

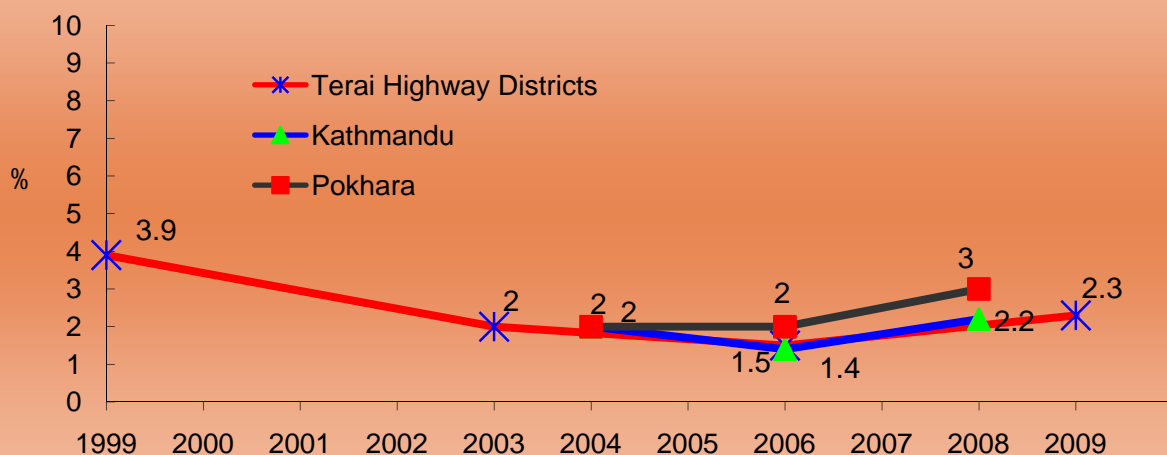


Factsheet N°6: HIV Surveillance in Nepal 2009

HIV Surveillance Activities in Nepal

- Nepal's priority in HIV surveillance is strengthening of the **Second Generation Surveillance** system.
- Routine case reporting:** National Centre for AIDS and STD Control (NCASC) receives HIV, AIDS and STI case reports from HIV Testing and Counseling (VCT), ART and PMTCT sites.
- Regular **Integrated Biological and Behavioural Surveys (IBBS)** among High Risk Groups (Female Sex Workers, Injecting Drug Users, Men having Sex with Men, Clients of Sex Workers, and Migrants) is being conducted by epidemiological regions in every two year to track the changes in the HIV prevalence and associated risk behaviours.
- Routine Programme data** collection such as people on ART, women on PMTCT, number of HIV tests conducted, Blood screened for HIV, and TB screened among HIV positives and vice-versa.
- Special studies** such as Nepal Demographic Health Surveys.
- Researches** (including operational researches) provide not only programme coverage and effectiveness but also depict information gaps.
- Size estimation of Most-at-Risk-Populations (MARPs)** in geographical regions
- HIV Infection estimations and projections** are being done in every two year in Nepal along with the international calendar for doing so. Nepal contributes every year the country estimates to Global Epidemic Update through UNAIDS.
- Producing **Impact data** from modeling (Spectrum).
- NCASC is leading the HIV surveillance activities in Nepal, in technical collaboration with Family Health International (FHI) and World Health Organization (WHO).

