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Foreword

HIV Sentinel surveillance among ANC attendees is one of the most important national level activities, as it helps the programme managers in framing health policies towards controlling HIV infection in the state and the country as well. The objectives of HIV sentinel surveillance are to understand the trends, assess spread and distribution of HIV infection among geographical areas across the state. In order to have uniform geographical coverage, the number of sentinel sites in the state has been increased over a period of years by keeping at least one site in each district.

The National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai, one of the Regional Institutes for 8 southern states, is involved in the HIV surveillance activities since 2006. This report is prepared based on the data collected during the 15th round of surveillance, in conjunction with the past years data to analyze the trend and to have an insight of epidemiological factors. I hope this report will serve as a very useful tool for the policy makers, scholars, researchers and other stakeholders in formulating guidelines in controlling HIV and enhancing their knowledge of HIV in their state.

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CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

Acquired immune deficiency syndrome or acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) is a disease of the human immune system caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). This condition progressively reduces the effectiveness of the immune system and leaves individuals susceptible to opportunistic infections and tumours. The first HIV infection was reported in the year 1981 in the United States of America. Afterwards the epidemic spread rapidly throughout the globe.

In India it was in 1986, the first HIV infection reported from Chennai, Tamil Nadu. In the last two decades the awful disease spread throughout the country.

Surveillance is a vital component of any disease control programme. The purpose of surveillance is to actually look for evidence of disease risk, to predict the pattern and to plan appropriate action for control and prevention. Providing meaningful insights for action at policy, strategy, planning, or implementation levels at the appropriate time is the key objective of surveillance. The HIV epidemic in India is concentrated, with high prevalence among high-risk groups, moderate prevalence among bridge populations, and low prevalence among general population. Unprotected sex with female sex workers (FSW), injecting drug users (IDU), and unprotected anal sex between men are the three primary routes of HIV transmission in India. HIV sentinel surveillance measures the prevalence of HIV in a specific risk group in a specific region at a specific point of time. The HIV sentinel surveillance system in India is based on the HIV transmission dynamics mentioned above and monitors the HIV epidemic patterns among the following groups:

1. High-risk groups

- a. Female sex workers
- b. Men who have sex with men (MSM)
- c. Injecting drug users
- d. People who are TG (transgender)/eunuchs

2. Bridge populations

- a. Single male migrants
- b. Long-distance Truckers (LDTs)
- c. People attending STI or gynaecology clinics (currently discontinued)

3. General population

a. Pregnant women attending the ANC clinics in urban and rural areas, and the ANC clinic attendees were considered proxy for general population. STI patients were considered proxy for people with high-risk behaviour (high-risk and bridge populations and their partners).







1.1. Objectives and Application of HIV Sentinel Surveillance

The key objectives of HIV sentinel surveillance in India are to:

- 1. Monitor trends in HIV prevalence over time.
- 2. Monitor the distribution and spread of HIV in different subgroups and geographical areas.
- 3. Identify emerging pockets of HIV epidemic in the country.
- 4. Applications of HIV sentinel surveillance data.
- 5. Estimate and project burden of HIV at state and national levels.
- 6. Support programme prioritization and resource allocation.
- 7. Assist evaluation of programme impact.
- 8. Provide evidence to advocacy efforts.

1.2. Evolution of HIV Sentinel Surveillance in India

HIV surveillance in India began in 1985 when the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) initiated a surveillance activity among blood donors and patients with STIs. After the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) was established in 1992, sentinel surveillance for HIV in India was initiated in 1993-94 with 52 sentinel sites in selected cities. In 1998, NACO formalized annual sentinel surveillance for HIV infection in the country with 180 sentinel sites, of which 176 were valid.

The first major expansion of the surveillance network was in 2003. More than 200 rural antenatal care (ANC) sentinel sites were established at the community health centre (CHC) level in most of the districts in high-prevalence states as well as some districts in low-prevalence states in North India. However, half of these ANC rural sites, especially those in low prevalence states of North India, were discontinued in the next round because they could not achieve the required target sample size due to poor utilization rates. Another significant expansion in 2003 was the addition of 30 FSW sites. Overall, 354 districts had at least one HSS site in 2003. From 2003 and until 2005, the same sentinel sites continued with expansion to 83 FSW and 30 injecting drug user (IDU) sites.

The year 2006 could be considered the watershed year for HSS development in India. The goal was to have at least one sentinel site in every district of India and new sentinel sites were added for all risk groups in that year. Key developments in 2006 included:

- . Major expansion of STI and ANC urban sentinel sites in low-prevalence states of North India.
- . Addition of rural ANC sites in high-prevalence states.
- . Initiation of special ANC sites for 15-24-year-old pregnant women to monitor new infection.
- . Expansion of sentinel sites among FSW, MSM and IDU.
- . Initiation of sentinel sites among long-distance truckers (LDTs), single male migrants, and people who are transgender (TG).
- . Introduction of composite sites in HSS that facilitated establishment of sentinel sites in places where it had been difficult to do so, such as rural areas and places with fewer HRGs.

In year 2006, the scale of surveillance operations increased from 703 sites in high prevalence states in 2005 to 1,122 sites to cover the entire country. The surveillance was also expanded from being only clinic-based to also include Targeted Intervention (Tis)







Five leading regional public health institutions in the country were involved to expand and strengthen the surveillance network and implementation activities and follow up programmes. These regional institutes (RI) provided technical support, guidance, monitoring, and supervision for implementing HSS. Two more RIs were created in 2008. Supervisory structures were further strengthened with constitution of central and state surveillance teams, comprised of public health experts, epidemiologists, and microbiologists from several medical colleges and research institutions.

During the subsequent three rounds of HSS (2007, 2008-09, and 2010-11), the focus was on expansion of surveillance among high-risk and bridge populations.

Key strategic HSS implementation improvements in these rounds included:

- 1. Technical validation of new sentinel sites by regional institutes before inclusion in surveillance and dropping poorly performing sites.
- 2. Introduced the dried blood spot (DBS) method of sample collection from high-risk groups (HRGs) to overcome logistic problems at HRG sites.
- 3. Introduced informed consent at high-risk group sites to address ethical concerns.
- 4. Initiated random sampling methods of recruitment at HRG sites, taking advantage of the availability of updated line lists of HRGs at the TI projects.
- 5. Standardized training protocols across states with uniform session plans and materials, and adoption of a two-tier training plan with training-of-trainers (TOT) followed by training of site personnel.
- 6. Developed a four-tier supervisory structure: national-level central team; regional institutes; state surveillance teams; and State AIDS Control Society (SACS) teams.
- 7. Strengthened focus on supportive supervision and action-oriented monitoring.
- 8. Increased focus on quality of planning, training, implementation, supervision and feedback.
- 9. Decreased number of testing laboratories for ANC and STD samples, limiting them to high-performing laboratories with enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) facilities to ensure high-quality testing and close supervision.
- 10. Developed a new web-based data management system to enhance data quality and ensure realtime monitoring of surveillance activities.
- 11. Initiated epidemiological investigation into unusual findings (sudden rise or decline in prevalence) to understand reasons and correct.
- 12. Conducted pre-surveillance sentinel site evaluation to assess preparedness of site for HSS and to obtain profile-related information.

Between 2008 and 2009, the annual frequency of HSS was shifted to biennial (once in two years). STI sites were gradually being discontinued in 2008-09 and 2010-11. The 13th round of HSS was implemented at 763 sentinel sites (750 ANC and 13 STI sites). Most of the STI sites from the 12th round of HSS were phased out during HSS 2014-15. For high-risk and bridge populations, National Integrated Biological and Behavioural Surveillance (IBBS) was conducted to strengthen surveillance among these groups so HSS 2014-15 did not include high-risk groups. Table 1 presents the scale up of sentinel sites in Puducherry since 2003.

