

Editorial Board

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Calendar

- 16 Dec 2010
20th CFA Meeting
- 7 Jan 2011
73rd ACA Meeting

**71st ACA Meeting
more about 71st ACA meeting held on 2 July 2010**

Update on Developing the Third Set of Core Indicators for Monitoring Hong Kong's AIDS Programme

The Meeting noted that in adopting the 2001 Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, UN Member States had committed themselves to regularly report to the United Nations General Assembly on the progress made in their country's response to the AIDS epidemic while Hong Kong HKSAR, as part of China, was not required to submit the report as a sovereign state, ACA had recommended in its current Strategies to adopt the indicators framework, which would help facilitate government and NGOs to benchmark performance, monitor progress, identify service gaps, and map out future strategies. The data could serve as a reference when formulating the next five years strategies.

The meeting considered that Hong Kong had been recognized for her very good performance on combating HIV/AIDS front

and cautioned that the information should properly reflect the situation of Hong Kong.

The meeting was pleased to note that civil society had given a very high rating "9" on the efforts in the implementation of HIV treatment, care and support programme in Section IV. The meeting also agreed that Hong Kong had excelled at anti-AIDS front and considered that the grading of the corresponding question of Part A, i.e. IV (4) should be upgraded accordingly.

The meeting proposed that ACA Secretariat should revisit National Composite Policy Index of Part A having taken into account Part B completed by the civil society and solicit further input from relevant Government Bureaux and Departments as necessary to fill any missing information.

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more about 71st ACA meeting held on 2 July 2010

Progress on the responses to the Recommendations made in the Report 'The Forgotten Tragedy, The Unforgettable Trauma - Addressing the needs of people affected by haemophilia and HIV infection in Hong Kong' published by the Advisory Council on AIDS

Members were updated on the progress of taking forward the recommendations and the present status of patients. Haemophilia patients were amongst the first people to be affected by the local HIV epidemic back in mid-1980s. ACA conducted a study to assess the needs of HIV infected haemophiliac patients in Hong Kong and issued a Report to the then Health, Welfare and Food Bureau in September 2004 recommending a number of short-term and long-term measures to address the needs of the haemophiliac patients and their carers. A case review panel (CRP) chaired by Department of Health (DH) and comprising representatives from Social Welfare Department (SWD) and Hospital Authority (HA) had been set up to monitor and follow up regularly on the needs of each of the patients and their carers as necessary. It was reported that four annual CRP meetings had been held to discuss the progress of all patients in a standardized systematic way since March 2007. Members were highlighted that the ATF Council launched an additional ex-gratia payment scheme in July 2005 to provide ongoing financial assistance to the patients and their families. Arrangements had been put in place to manage multiple medical problems. To facilitate access to services at HA hospitals and DH clinics, a special non-means tested waiver scheme had also been in place to waive patients on payments relating to all in-patient and out-patient services, as well as on standard drugs provision, for the rest of their lives. The needs of carers, widows and their children had been reviewed in the CRP. Affected persons with

needs could be referred to the clinical psychologist of Social Welfare Department for assessment and further management.

The meeting was delighted to note that adequate care and support services had been providing to haemophiliac patients and their carers.

A Proposed Scheme for the Formulation of Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong 2012-2016

Members were refreshed on the history of local AIDS strategies development and formulation process of the 2007-2011 strategies which consisted of community assessment and evaluation, estimation and projection exercise on HIV/AIDS in Hong Kong, opinion survey on AIDS programme and AIDS strategies, work and deliberations of ACA and the Community Forum on AIDS (CFA) and analysis of international development.

It was proposed that the Council Secretariat would, on behalf of ACA, coordinate and work on the new set of Recommended Strategies for 2012-2016 as in the past exercises. It was also highlighted that the development of the next Strategies would span from the current ACA term which would last till July 2011 to the 8th term. It was expected that the final version of the new strategies would be available in early 2012.

