



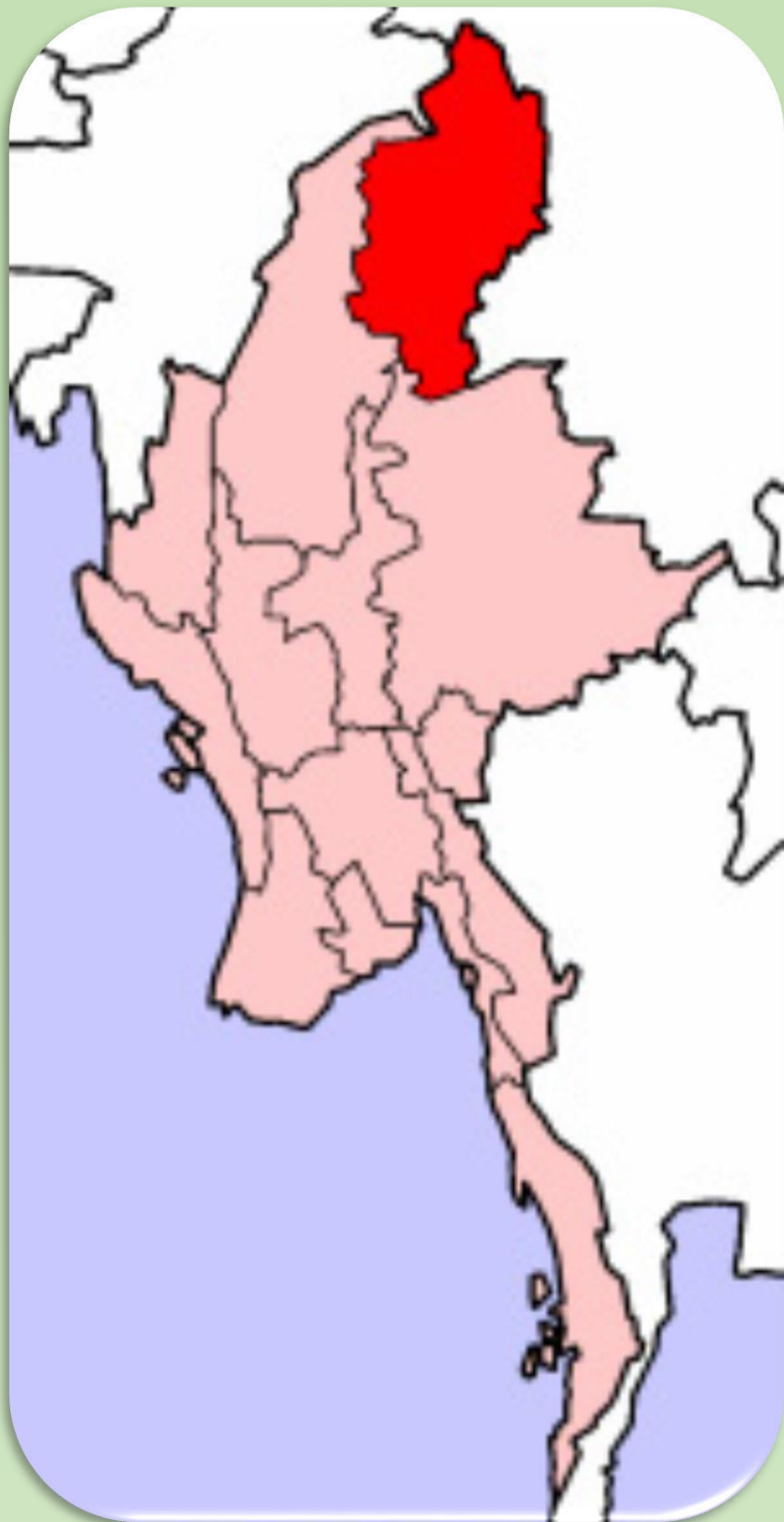
Differentiated Approach to Scale up HIV Testing and Prevention Services among People Who Inject Drugs (PWID) in Kachin State, Myanmar



