

Key Results and Challenges from HIV Programme

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Overview

- HIV Programme is in support of the NSP (2006-2010) implementation and fulfill its objectives.
- Covers the following area of work:
 - Care and treatment
 - Surveillance
 - Blood Safety
 - Methadone
 - PMTCT
 - VCCT
 - M&E
 - PSM
 - World AIDS Day



Achievement

- Care and treatment
 - 1830 adult and 85 children under ART treatment in 23 sites
 - Patient cohort analysis shows very good outcomes of patients enrolled, similar to INGO ART programmes
 - No shortage of the stock for the distribution of drugs
- Surveillance
 - First time dissemination of HSS/BSS with detail result by presenting the methodology, analysis and recommendations for further improvement in next rounds
 - NAP implements HSS in collaboration with other organisations outside the government (INGOs) and BSS among MARPS (FSW and MSM)



Achievement-cont'd

- Blood Safety
 - Blood donations screened for HIV in all hospital based laboratories
 - Implementation of the National External Quality Assessment Scheme for HIV testing (NEQAS) with the participation of INGOs
 - Blood donors advocacy meeting implemented in Yangon and Irrawaddy Division in 2008
- Methadone
 - Participation of the NAP manager to the MMT meeting showed programme progress
 - Number of patient covered by MMT increased



Achievement-cont'd

- PMTCT
 - Provision of PMCT services at 46 tsp (10 increased from 2008) and 65,040 pregnant women received HIV testing and post testing counseling
 - 381 HIV+ pregnant women (50% of known +) and 381 babies from positive mother received ARV for preventing PMTCT
 - Health staff received training and related supplies
- VCCT
 - Advocacy meetings conducted in 8 tsp
 - HIV test kits and blood collection tubes available in all 45 STI teams
 - IEC material distributed to VCCT sites and reaching target populations, reporting forms available
 - 17,512 male and 11,784 female tested in 2008



Achievement-cont'd

- M&E – Improved Progress Report disseminated; TSG Working Groups supported; draft M&E Framework and operational Plan developed
- Procurement Supply Management – Guidelines for Logistic Management Information System developed and Multiplier Training conducted (23 master trainer, 87 in two phased training sessions)
- World AIDS Day – 45 AIDS/STD teams supported for WAD activities at the State and Divisional level



Challenges/Lessons learnt

- Funding policy undermines the possibility to further develop capacity in public sector and jeopardise the sustainability of AIDS response.
- Current imbalanced quota of ART provision between public sector and INGOs limits the scale up of ART through public sectors



Challenges/Lessons learnt- cont'd

- Low number of dispensing sites and cumbersome induction protocol for MMT prevents rapid increasing of the number of patients.
- M&E and clarity of roles of partners in service provision
- Improvement of quality in VCCT/PMCT services



Recommendations

- Revisit fund flow mechanism for more flexible arrangements, particularly for public sectors
- Continue to expand ART within CoC framework with adequate support for OI treatment
- Increase the role of TSGs through its expertise in WGs in the proposal selection process for 3DF funding (with firewall to be established within TSG WGs for preventing conflict of interests)
- Considering increased role of Public sector in prevention (STI, 100% TCP)



Recommendation-cont'd

- Reduce barriers for access to MMT (eg: induction to be done at Out Patient Department)
- Improve PSM and commodity security
- Flexible fund for needed studies:
 - MARPs population size estimation
 - Increase the high risk group site in HSS and BSS



Thank you

