director of NCHADS, presented an overview of actively working towards preventing, key intervention care and treatment, and responding to HIV in Cambodia.

### Feedback and Key Discussion:

Participants engaged in discussions with the USAID delegation, addressing feedback, questions, and comments. Next steps were proposed to tackle the issues highlighted during the meeting.

### Site Visits:

The delegation would visit sites in NCHADS ART services and Kandal Province to:

- Enhance understanding of client preferences.
- Identify gaps in HIV prevention programs, particularly in the Prevention Program.



*(The visits at NCHADS ART Clinic I on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025 after the welcome meeting)*

### Closing Remarks

The meeting concluded with remarks from **Prof. OUK Vichea**, who expressed gratitude to the participants and enthusiasm for the collaboration ahead. He stated once again to welcome, NCHADS is excited to see what we'll achieve together and wish you all the best as we embark on this new chapter.

### Next Steps:

The delegation will conduct the scheduled site visits in Phnom Penh and Kandal Province and incorporate feedback to refine strategies for improving PrEP retention scaling up prevention programs and addressing interoperability challenges within PrEP data systems.

Thank you all for your active participation and valuable contributions during the meeting. Please feel free to reach out if you have any additional inputs or if you need any further information.

### Minutes were taken by:

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