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Background

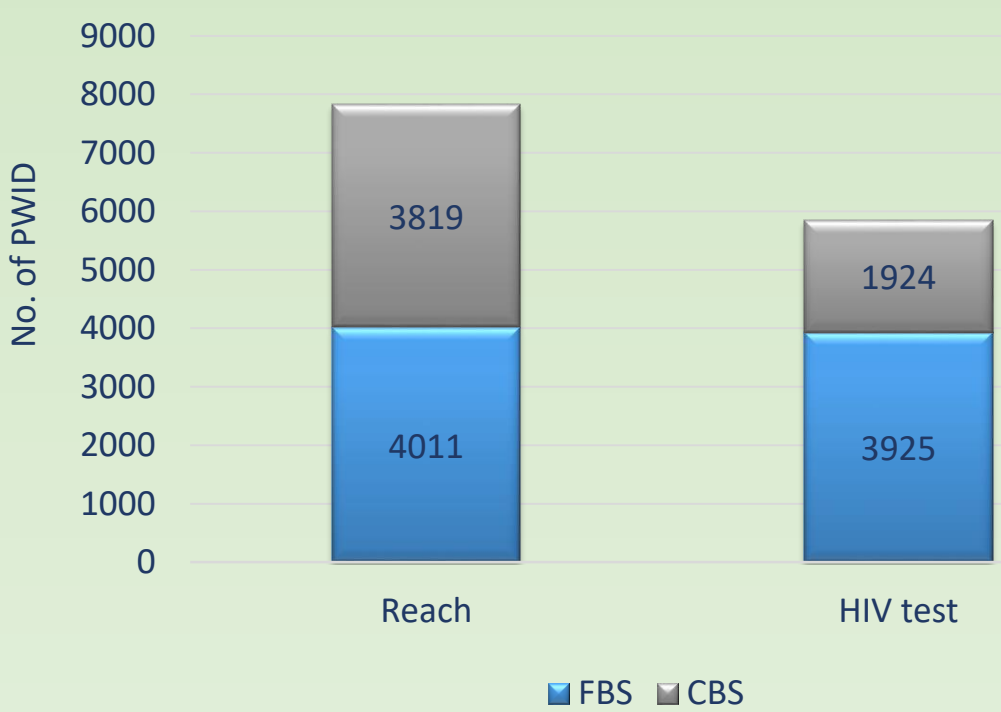
- ❖ Kachin state in Myanmar is home to a multitude of PWIDs living in remote villages and mining areas without proper access to HIV care.
- ❖ Reaching targeted key populations via traditional facility-based clinics is challenging for service providers.
- ❖ Innovative, community-based approaches with mobile bus services & mobile clinic teams could be the valuable solution, adopting the motto “delivering services to the people”.
- ❖ To reach the first of the global 90:90:90 targets, it is crucial that HIV Testing Service (HTS) coverage be expanded and adopt innovative approaches.