Table 1: Scale up of No. of Sentinel Sites in Puducherry, 2003-2015										
Site Type	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008-09	2010-11	2012-13	201415	201617
ANC	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
FSW					3	3	3			3
MSM					2	2	2			2
STD					3	3	3			







CHAPTER 2

METHODOLOGY AND IMPLEMENTATION

This chapter describes HSS methodology and the implementation mechanisms adopted during HSS 2016-17.

2.1. Methodology of HIV Sentinel Surveillance at ANC Sentinel Sites

HIV sentinel surveillance is defined as a system of monitoring the HIV epidemicamong the specified population groups by collecting information on HIV from designated sites (sentinel sites) over years, through a uniform and consistent methodology that allows comparison of findings across place and time, to guide programme response. A sentinel site is a designated service point/facility where blood specimens and relevant information are collected from a fixed number of eligible individuals from a specified population group over a fixed period of time, periodically, for the purpose of monitoring the HIV epidemic. Under HIV sentinel surveillance (HSS), recruitment of respondents is conducted for three months at selected ANC sentinel sites. Because of the low HIV prevalence in India, the classical survey method of samplesize calculation that gives a large sample size cannot feasibly be collected through facility-based surveillance on an annual basis. Hence, a sample size of 400 for surveillance among ANC attendees was approved by a consensus of experts. Eligible respondents are enrolled until the sample size of 400 is reached or until the end of the surveillance period, which ever is earlier.

The eligibility criteria for recruiting respondents at an ANC sentinel siteswere:

- 1. Age 15-49 years
- 2. Pregnant woman attending the antenatal clinic for the first time duringthe current round of surveillance period. "Sampling method" refers to the approach adopted at the sentinel sites for for ecruiting eligible individuals into HSS. Consecutive sampling method is adopted in HSS in India for ANC clinic attendees. After the start of surveillance, all individuals attending the ANC sentinel site facility who are eligible for inclusionare recruited in the order they attend the clinic. This sampling method removes all chances of selection or exclusion based on individual preferences or other reasons, and hence reduces the selection bias. It is convenient, feasible, and easy to follow.

"Testing strategy" refers to the approach adopted for collecting and testing blood specimens and handlingthe test results in HSS. In India, the unlinked anonymoustesting strategy is used. Testing is conducted on a portion of blood specimen collected for routine diagnostic purposes (such as syphilis) after removing all personalidentifiers. Neither the information collected in the dataform nor the HIV test result from the blood specimen isever linked to the individual from whom the information/specimen is collected. Neither the personnel collecting the specimen nor the personnel testing the specimenare able to track the results back to the individual.

Hence, the personal identifiers such as name, address,outpatient registration number, etc. were not mentionedanywhere in the data form, blood specimen, or data formtransportation or sample transportation sheets. Similarly,the HSS sample number or any mark indicating inclusionin HSS is not mentioned in the ANC register or patient/OPDcard. The portion of the blood specimen with identifiers is used for reporting the results of the routine test for whichit has been collected. The portion of the blood specimen without identifiers is sent for HIV testing under HSS.







"Testing protocol" refers to the number of HIV tests conducted on the blood specimen collected during HSS.A two-test protocol is adopted in HSS. The first test isof high sensitivity and second of high specificity and isconfirmatory in nature. The second test is conducted only if the first is found to be positive. HIV testing undersurveillance is for the purpose of ascertaining HIV levels and trends in a community and not for case diagnosis, which is why the two-test protocol is the global standard for surveillance.

The methodology of HSS at ANC sentinelsites is summarized in Table 2 below:

Table 1: Methodology of HIV Sentinel Surveillance at ANC Sentinel Sites					
Sentinel site	Antenatal clinic				
Sample size	400				
Duration	3 months				
Frequency	Once in 2 years(biennial)				
Sampling method	Consecutive sampling				
Eligibility	Pregnant women ages 15-49 years attending ANC clinic for the first time during the current round				
Testing strategy	Linked anonymous testing				
Bloodspecimen	Serum collected through venous blood specimen				
Testing protocol	Two-test				

2.2. Information Collected under HSS at ANC Sentinel Sites

HSS provides information on two bio-markers- HIV and syphilis. All blood specimens collected under HSS are tested for these two infections. When recruiting an individual in HSS, information is collected on basic demographic parameters such as age, education, occupation, spouse's occupation, and order of pregnancy. Collected information is kept minimal and restricted to those who might be asked under routine clinic procedures. During the recent rounds, a few questions were added to identify potential biases in the sample (e.g., source of referral) or to further profile the respondents with respect to their vulnerability (migration status of spouse) so that HIV prevalence estimates can be better explained and interpreted. HSS 2016-17 collects information on the following nine key demographic variables from every respondent.

- **1. Age:** The age of the respondent is recorded in number of completed years. Since age is a part of eligibilitycriteria, improper recording or non-recording of agemakes a sample invalid. Information on age helpsidentify the age groups with high HIV prevalence. In the absence of data on HIV incidence, highprevalence among younger age groups is considered a proxy for recent infections.
- **2. Literacy status:** The literacy status of an individual has a direct bearing on the awareness levels with respect to risks of acquiring HIV and means of protecting oneself. Knowing the literacy status of the pregnant woman, helps in understanding the differentials in HIV prevalence and informs demographics about the women who are accessing services at ANC clinics. This information may also be helpful to compare and standardize the demographic profiles of two independent samples under HSS, while investigating any unusual increase or decrease in trends. Under HSS 2014-15, the literacy status of respondents was classified into five categories as defined below.



- (a). Illiterate: People with no formal or non-formaleducation. (b). Literate and till 5thstandard: People with non-formaleducation or those who joined school but did not study beyond 5thstandard. ©. 6thto 10thstandard: Those who studied beyond5thstandard but not beyond 10th standard. (d).11thto graduation: Those who studied beyond10thstandard but not beyond graduation. Includes those with technical education/diplomas, (e). Post-graduation: Those who studied beyond graduation.
- **3. Order of current pregnancy:** The order of pregnancy denotes the number of times a woman has been pregnant. It includes the number of live births, still births, and abortions. It is also referred to as gravidity. Women who are pregnant for the first time are referred to as primi-gravida. In the context of HIV, order of pregnancy indicates the duration of exposure to sexual risks. Since primi-gravida are likely to be exposed to sexual risks only recently, HIV prevalence among them is considered a proxy for new HIV infections and helps in understanding the HIV incidence in that region. The order of pregnancy is recorded as first, second, third, fourth, or more.
- **4. Duration of pregnancy:** Duration of pregnancy is usually measured in terms of three trimesters; each of them of about three month's duration. (a) First trimester: The first trimester of pregnancy is from conception to 12th week of pregnancy. (b) Second trimester: The second trimester of pregnancy is from 13th to 27th week of pregnancy. (3) Third trimester: The third trimester of pregnancy spans from week 28 to birth.
- **5. Prior receipt of antenatal care services during current pregnancy:** This refers to any prior receipt of antenatal care services from a health care facility (PHC/CHC/District hospitals / Maternity hospitals/Private health care facilities/NGO Health care facilities) by the pregnant women during her current pregnancy.
- **6. Source of referral to the ANC clinic:** Under HSS, ANC clinic attendees are asked who referred them to the clinic for antenatal check-up. This variable was added to the data collection form to understand the various sources of referral, especially to assess if there is any specific bias in the sample because of specific referrals of HIV-positive cases from any source. Published literature indicates that there is disproportionate referral of HIV-positive cases from private sector to government hospitals. Similarly, if there are higher numbers of referrals from ICTC/ ART centres in the sample, it may bias the HIV prevalence, as those respondents are likely to be people who have been exposed to HIV risk, to have HIV risk perception or who are known to be HIV-positive. This variable helps assess any such phenomenon. The response categories listed in the HSS data form include: (a). Self-referral (b). Family/ relatives/ neighbours/ friends (c). NGO (d). Private hospital (doctors/nurses) (e). Government hospital (including ANM/ASHA) (f). ICTC/ART centre.
- 7. Current place of residence: HSS 2016-17 records the reported current residence of the respondentas 'Urban' or 'Rural'. If the current place of residence of the respondent i.e., the place she is living withher husband falls under Municipal Corporation, municipal council, or cantonment area, it is classified as 'urban'. Otherwise, it is recorded as 'rural'. Place of residence helps in studying the epidemic patterns in urban and rural areasseparately and provides programmatic insightfor implementing interventions. In the context of formerly high-prevalence states, urban-rural differentials of HIV prevalence is important because HIV is known to have spread to rural areas, sometimes with higher prevalence in these states. In low-prevalence states with rising HIV trends, migration from rural areas to high prevalence destinations is likely to play a role. Therefore, studying rural epidemics is important to characterise the epidemic appropriately.







