

INDEX CASE HIV TESTING AND COUNSELING

PRIVATE HEALTH SECTOR PROJECT



The Private Health Sector Project (PHSP) is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and aims to improve the provision of critical public health services by engaging private sector health facilities to deliver high quality care at an affordable cost in Ethiopia

Families of people currently in pre-antiretroviral therapy are among the priority population for HIV testing and counseling services. The Ethiopian Private Health Sector Project has campaigned and reviewed a total of 6,675 charts of patients currently on Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) at 35 supported sites.

The purpose of the campaign was to see the status of family focused care, explore opportunities by testing registered family members for HIV and linking HIV infected ones in to Anti-Retroviral Therapy care.

The project learnt that:

- 65% of family members documented on patients' charts were delivered with HIV Testing & Counseling services,
- 37% of tested families were found to be HIV positive where 71% of them linked to ART

Having the above lessons, the project has aggressively integrated the index-case HIV Testing & Counseling in to the routine HTC and got 88 families of HIV positive people tested for HIV and had 17(19%) found HIV positive and all linked in to the ART care in the 1st quarter of year I.

The integration of periodic review of families registered on the patients' chart and index-case HIV testing & counseling will be routinized as a lead source of the three 90's.