

**KPRA Study of community led HIV and Hepatitis C screening among people who inject drugs in Nepal**

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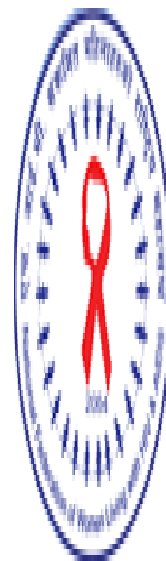
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**Abstract:**

To improve HIV and Hepatitis C case identification and linkage them to treatment, study of community led HIV and Hepatitis C screening through peer led approach, was conducted in Chitwan, Kaski, Kathmandu, and Valley of Nepal. The study was implemented by Save the Children International and National Association of People Living with HIV and AIDS in Nepal.

**Methods:**

The study was operational research and implemented during 2018 to December 2020 in five districts of Nepal. The sample was 1,000 people who inject drugs [PWIDs] to be screened for HIV and HCV at their convenient community led screening was done during September to December 2020 through mobilizing peers at strategic locations of the study sites. Three demonstration sites were established from where HIV confirmatory test, counseling and blood sample collections for HCV RNA were offered. According to the national algorithm for HIV test, Determine test for HIV and WHO qualified SD Bioline for HCV RDT and result of screening test were recorded through

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**Biography:**

I started my career as an outreach worker in Siddhi Memorial Hospital's harm reduction program, reaching out to the people who were using drugs. During that time HIV prevalence was extremely high among drug user and the ART was not available in the country. I felt the need to register local CBOs that are run by for PLHIVs so the Surowat (The Beginning) was born and immediately started providing service (Day Care for Drug User/PLHIVs).

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