- **8. Current occupation of respondent:** Certainoccupations are associated with higher exposureand risk to HIV. It is important to understandthe profile of respondents and differentials of HIV with respect to their occupation. For thispurpose, HSS has categorized occupations into 13 categories ensuring that all the possible occupations are covered and the categories are relevant to the epidemiological analysis of HIVprevalence data. The occupation categories and their definitions were as follows: (a). Agricultural labourer (b). Non-agricultural labourer: includes workers atconstruction sites, quarries, stone crushers, road or canal works, brick-kilns. (c). Domestic servant (d). Skilled/semi-skilled worker: includes workersin small-scale or cottage industries; industrial/factory workers; technicians such as electricians, masons, plumbers, carpenters, goldsmiths, iron-smiths, and those involved in automobilerepair; artisans such as weavers, potters, painters, cobblers, shoe-makers, tailors. (e). Petty business/small shop: includes vendorsselling vegetables, fruits, milk, and newspapers; pan shop operators. (f). Large business/self-employed: includes professionals and business people. (g). Service (govt/pvt): those working on salarybasis in government, private, or institutionalsector; excludes drivers and hotel staff. (h). Student (i). Truck drivers/helpers (j). Local transport workers (auto/taxi drivers, handcart pullers, rickshaw pullers, etc.) (k). Hotel staff (l). Agricultural cultivators/landholders (m). Housewife (in order to be consistent with theoccupation codes for spouse of respondent, housewife is Code 14).
- **9. Current occupation of spouse:** Occupation ofspouse is an important epidemiological variable thatmay help identify population groups that are at higherrisk of acquiring HIV. HSS used the same occupational categories as those used for the respondent. The two differences are that the category 'unemployed' (Code 13) is used in the place of 'housewife' and there is an additional category: 'Not applicable (nevermarried/widow/divorced/separated)' (Code 99).
- **10. Migration status of spouse:** Analyses of driversof the emerging epidemic in some low-prevalencestates points to migration from these states tohigh-prevalence destinations (NACO Annual Report2013-14, Chapter 2. Current EpidemiologicalScenario of HIV/AIDS, pg.12). In order to assess the effects of migration status of spouse on HIV prevalenceamong ANC clinic attendees, respondents in HSSwere asked whether spouse resides alone in another place/town away from wife for work for longer than 6 months. This question is not applicable to respondents who were never married/widowed/divorced/separated.
- 11. HIV Testing History: This refers to the HIV testing history of pregnant women.
- **12. Time of last HIV Testing:** This question aims to understand the timing of last HIV testing of respondents in reference to current pregnancy.
- 13. Result of last HIV test: This refers to the result of the last HIV test of the ANC respondent.
- **14. Management of HIV infections:** This refers to the enrolment of HIV positive respondents in HIV care, either for pre-ART or ART services, at the time of surveillance.
- **15. ART Uptake:** This refers to the current uptake of 'Antiretroviral therapy' by HIV positive respondents.







2.3. Implementation Structure of HIV Sentinel Surveillance in India

HIV sentinel surveillance has a robust structure forplanning, implementation, and review at national, regional, and state levels. The structure and keyfunctions of involved agencies are shown in Figure 1.

National level: The National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) is the nodal agency for strategy formulation and commissioning for each round of HSS. The TechnicalResource Group on Surveillance and Estimation, comprised of experts from the fields of epidemiology, demography, surveillance, biostatistics, and laboratory services, advises NACO on the broad strategy and

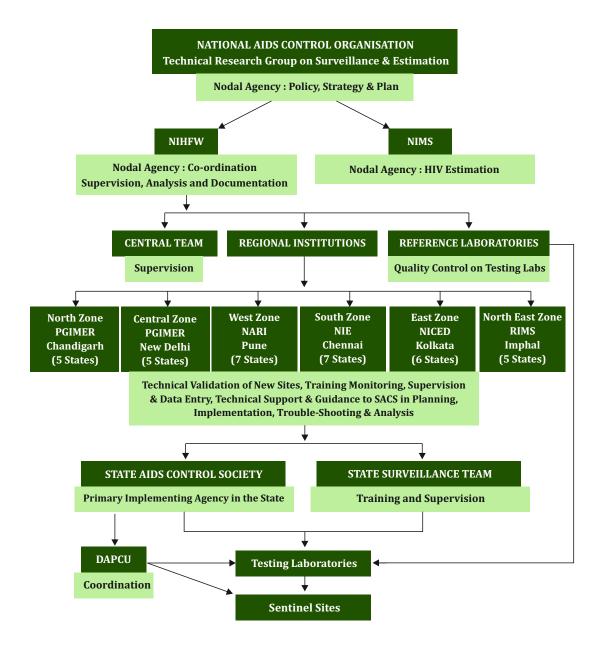


Figure: Implementing Structure of HIV Sentinel Surveillance in India







The main goal of implementing structure of HSS is for performing the assessment of theimplementation plans of HSS and reviews the outcomesof each round. Two national institutes—NationalInstitute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW) and ICMR-National Institute of Medical Statistics (ICMR-NIMS)—supports national level activity planning and coordination. Inaddition, the central team, which is coordinated byNIHFW, New Delhi and is comprised of experts from the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organisation (WHO), The Joint UnitedNations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS), medicalcolleges, and other national and international agencies, provide support in training and supervision.

Regional level: Since 2006, NIE has been identified as regional institutes (RIs) for HSS to provide technical support to the State AIDSControl Societies (SACS) for all HSS activities in southern zone, starting with identification of new sites, training, monitoring and supervision, and improving quality of the data collection and their analysis. Data entry is another function performed by RIs. The team at each RI is comprised of two epidemiologists/public health experts and one micro-biologist, which are supported by one project coordinator, two research officers, one computer Assistant / data manager, and between four and tendata entry operators, depending on the volume of dataentry. The names of the six regional institutes and the distribution of states among them are in Table 2.

State level: SACS is the primary agency responsible forimplementation of HSS and NACO has appointed stateepidemiologists at the SACS to support the activities and promote data analysis. In addition to these, everystate has a surveillance team comprised of public healthexperts and microbiologists who support SACS in the training, supervision, and monitoring of the personnelinvolved in sentinel surveillance. State surveillanceteams (SSTs) are formed by RIs in consultation with SACS. All activities are coordinated by RIs.

