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The meeting noted that the purpose of the paper was to summarize the process and results of a multi-day community consultation meeting for the development of HIV/AIDS Strategies in Hong Kong from year 2012 to 2016. Members were recapped that the Community Stakeholders Consultation Meeting (CSCM) was held from 26 January to 1 February 2011 jointly by Community Forum on AIDS (CFA) and Hong Kong Coalition on AIDS Service Organizations (HKCASO) to maximize their contribution, ownership and acceptability of the eventual Strategies.

Nine sessions on vulnerable communities and resource mobilization were held, with 248 attendances comprising community members and representatives of organizations. A total of 114 recommendations in seven action areas were generated and prioritized by participants in each session. The recommendations could be categorized into seven areas, namely

- (a) scaling up HIV prevention;
- (b) providing comprehensive and integrated treatment, care and support;
- (c) fostering an enabling environment;
- (d) strengthening leadership by government and other stakeholders;
- (e) promoting supportive legal framework and public policy;
- (f) enhancing strategic information; and
- (g) Mobilizing resources.



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Evaluation indicated that the participants were generally satisfied with the registration, information and facilitation, their involvement and final recommendations but reflected the following limitations:

- ✧ Views of participants only were captured
- ✧ In-depth discussion was not possible due to time constraint rendering suggestions being too superficial and biased towards those who had well prepared
- ✧ Views of the minority might be ranked lower during prioritization

Members were briefed on the way forward and the time table on formulation/ finalization of the HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong covering the period from 2012 to 2016:

	Date
To draft Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies (2012-2016) for Hong Kong	Q2 of 2011
ACA to discuss Draft Strategies	July 2011
To conduct stakeholders consultation for Draft Strategies	Q3 of 2011
ACA to discuss Second Draft Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies (2012-2016) For Hong Kong	October 2011
To conduct public consultation for Second Draft Recommended Strategies	Q4 of 2011
ACA to endorse Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies (2012-2016) For Hong Kong	January 2012

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The meeting considered that the recommendations of the CSCM report could form a useful basis for ACA to formulate the HIV/AIDS strategies and invited members to write to the Secretariat if they had further comments/views on the report.

Opinion Survey on AIDS Programme in Hong Kong 2010

Members were introduced that the paper summarized the process and opinions that were gathered from stakeholders through an opinion survey on AIDS programme for the development of HIV/AIDS Strategies in Hong Kong from year 2012 to 2016 by Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS. Stakeholders including related committees, NGOs, communities of target populations, and government departments/bureau had been specifically informed of the survey. Comments and recommendations collected from the survey were organized into the following thematic categories:

- (a) HIV Prevention
- (b) Treatment, care and support
- (c) Training of healthcare and NGOs workers
- (d) Surveillance and Research
- (e) Funding support

Members were invited to complete the Opinion Survey should they wish to do so.

Progress Review of the Eight Targets of the Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong 2007-2011

Members were briefed on the process leading to an end-of period review after the release of the “Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong 2007-2011” in May 2007, including a mid-term review of the following eight targets which was carried out by the Secretariat and presented to ACA and CFA in July and September 2009 respectively:

One	Increase condom use of MSM, sex workers and clients to $\geq 80\%$
Two	Incorporate rapid HIV testing for late presenting mothers to close gap of MTCT
Three	Develop one or more resource allocation plans to guide programme funding
Four	Review ATF funding mechanism to improve effective funding of community-based response
Five	Regularize community surveillance of risk populations at 1-2 year intervals
Six	Improve HIV testing coverage among risk populations
Seven	Sustain quality HIV care of international standards to people living with HIV/AIDS
Eight	Enhance collaboration with Mainland China through regular or ad-hoc programmes / projects

The mid-term review served to gather relevant information for discussion and invite feedback, comments and inputs. Subsequently, responses had been given to HKCASO to its questions and comments. Having reached the last year of the strategies span, it was time to conduct a period-end review. In order to depict a more complete picture, the review had sought input from the civil society and other stakeholders towards the progress of the eight targets.

The meeting noted that most of targets had been achieved.