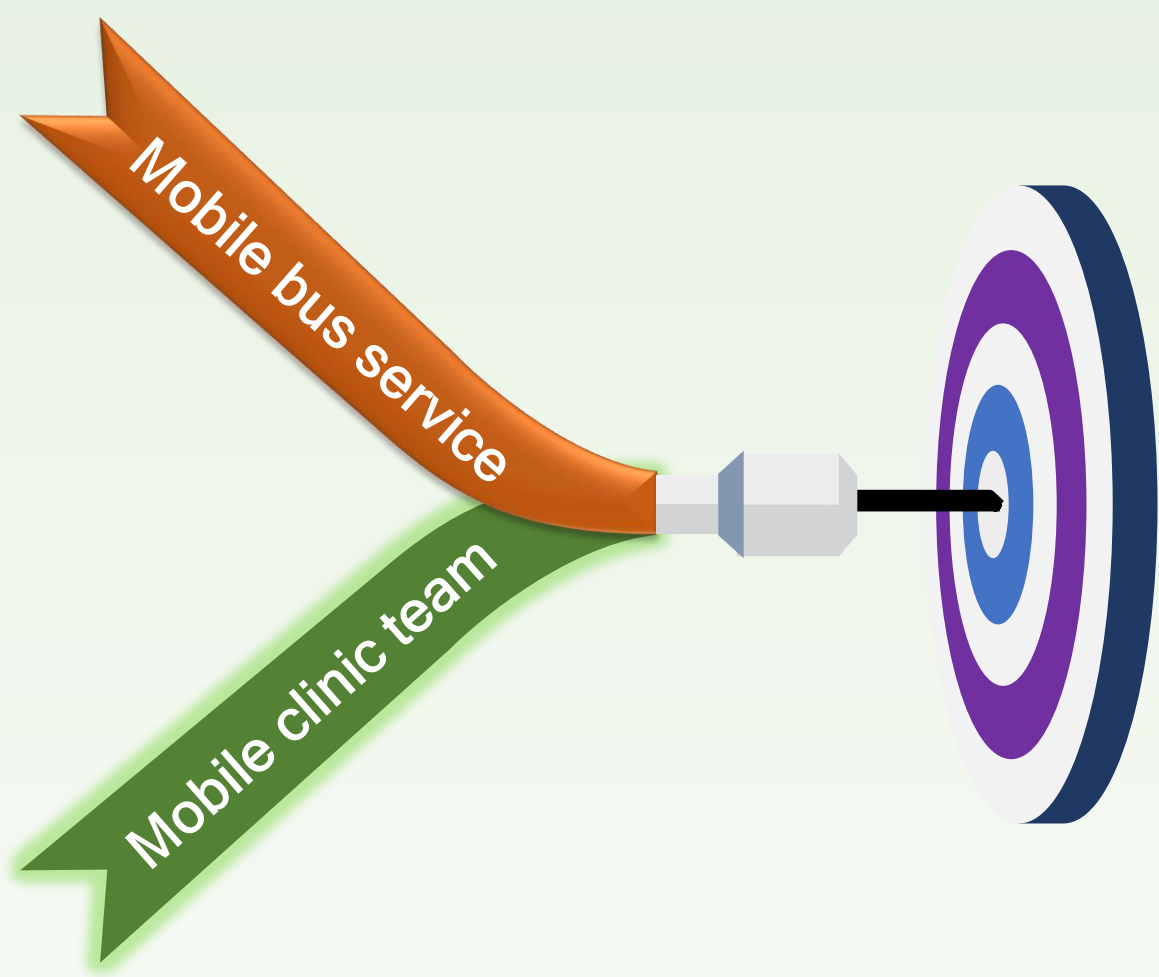
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Outcomes

- ❖ HIV testing can now be done in communities, rather than only referrals for testing services, which was the practice prior to this strategy.
- ❖ Between January and December 2018, UHF implementing partners in Kachin State performed 1,924 HIV tests among PWIDs.
- ❖ 3,819 PWIDs benefitted from HIV prevention services, with 50% also receiving HTS alongside prevention.



Number of PWID reached & HIV tests given in Community-based Service (CBS) and Facility-based Service (FBS)



Approach

- ❖ The USAID HIV/AIDS Flagship (UHF) Project, funded by USAID through PEPFAR, has been working together with 5 implementing partners in Kachin State since late 2017.
- ❖ From January to December 2018, implementing partners’ mobile bus services and mobile clinic teams provide community-based HIV testing and prevention services.
- ❖ In collaboration with community workers (CWs), service locations are identified based on populations’ preferences and needs
- ❖ Differentiated referral systems are employed for individuals who screen positive for HIV.



UHF and 5 implementing partners

Innovation and Significance

- ❖ Differentiated service delivery approaches, including mobile bus services and mobile clinic team, are novel for HIV testing and have shown noticeable achievements.
- ❖ This design provides prompt HIV identification, efficient referral linkage to treatment, and potential for decreased HIV transmission in underserved areas of Myanmar.
- ❖ Despite of some challenges, accelerating capacity building and optimizing effective linkage to appropriate follow-up services would take this project forwards.
- ❖ This model should be fostered and expanded to other populations and geographic areas as appropriate.



A tent serves as registration and commodity distribution



A mobile bus team provides prevention interventions, HIV testing, and referral services in remote villages



A mini laboratory for HIV tests inside the Bus



A mobile bus team providing health education sessions in remote villages