District level: In districts with functional districtAIDS Prevention and Control Units (DAPCUs), theDAPCU staffs are involved in the coordination of HSSactivities at the sentinel sites and the associatedtesting labs. Laboratory networkLaboratory support is provided by a network of testing and reference labs. There are 117 state reference laboratories (SRLs) that conduct primary testing of blood specimens collected under HSS. Thirteen national reference laboratories (NRLs) provide external quality assurance to the SRLs through repeat testing of all HIV-positive blood specimens and 5 % of HIV negative specimens.

Table 3: Regional Institutes for HIV Sentinel	Surveillance and their State Allocation
Name of regional institution	Responsible states
Central Zone: All India Institute of Medical	Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttaranchal, and Delhi.
Science,	
New Delhi	
North Zone: Post-graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh	Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, and Chandigarh.
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West Zone: National AIDS Research Institute, Pune	Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Daman & Diu, and Dadra Nagar Haveli.
South Zone: National Institute of Epidemiology, ICMR, Chennai	Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Odisha, Puducherry, and Lakshadweep and Telangana.
East Zone: National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases, Kolkata	West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Sikkim, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Meghalaya, and Nagaland.
Northeast Zone: Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal	Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Assam, and Arunachal Pradesh.







2.4. Key Initiatives during HIV Sentinel Surveillance 2016-17:

In response to key issues identified in the implementation of HSS during the previous rounds and to improve the quality and timeliness of the surveillance process in the 14thround, several new initiatives were implemented aspart of continuous quality improvement.

SACS checklist for preparatory activities:

This wasdeveloped to monitor the planning process for HSS ineach state (Annex 3). All the preparatory activities werebroken into specific tasks with clear timelines and SACSwere required to submit the completion status for eachtask. A team of officers from NACO coordinated withstate nodal persons to ensure that preparatory activities in all states adhered to the timelines.

Pre-surveillance sentinel site evaluation (SSE):

Apre-surveillance evaluation of ANC and STD sentinelsites was conducted to identify and correct humanresources and infrastructure-related issues at thesentinel sites before initiation of surveillance. The evaluation also provided site information such as typeof facility, average OPD attendance, availability of HIV and AIDS services, and distance of facilities from HSS labs (Annex 4), which may have implications on adherence to methodology.

Standard operational manuals, wall charts, and bilingual data forms:

These were developed to simplifythe HSS methodology for site-level personnel and to ensureuniform implementation of the guidelines in all the sentinelsites. These were printed centrally and distributed across the country.

Training during HSS 2016-17:

Steps to improve quality of training:

- 1. A well-structured training programme was adopted to ensure that all the personnel involved in HSS at different levels were adequately and uniformly trained in the respective areas of responsibility.
- 2. The training agenda, curriculum, and planning andreporting formats were standardized and used in all the states. Standard slide sets and training manuals fortraining of sentinel site personnel were developed centrally to ensure uniformity.
- 3. Trainings included group work and a "know yoursentinel site" exercise, which helped participants identify the routine practices that could affect the implementation of surveillance at their sites and recommended actions to address the same.
- 4. Pre and post-test assessments were given to each participant at the site-level trainings. Analysis of thesescores helped state teams to identify the priority sites for supervisory visits.
- 5. Training reports for each batch were submitted instandard formats at the end of the each training.







Details of trainings:

- 1. Trainings started with two batches of national pre-surveillancemeetings with about 90 personnel from regional institutes and SACS to discuss the critical aspects of planning for HSS 2016-17 and to clearly understand the system for supportive supervision through the online Strategic Information Management System (SIMS) application.
- 2. This was followed by 2-day regional TOTs organised by the RIs for SACS officers and state surveillance teams, comprised of public health experts and microbiologists, to create state-level mastertrainers and to plan for the site-level trainings.
- 3. Site-level trainings (2 days per batch @ 8-10sites per batch) were conducted in all the states. Representatives from the regional institutes and NACOobserved the trainings to ensure that trainings were provided as per the protocol and that all the sessions were covered as per the session plan.
- 4. Separate trainings on surveillance testingprotocols and lab reporting mechanisms throughthe SIMS application for HSS were organised formicrobiologists and lab technicians from 117 ANC/STD testing labs and 13 NRLs.
- 5. Overall, 40 central team members; 30 officers from six RIs; 95 SACS officers including inchargesurveillance, Epidemiologists, and M&E officers;280 state surveillance team members; 260laboratory personnel including microbiologists and lab technicians from the designated testinglabs; and more than 3,000 sentinel site personnelincluding medical officers, nurse/counsellors, andlab technicians were trained under HSS 2016-17.

Laboratory system: For HSS 2016-17, the laboratory system was strengthened by limiting the testing of specimens to designated SRLs. Real-time monitoring of the quality of blood specimens and laboratory processes was achieved through introduction of web based reporting through the SIMS application for HSS. Efforts were made to standardize quality assurance aspects of sample testing under HSS and to streamline responses in case of discordant test results between testing laband reference lab through the SIMS application.

Supervisory mechanisms for HSS 2016-17: Supervision of all HSS activities was prioritized to ensure smoothimplementation and high-quality data collection. Extensive mechanisms were developed to set up a comprehensive supervisory system for HSS and to ensure that 100 % of HSS sites were visited in the first 15 days of the start of sample collection. The principles adopted included action-oriented supervision, real-time monitoring and feedback, accountability for providing feedback and taking action, and an integrated webbased system to enhance the reachand effectiveness of supervision.







SIMS modules for web-based supervision.

Specific modules were developed and made operationalin the web-based SIMS for HSS to facilitate real-timemonitoring of HSS 2016-17.

- 1. Field supervision was conducted by trainedsupervisors who visited the sentinel sites to monitorthe quality of recruitment of respondents and other site-level procedures. Real-time reporting offield supervision used the SIMS supervisor modulevia the field supervisory quick feedback and actiontaken report sub-modules. The module was used extensively by all the supervisors and helped inquick identification and resolution of challenges in the field.
- 2. Data were supervised by data managers at RIsto monitor the quality of data collection and transportation using the SIMS module.
- 3. Laboratory supervision was conducted by SRLs and NRLs to monitor the quality of blood specimens, progress in laboratory processing, and external quality assurance, using the SIMS lab module.

Overall, 80% of supervisors reported on the SIMS field supervisor quick feedback format, and 52% of action taken report formats were submitted by HSS focal persons from SACS and RIs. Laboratory reporting through the lab module was completed by 87% of SRLs.

Integrated monitoring and supervision plan

- 1. An integrated supervision plan for each statewas developed by RIs, SACS, and NIHFW to avoidduplication in monitoring coverage, therebyfacilitating maximum coverage of surveillance sites.
- 2. The first round of visits was conducted by RI, SACS, and SST members. Central team members (CTM) visited the top priority sites identified in feedback from the first round of visits. Subsequent visits were based on priority with a goal of making at least three visits to each identified site which require supervision.

SMS-based daily reporting from sentinelsites

This was piloted in last roundand implemented in this round as an approach ofdaily reporting of the number of samples collected ateach sentinel site through a group SMS from a registered mobile number to a central server. The systematically compiled and displayed site-wise dataon an Excel format on a real-time basis. Access to this web-based application was given to SACS, RIs, and DAC and facilitated identification of sites with poor performance and enabled initiation of corrective action at sites that initiated HSS late; where sample collection was too slow or too fast; and where there were large gaps in sample collection.







CHAPTER 3

PROFILE OF RESPONDENTS

Data was collected from each respondent on key fourteen socio-demographic variables. Analysis of these variables is important because they help programme managers and policy makers understand the background characteristics of clinic attendees. Also they help in the identification of particular characteristics which make respondents more prone to acquiring HIV infection.