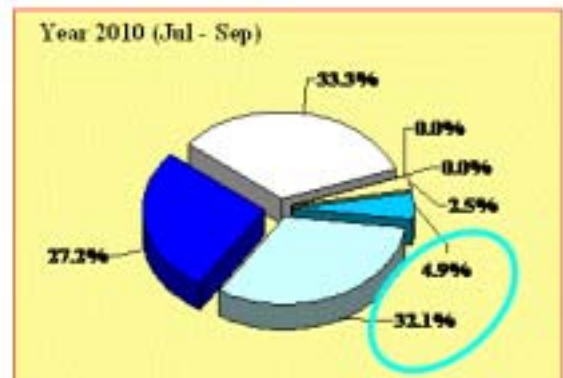
It was ACA's belief that input from the community played an important role in shaping the HIV/AIDS programme.

It was proposed at the last CFA meeting that a community stakeholder consultation meeting be jointly held by CFA and the Hong Kong Coalition of AIDS Service Organizations to seek views and input from the community for formulation of the strategies.

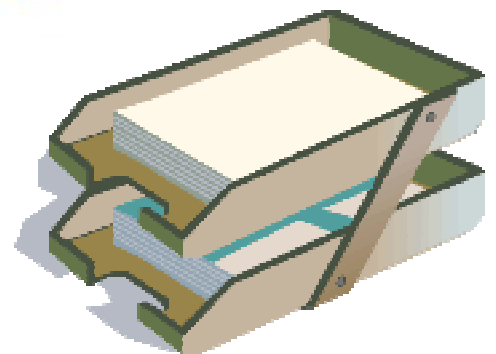
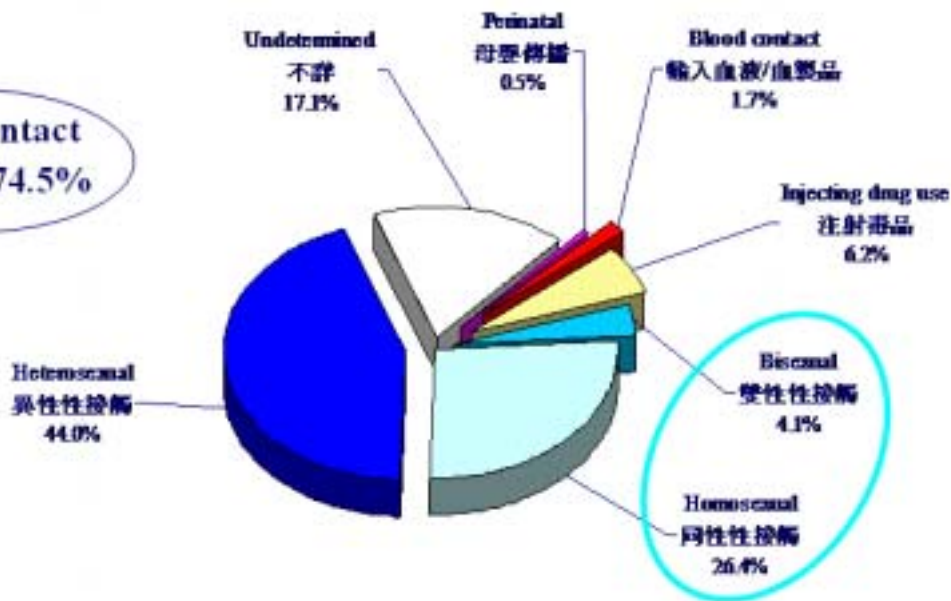
HIV/AIDS Situation

Routes of transmission of HIV infection

感染愛滋病病毒人士之傳染途徑
1984 – September 2010 (N=4730)




Sexual contact
性接觸 : 74.5%



HIV/AIDS Situation in 3rd Quarter 2010

updated 30 September 2010

		This Quarter		Cumulative	
		<u>HIV</u>	<u>AIDS</u>	<u>HIV</u>	<u>AIDS</u>
Sex	Male	64	24	3789	999
	Female	17	6	941	172
Ethnicity	Chinese	57	25	3143	910
	Non-Chinese	24	5	1587	261
Route of Transmission	Sexual Contacts	52	27	3524	1011
	Heterosexual	22	14	2082	714
	Homosexual	26	11	1249	250
	Bisexual	4	2	193	47
	Injecting drug use	2	0	291	46
	Blood/blood products recipients	0	0	79	24
	Perinatal	0	0	25	7
	Undetermined	27	3	811	83
	Total	81	30	4730	1171