

Minute Report on

“Consultative meeting to finalize the concept note to conduct situation analysis defining core bottlenecks, gaps/challenges and proposing actions for the improvement of POC VL and EID Testing for PMTCT/EID cascade in Cambodia”

The National Center for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology, and STDs convened a consultative meeting titled **“Consultative Meeting to Finalize the Concept Note for Situation Analysis on POC VL and EID Testing in the PMTCT/EID Cascade”** on July 11, 2025, at the NCHADS Meeting Room D. The



meeting brought together approximately 30 participants, including technical experts and stakeholders from NMCHC, CENAT, NCHADS, and partner organizations. The meeting aimed to review and finalize the concept note for a situation analysis to identify bottlenecks, gaps, and potential actions to strengthen Point-of-Care Viral Load (POC VL) and Early Infant Diagnosis (EID) testing services within the PMTCT/EID cascade in Cambodia. It also sought to secure technical support and coordination from NMCHC, CENAT, and relevant stakeholders for field visits to collect data, and to prepare a detailed plan for data collection activities.


Presided over by **Assist. Prof. Ouk Vichea, Director of NCHADS**, the meeting opened with remarks highlighting current national HIV data. The meeting proceeded with a presentation of the draft situation analysis concept note, **followed by constructive discussion and technical inputs**: The survey will apply mixed-method, quantitative and qualitative methods. Quantitative methods must incorporate comparative data from NMCHC and NCHADS to ensure clarity and depth of analysis. Roles in data analysis should be clearly assigned. Concerns were raised regarding site selection bias; however, criteria-based selection was considered acceptable. Participants suggested including urban sites such as the National Pediatric Hospital in Phnom Penh to enhance representativeness.

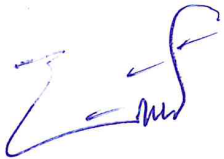


Next Steps: A preparatory meeting will be scheduled with data collection teams to review tools and ensure consistent practice. The interview guide will be refined and shared with technical experts to eliminate redundant questions. Formal letters will be drafted and sent to participating sites and stakeholders, including CENAT and MHC, requesting collaboration and support during field visits.

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