Table 4: Profile of Respondents at State Level, HSS 2016-17

Age (N800)	Number	%
15-24	371	46.4
2534	419	52.4
3544	10	1.3
45-49	0	0.0
literacy Status (N 800)		
Illiterate	0	0.0
Literate and till 5th standard	21	2.6
6th to 10th standard	244	30.5
11th to Graduation	434	54.3
Post Graduation	101	12.6
Order of current pregnancy (N800)		
First	401	50.1
Second	300	37.5
Third	84	10.5
Fourth or more	15	1.9
Duration of current pregnancy (N800)		
First trimester	45	5.6
Second trimester	411	51.4
Third trimester	344	43.0
Received ANC service during current pregnancy (N800)		
Yes	713	89.1
NO	87	10.9
Source of referral to the ANC clinic (N800)		
Self Referral	572	71.5
Family/ Relatives/ Neighbors/ Friends	157	19.6
NGO	0	0.0
Private (Doctor/ Nurses)	25	3.1
Govt (including, ASHA/ ANM)	46	5.8
ICTC / ART Centre	0	0.0
Current place of residence (N800)		
Urban	295	36.9
Rural	505	63.1





Current occupation of the respondent (N800)		
Domestic Servant	0	0.0
Large Business/Self employed	0	0.0
Truck driver/Helper	0	0.0
Local transport Worker (auto/taxi driver, hand cart pullers, rickshaw pullers etc)	0	0.0
Agricultural Labourer	1	0.0
Skilled / Semiskilled worker	1	0.1
Hotel staff	1	0.1
Non-Agricultural Labourer	2	0.3
Agricultural cultivator/	2	0.3
Petty business / small shop	3	0.4
Student	7	0.9
Service (Govt./Pvt.)	53	6.6
Housewife	730	91.3
Current occupation of the spouse (N800)	700	7110
Domestic Servant	0	0.0
Student	0	0.0
Unemployed	0	0.0
Not Applicable	2	0.3
Truck driver/Helper	14	1.8
Hotel staff	16	2.0
Large Business/Self employed	21	2.6
Agricultural cultivator/	25	3.1
Agricultural Labourer	33	4.1
Petty business / small shop	38	4.8
Local transport worker (auto/taxi driver, hand cart pullers, rickshaw pullers etc)	80	10.0
Skilled / Semiskilled worker	149	18.6
Non-Agricultural Labourer	178	22.3
Service (Govt./Pvt.)	244	30.5
Spouse resides alone in another place/town from wife for work for longer than 6 months (N-800) $$		
Yes	93	11.6
No	705	88.1







Not Applicable	2	0.3
Ever Been tested for HIV (N 800)		
Yes	564	70.5
No	236	29.5
If ever tested HIV, When was the last tested (N 800)		
Tested during current pregnancy	530	66.3
Tested before current pregnancy	34	4.3
NA (For never tested)	236	29.5
Result of respondent's last HIV test result (N 800)		
Positive	0	0.0
Negative	563	70.4
Did not collect the last result	1	0.1
No response	0	0.0
NA (For never tested)	236	29.5
If previous HIV test positive, taking ART medications (N 800)		
Yes	0	0.0
No	0	0.0
NA (never tested or Not positive when last tested)	800	100.0
HIV (N 800)		
Negative	800	100.0
Positive	0	0.0
Syphilis (N-800)		
Negative	800	100.0
Positive	0	0.0





3.1. Age

Age in completed years was recorded for every respondent at the time of recruitment into HSS. The majority (58.5%) belonged to the age group of 15-24 years and a little more than one- third (39.8%) was in the age group of 25-34 years. Only 1.7% of respondents belonged to the age group of 35-44 years and no one were registered in the 45-49 years age group (Figure 2).

Figure 2: Percentage Distribution of respondents by age group at state level, HSS 2016-17

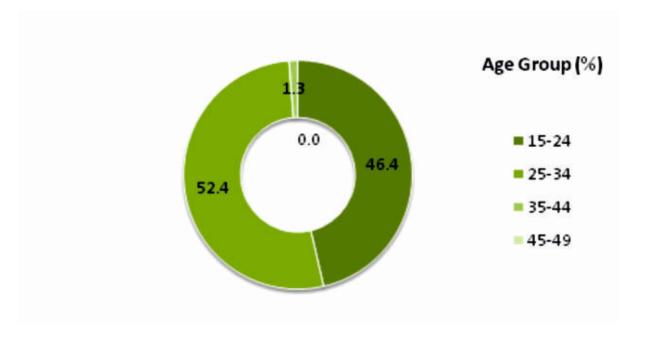


Table 5: Percentage Distribution of respondents by age group and district, HSS 2016-17

Age Group	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-49	Grand Total
Pondicherry	46.4	52.4	1.3	0.0	800
Karaikal	41.8	56.5	1.8	0.0	400
Pondicherry	51.0	48.3	0.8	0.0	400





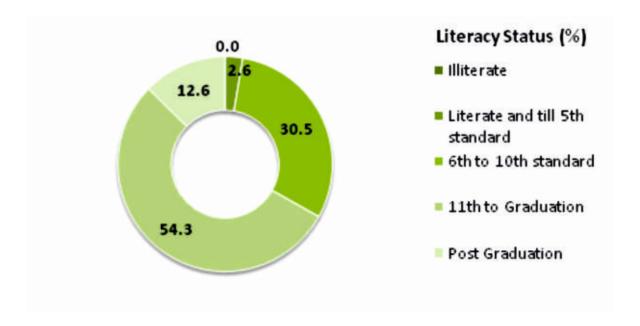
3.2. Literacy Status

Under HSS 2016-17, respondent literacy status was classified into five categories:

- 1. Illiterate: people with no formal or non-formal education.
- 2. Literate and till 5thstandard: people with non-formal education or those who joined school but had not studied beyond 5thstandard.
- 3. 6thto 10thstandard: people who studied beyond 5th standard but not beyond 10th standard.
- 4. 11thto graduation: people who studied beyond 10th standard but not beyond graduation. Includes those with technical education/diplomas.
- 5. Post-graduation: people who studied beyond graduation.

More than 2.6% of respondents at the state level had no formal education. Around 30.5% of respondents studied up to fifth standard and the highest proportion of respondents (54.3%) were studied between sixth and tenth standards. Around 12.6% of the respondents reported to have studied beyond 10th standard and up to graduation.

Figure 3: Percent Distribution of respondents by educational status



 $Table\,6: Percent\,Distribution\,of\,respondents\,by\,education\,and\,districts\,in\,Puducherry, HSS\,2016-17$

State/District	Illiterate	Literate and till 5th standard	6th to 10th standard	11th to Graduation	Post Graduation	N
Pondicherry	0.0	2.6	30.5	54.3	12.6	800
Karaikal	0.0	2.8	35.8	51.0	10.5	400
Pondicherry	0.0	2.5	25.3	57.5	14.8	400







3.3. Order of Pregnancy

The order of pregnancy denotes the number of times a woman has become pregnant. It includes the number of live births, still births and abortions. It is also referred to as 'gravida'. As noted earlier in the context of HIV, order of pregnancy indicates the duration of exposure to sexual risks, so HIV prevalence among primi-gravida is considered as a proxy for new HIV infections and is an indicator of state HIV incidence.

At the state level, around 50.1% of the respondents reported being pregnant for the first time, while close to 37.5% of the respondents was pregnant for the second time and 10.5% of respondents reported that it was their third pregnancy. Only 1.9% of respondents were pregnant for the fourth or more time.