Figure 1: HIV Prevalence among FSWs in Nepal



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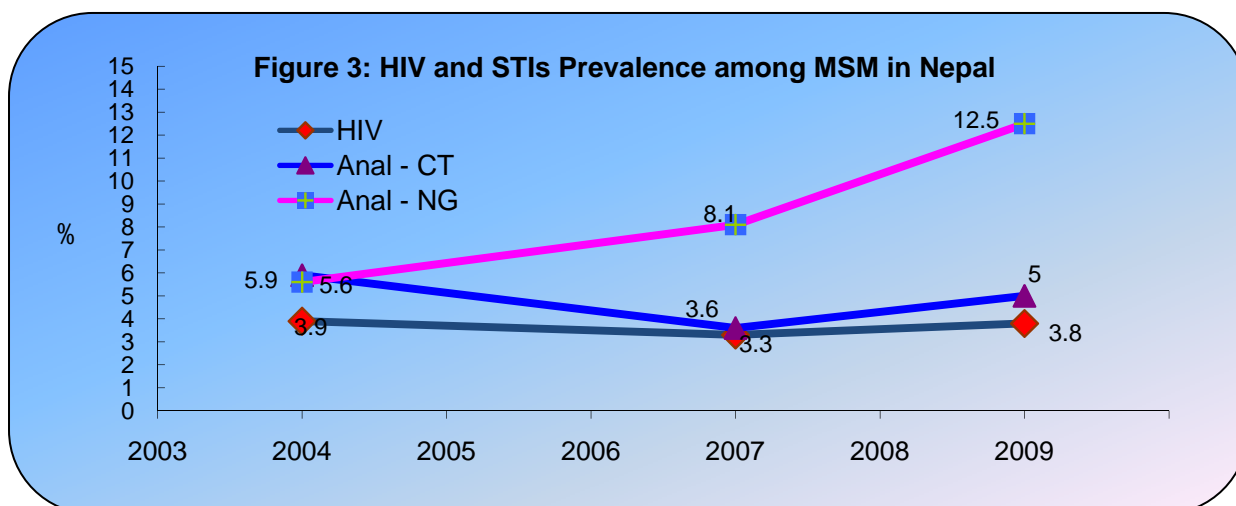
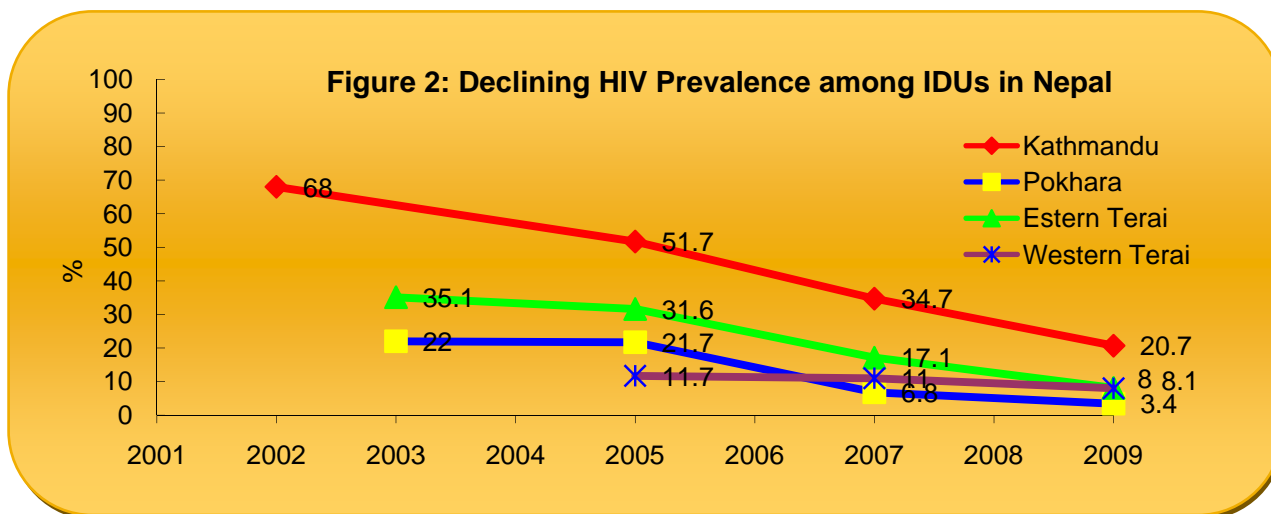


Table 1: IBBSs Conducted in Nepal (2000 - 2009)

MARPs	Study Areas	Rounds	Study Years
Female Sex Workers (FSWs)	Kathmandu	3	2004, 2006, 2008
	Pokhara	3	2004, 2006, 2008
	16 Terai Highway Districts	4	1999, 2003, 2006, 2009
	6 Terai Highway Districts	3	2004, 2006, 2009
Injecting Drug Users (IDUs)	Kathmandu	4	2002, 2005, 2007, 2009
	Pokhara	4	2002, 2005, 2007, 2009
	East Terai Districts	4	2002, 2005, 2007, 2009
	West to Far West Terai 7 Districts	3	2005, 2007, 2009
Truckers (Clients of FSWs)	22 Highway Districts	4	1999, 2003, 2006, 2009
Men having Sex with Men	Kathmandu	3	2004, 2007, 2009
Male Labour Migrants	West to Far West	2	2006, 2008
Wives of Labour Migrants	Far West	1	2008

Source: NCASC, 2009.

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