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40th CFA Meeting 13 June 2016

95th ACA Meeting 16 June 2016

HIV/AIDS Statistics in Hong Kong - Updated 31 March 2016					
		Q1 2016		Cumulative	
		HIV	<u>AIDS</u>	HIV	<u>AIDS</u>
Sex	Male	121	15	6,339	1,398
	Female	26	2	1,526	274
Ethnicity	Chinese	96	14	5,345	1,284
	Non-Chinese	39	3	2,373	388
	Unknown	12	0	147	0
Route of Transmission	Sexual Contacts	103	17	6,047	1,455
	- Heterosexual	24	5	2,826	925
	- Homosexual	69	9	2,873	453
	- Bisexual	10	3	348	77
	Injecting drug use	2	0	347	63
	Blood/blood products recipients	0	0	84	24
	Perinatal	0	0	29	9
	Undetermined	42	0	1,358	121
Total		147	17	7,865	1,672

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## A Summary of the 94th ACA Meeting held on 8 April 2016

#### Enhanced funding mechanism for AIDS Trust Fund (ATF) projects

ATF Secretariat shared with ACA on ATF enhanced funding mechanism for Publicity and Public Education projects which will help channel more resources to high-risk groups. This is to ensure 2013 fund injection can sustain for 7 to 12 years and to enhance fund management. The enhanced mechanism was piloted in the August 2015 round of application and was fully implemented in the February 2016 round. The ATF Council will further deliberate on the thematic priorities including priority setting, effective interventions and common indicators among risk groups. Briefing sessions for NGOs will be conducted in due course.

The ATF Secretariat reported that a 3% yearly increase was endorsed by ATF Council under the enhanced funding mechanism. ATF Secretariat held regular meetings with SPP to discuss epidemiology of high-risk groups in order to respond to latest HIV situation if necessary. The funding allocation for each NGO was based on the target population they served, type of interventions and their track records. To facilitate communication with NGOs, sharing sessions and kick off meetings were arranged. Visits and inspections to ATF grantees also served for monitoring purpose.

#### Recommended principles and practice of HIV clinical care in Hong Kong

DH presented the six recommended principles and practice of HIV clinical care in Hong Kong, including (1) Special expertise for optimal care of people with HIV/AIDS; (2) A multispecialty and multi-disciplinary team approach; (3) A clinic-based, tailored package of prevention interventions; (4) Equitable access to high quality care; (5) Respecting the rights of the patient; and (6) Community support, participation and acceptance. These updated recommendations were in line with the 90-90-90 goal advocated by UNAIDS. This substantive framework of principles and practice demonstrated Hong Kong's comprehensive approach to HIV clinical care. It was suggested adding the element of research to the Recommendations.

#### **Report of the Community Forum on AIDS**

Members noted the summary report and discussions of the 38th CFA Meeting held on 8 March 2016 (a summary of this CFA Meeting was contained in the ACA Newsfile issued in May 2016).

#### A Summary of the 35th SCAS Meeting

The Chairperson referred members to the summary of the 35th Meeting of SCAS held on 5 April 2016 and the Secretary briefed members on the major discussions.

## Report on the Community Stakeholders' Consultation for the formulation of Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies (2017-2021)

DH presented the background, process, output and next steps of the consultation of targeted community stakeholders for formulation of the new Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies (2017-2021). Members considered that more information in relation to the views and recommendations raised by the participants of the community consultation are required. They agreed that multiple factors should be considered when formulating the Strategies. Community stakeholders' views should be given due weight as they were the most affected populations and yet also able to impact on the HIV/AIDS response.

To facilitate further and more detailed discussion, members requested to have more background information, including local epidemiology, review of response, international stance and scientific evidence.

# 95th ACA Meeting

Date: 16 June 2016 (Thursday)

Time: 2:30 pm

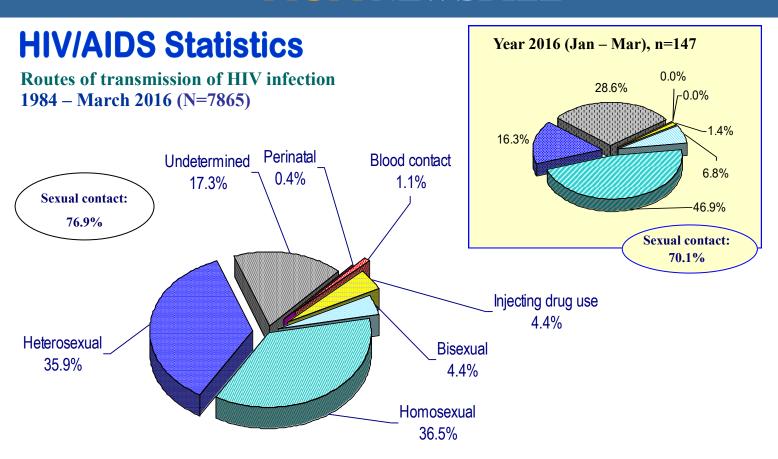
Venue: Conference Room, Department of Health, 21/F Wu Chung House,

Wanchai, Hong Kong

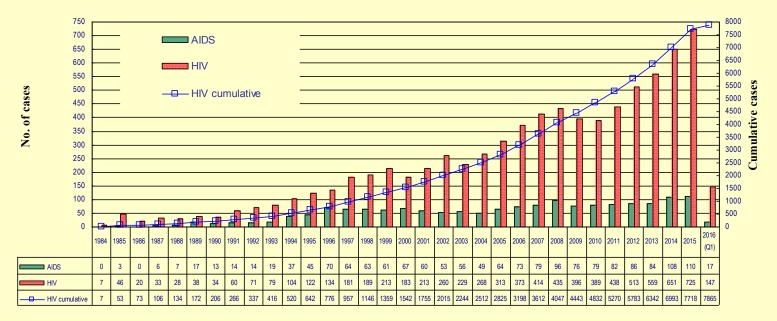
#### Three main items on the Agenda -

- HIV projections, scenarios and recommendations from the AIDS Epidemic Model
- Further discussion on controversial issues raised by the Community Stakeholders' Consultation
- Framework of the next Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong (2017-2021)





#### Annual HIV/AIDS Statistics 1984 – 2016 Q1, Hong Kong (N=7865/1672)



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