Figure 4: Percent Distribution of respondents by order of pregnancy in Puducherry, HSS 2016-17



Table 7: District-wise % Distribution of respondents by Order of Pregnancy in Puducherry, HSS 2016-17

State/District	First	Second	Third	Fourth or more	N
Pondicherry	50.13	37.50	10.50	1.88	800
Karaikal	45.25	40.75	11.50	2.50	400
Pondicherry	55.00	34.25	9.50	1.25	400





3.4. Duration of current Pregnancy

Duration of pregnancy is usually measured in terms of three trimesters; each of them of about three month's duration.

- i. First trimester: The first trimester of pregnancy is from conception to 12th week of pregnancy.
- ii. Second trimester: The second trimester of pregnancy is from 13th to 27th week of pregnancy.
- iii. Third trimester: The third trimester of pregnancy spans from week 28 to birth.

At the state level, the majority of respondents (51.4%) belonged to the second trimester. Around 43% of respondents belonged to the third trimester, while another about 5.6% of respondents were belonged to the first trimester.

Figure 5: Percent Distribution of respondents by duration of current pregnancy in Puducherry, HSS 2016-17

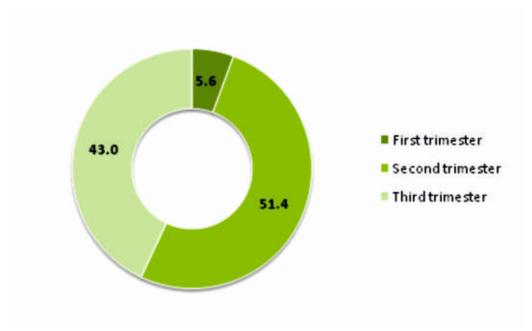


Table 8: District-wise % Distribution of respondents by Duration of pregnancyin Puducherry, HSS 2016-17

State/District	First trimester	Second trimester	Third trimester	N
State/District	%	%	%	IN
Pondicherry	5.63	51.38	43.00	800
Karaikal	11.25	53.50	35.25	400
Pondicherry	0.00	49.25	50.75	400





3.5. Prior receipt of antenatal care services during current pregnancy

This refers to any prior receipt of antenatal care services from a health care facility (PHC/CHC/District hospitals / Maternity hospitals/Private health care facilities/NGO Health care facilities) by the pregnant women during her current pregnancy.

At the state level, about 89.1% of respondents were received ANC services during current pregnancy whereas 10.9% of respondents were not received antenatal care services.

Figure 6: Percent Distribution of respondents by ANC service uptake in Puducherry, HSS 2016-17

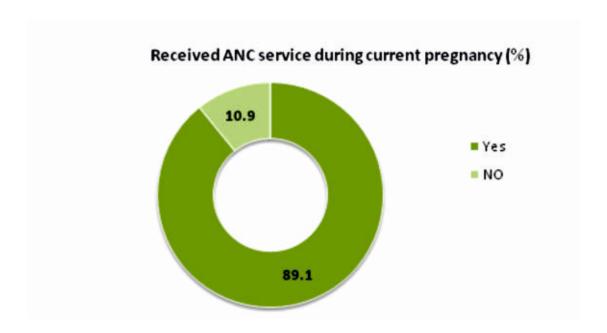


Table 9: District-wise % Distribution of respondents by Prior receipt of antenatal care services during current pregnancy in Puducherry, HSS 2016-17

State/District	YES	NO	N
State/District	%	% %	
Pondicherry	89.1	10.9	800
Karaikal	81.5	18.5	400
Pondicherry	96.8	3.3	400



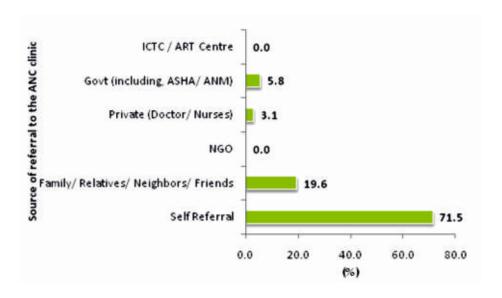


3.6 Source of Referral to the ANC Clinic

This variable illuminates the various sources of referral, and helps identify if a specific bias is being introduced in the sample due to specific referrals of HIV-positive cases from any source. The response categories listed in the HSS data form include self-referral; family/relative/ neighbour/friend; NGO; private hospital (doctor/nurse); government hospital (including ANM/ASHA); and ICTC/ART centre. Government health care providers include ANM, ASHA, doctors/nurses at PHC, and CHC.

self-referral was identified as the major source of referral to ANC clinics, accounting for 71.5% of respondents, followed by family/relatives/neighbor/friends (19.6%), government hospital (including ANM/ASHA) (5.8%), and private service providers (3.1%).

Figure 7: Percent Distribution of respondents by source of referral in Puducherry, HSS 2016-17



 $Table~10: District-wise~\%~Distribution~of~respondents~by~source~of~referral~and~district~in~Puducherry,\\ HSS~2016-17$

State/District	Self Referral	, Family/Relatives/ Neighbors/Friends	O9N 3	Private (Doctor/ Nurses)	Govt (including, ASHA/ ANM)	ICTC / ART Centre	N
Pondicherry	% 71.50	% 19.63	0.00	3.13	% 5.75	0.00	800
Karaikal	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400
Pondicherry	43.00	39.25	0.00	6.25	11.50	0.00	400





3.7. Current Place of Residence

2016-17 records the reported current residence of the respondent as urban or rural. If the current place of residence of the respondent was Municipal Corporation, municipal council, or cantonment area, it was classified as urban. Otherwise, it was recorded as rural.

At the state level, 63.1% of the respondents are reported to be currently residing in rural areas and the rest (36.9%) are reported to be currently residing in urban areas. However, there were inter-district variations.

Figure 8: Percent Distribution of respondents by current place of residence in Puducherry, HSS 2016-17

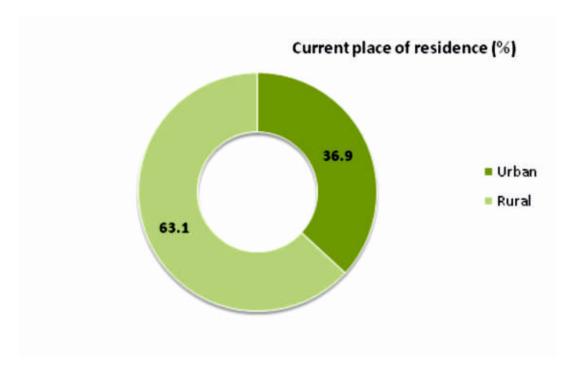


Table 11: District-wise % Distribution of respondents by Current Place of residence and district in Puducherry, HSS 2016-17

	Urban	Rural	N
State/District	%	%	.,
Pondicherry	36.9	63.1	800
Karaikal	33.8	66.3	400
Pondicherry	40.0	60.0	400



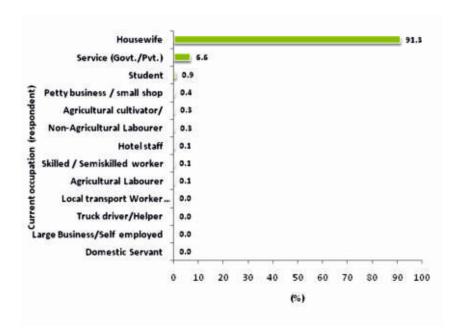


3.8. Current Occupation of the Respondent

Certain occupations are associated with higher exposure and risk to HIV. It is important to understand the profile of respondents with respect to their occupation. For this purpose, HSS has categorized 13 occupations, as detailed in an earlier chapter.

At the state level, the majority of the respondents (91.3%) were housewives, and 6.6% of respondents reported to be Service (Govt./Pvt.). Student were accounted for 0.9% of respondents followed by Petty business/small shop (0.4%), agricultural cultivator (0.3%) and non-agricultural labourer (0.3%). Hotel staff, Skilled/semiskilled worker and agricultural labourer were accounted for 0.1% respectively.

Figure 9: District-wise % Distribution of respondents by Occupation in Puducherry, HSS 2016-17



Table~12: District-wise~%~Distribution~of~respondents~by~Occupation~in~Puducherry, HSS~2016-17

State/District	Agricultural Labourer	Non-Agricultural Labourer	Domestic Servant	Skilled / Semiskilled worker	Petty business / small shop	Large Business/Self employed	Service (Govt./Pvt.)	Student	Hotel staff	Truck driver/Helper	Local transport Worker	Agricultural cultivator	Housewife	N
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Pondicherry	0.13	0.25	0.00	0.13	0.38	0.00	6.63	0.88	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.25	91.25	800
Karaikal	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.25	0.00	6.75	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	91.75	400
Pondicherry	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00	6.50	1.00	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.50	90.75	400





3.9. Current Occupation of Spouse

The respondents were also asked about the current occupation of their spouses. Occupation of spouse is an important epidemiological variable that may help identify population groups at higher risk of acquiring HIV. HSS used the same occupational categories as those used for the respondent. The two differences were that the category 'unemployed' (Code 13) is used in the place of 'housewife' and there is an additional category 'not applicable' (for never married/widowed/divorced/separated)' (Code 99).

Figure 10: % Distribution of respondents by the Occupation of spouse in Puducherry, HSS 2016-17

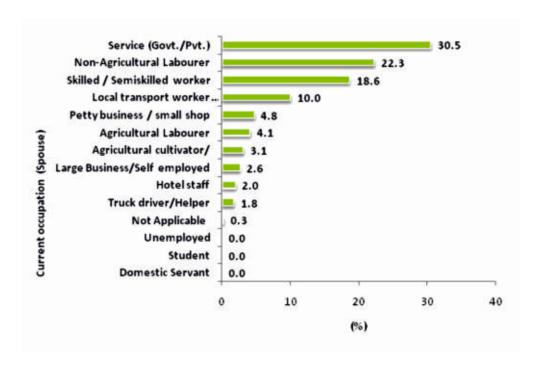


Table 13: District-wise % Distribution of respondents by the Occupation of spouse in Puducherry, HSS 2016-17

State/District	Agricultural Labourer	Non-Agricultural Labourer	Domestic Servant	Skilled / Semiskilled worker	_	employed	Service (Govt./Pvt.)	Student	Hotel staff	Truck driver/Helper	Local transport Worker	Agricultural cultivator	Unemployed	Not Applicable	N
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	99	
Pondicherry	4.1	22.3	0.0	18.6	4.8	2.6	30.5	0.0	2.0	1.8	10.0	3.1	0.0	0.3	800
Karaikal	2.5	23.5	0.0	23.0	4.5	1.5	28.5	0.0	1.8	1.5	11.0	1.8	0.0	0.5	400
Pondicherry	5.8	21.0	0.0	14.3	5.0	3.8	32.5	0.0	2.3	2.0	9.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	400



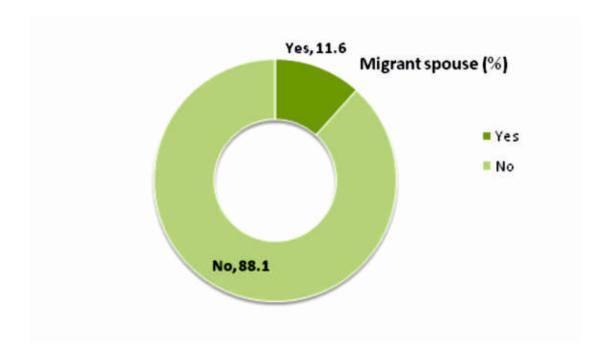


3.10. Migration Status of Spouse

In order to assess the relationship between spousal migration status and HIV prevalence among ANC clinic attendees, respondents in HSS were asked whether spouse resides in another place/town away from wife for work for longer than 6 months. This question was not applicable to those respondents who were never married/widowed/divorced/separated.

At the state level, around 11.6% of the respondents reported that their spouses were migrants, though there were significant inter-district variations.

Figure 11: Percentage of respondents with migrant spouse in Puducherry, HSS 2016-17



 $Table\,14: District-wise\ percentage\ of\ respondents\ with\ migrant\ spouse\ in\ Puducherry, HSS\,2016-17$

State/District	YES %	No %	Not Applicable %	N
Pondicherry	11.6	88.1	0.3	800
Karaikal	19.8	79.8	0.5	400
Pondicherry	3.5	96.5	0.0	400





3.11. HIV Testing History

This refers to the HIV testing history of pregnant women. At the state level, 70.5% of respondents were reported that they were previously tested for HIV.

Figure 12: Percent Distribution of respondents by HIV testing history in Puducherry, HSS 2016-17

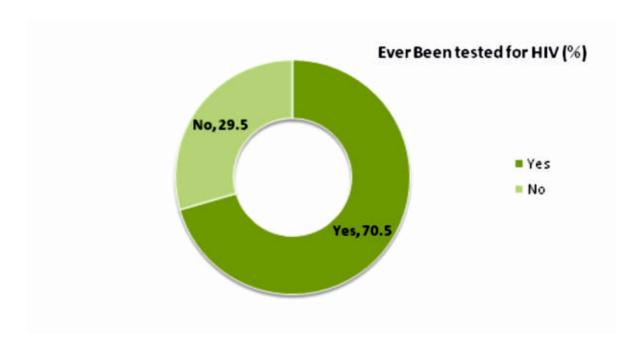


Table 15: District-wise percentage of respondents with HIV testing history in Puducherry, HSS 2016-17

State/District	Yes %	NO %	Grand Total
Pondicherry	70.5	29.5	800
Karaikal	50.8	49.3	400
Pondicherry	90.3	9.8	400





3.12. Time of last HIV Testing

This question aims to understand the timing of last HIV testing of respondents in reference to current pregnancy. At the state level, majority of the respondents (66.3%) were tested for HIV during current pregnancy, whereas 4.3% of respondents were tested before current pregnancy. Around 29.5% of the respondents were reported as never tested for HIV.

 $Figure\,13: Percent\,Distribution\,of\,respondents\,by\,Time\,of\,last\,HIV\,Testing\,in\,Puducherry, HSS\,2016-17$

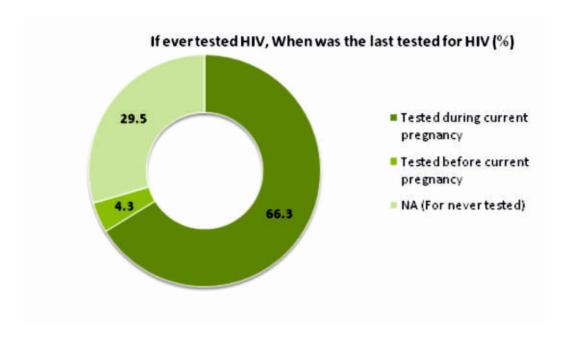


Table 16: District-wise percentage of respondents with Time of last HIV Testing in Puducherry, HSS 2016-17

(Only the respondent whom tested for HIV test previously)							
	Tested during current	Tested before current					
	pregnancy	pregnancy	N				
State/District	%	%					
Pondicherry	94.0	6.0	564				
Karaikal	84.7	15.3	203				
Pondicherry	99.2	0.8	361				





3.13. Result of last HIV test

This refers to the result of the last HIV test of the ANC respondent. At the state level, none of the respondents were reported that their last HIV test result was Positive. The majority of respondents (70.4%) were reported as HIV negative. Whereas 29.5% of respondents were reported that they were never tested for HIV.

Figure 14: Percent Distribution of respondents by Result of last HIV test in Puducherry, HSS 2016-17

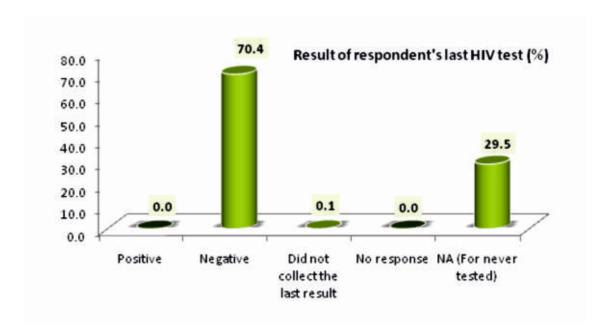


Table 17: District-wise percentage of respondents with Result of last HIV test in Puducherry, HSS 2016-17

(Only the respondent whom tested for HIV test previously)									
State/District	Positive	Negative	Did not collect the test result	No Response	N				
	%	%	%	%					
Pondicherry	0.00	99.82	0.18	0.00	564				
Karaikal	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	203				
Pondicherry	0.00	99.72	0.28	0.00	361				





CHAPTER 4

LEVELS OF HIV PREVALENCE AMONG ANC CLINIC ATTENDEES

HIV prevalence is the proportion of respondents who are found HIV positive at a given point of time in a specified geographic area. It indicates the burden of the epidemic in different population groups.

HIV prevalence among ANC clinic attendees is considered as proxy for HIV burden in general population. HIV prevalence of 1% or more among ANC clinic attendees is considered as high level, 0.5-0.99% is considered as moderate level and less than 0.5% is considered as low HIV prevalence for the analysis purpose in this report. This chapter describes the levels of HIV prevalence among ANC clinic attendees at state and district level.

4.1. HIV Prevalence at State District Level

Table 18: HIV Prevalence at State & District Level

District	Positive (%)	Grand Total
Pondicherry	0.00	800
Karaikal	0.00	400
Pondicherry	0.00	400





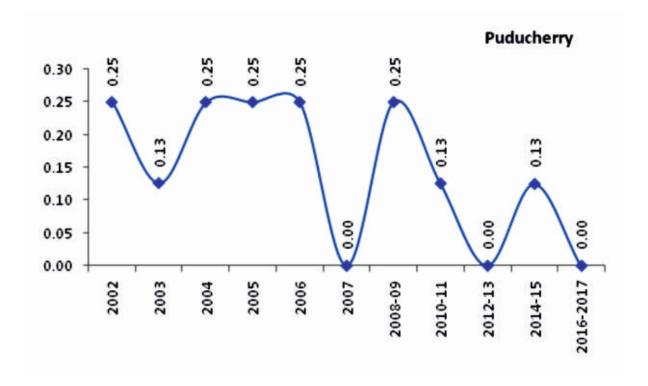
CHAPTER 5

HIV PREVALENCE TREND AMONG ANC CLINIC ATTENDEES

5.1 HIV Prevalence trend at State Level

Though there was a clear declining trend seen in Puducherry, within the state, there are variations in HIV prevalence among the districts. District level information on HIV is essential for planning district strategies in HIV prevention and control. District wise trend analysis was performed on surveillance data collected during the year 2002-2017 using moving average technique. The district level analysis showed a clear declining or stable epidemic trend.

Figure 16: HIV prevalence trend at Puducherry







2.2 HIV Prevalence trend at district level

Figure 17

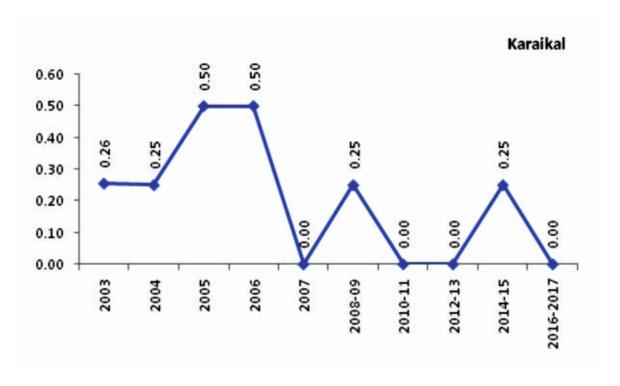
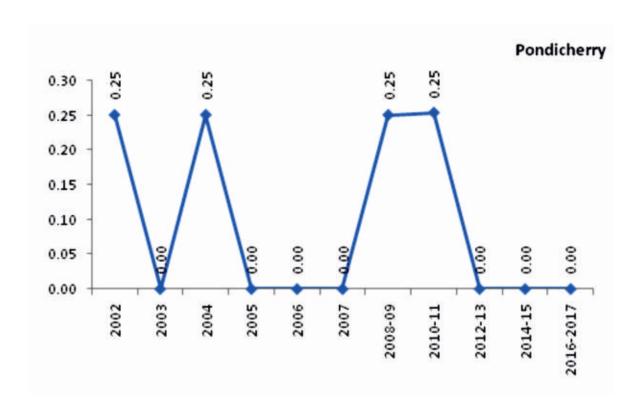


Figure 18







CHAPTER 6

SUMMARY

- The total samples of ANC analyzed were 800numbers across 2 districts in Puducherry. The median age of respondents was 25 years in the state and ranged between 17 and 42 years across two districts.
- The majority of the respondents were reported in the age group 25-34 (52.4%) followed by the age group of 15-24 years (46.4%).
- · In Puducherry, HIV Prevalence among the ANC was 0.0%.
- The proportion of illiterate ANC was zero percent at the state level.
- The high proportion of literacy was seen in the category of 11th to graduation (54.3%).
- · In Puducherry level, 50.1% of the respondents reported being pregnant for the first time.
- 5.6% of the respondents belonged to the First trimester followed by 51.4% were belonged to the second trimester and 43% of respondents were belonged to the Third trimester.
- The majority of the respondents (89.1%) reported that they received ANC services during their current pregnancy.
- Self referralwas identified as the major source of referral to ANC clinics, which accounted for 71.5% of respondents.
- · In Puducherry, 61.3% of respondents reported to be currently residing in rural areas.
- The majority of the respondents (91.3%) were housewives.
- In Puducherry, the spouses of ANC attendees accounting for 30.5% were in service (Govt./Pvt.) and 22.3% in non-agricultural labourer.
- · In Puducherry, 11.6% of respondents reported that their spouses were migrants.
- · In Puducherry, 66.3% of respondents were tested for HIV during current pregnancy,whereas, 4.3% were tested before current pregnancy and 29.5% of respondents were never tested for HIV previously.







$Annexure\,1\,Site\,wise\,HIV\,Prevalence\,in\,Pondicherry\,from\,the\,year\,2002-2017$

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Pondicherry	Pondicherry	Karaikal	'Karaikal	District name
ANC(R)	ANC	ANC(R) Karaikal	ANC	SiteType
Pondicherry Pondicherry ANC(R) Pondicherry	Pondicherry_Maternity Hospital 0	Karaikal	Karaikal_General Hospital	Sentinel Site
	ty 0.25		0.25	2002 (%)
0.00	0.00	0.26	0.25	2003 (%)
	0.25		0.25	2004 (%)
	0.00		0.50	2005
	y 0.25 0.00 0.25 0.00 0.00		0.25 0.25 0.25 0.50 0.50	2006 (%)
	0.00		0.00	2007 (%)
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	0.25		0.00	2010 11 (%)
	0.00		0.00	2012 13 (%)
	0.00		0.25	2014 15 (%)
	0.00		0.00	2016 2017 (%)







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