

Review on the first year implementation of the Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong 2012 - 2016

Priority area	Recommendation	Ongoing initiatives	New initiatives
Scale up HIV prevention in priority communities	Keep convenient access to quality condoms and lubricants in venues frequented by priority populations	Distribute free condoms and lubricants in gay sauna, gay bar, gay social activities and MSM sex parties, and free condoms in HIV clinics, VCT centres, social hygiene clinics, methadone clinics, sex work premises and community outreach.	Distribute free condoms and lubricants via gay massage parlours, TB & Chest Clinics, Elderly Health Clinics, vending machine in university campus and mobile application
		-	Develop mobile application for locating free condom distribution sites
	Promote condom as a norm for safer sex to prevent HIV and STI	Publicize through API, outdoor media, print media, the internet, peers and opinion leaders in the community	Produce new TV announcements targeting heterosexual male
	Expand Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT) for HIV and STI in community and clinical settings	Enhance the service capacity and publicize VCT in mass and targeted media, including the internet, mobile devices and community outreach	Engage healthcare providers to promote opportunistic HIV testing
		-	Increase evening sessions in Social Hygiene Clinics
		-	Include VCT venues of Shenzhen and Macau into location-based navigation application of mobile devices
		-	Increase outreach and VCT to sex workers (SW) working in massage parlours
		-	Study the scene and feasibility of self HIV test in MSM, and provide its updated education to the public
	Sustain provider-initiated universal HIV testing	-	Conduct Community-Based Participatory Research Intervention Model to scale up HIV test among MSM
			Revamp universal HIV antibody testing in methadone clinics and promote the service via more organizations which serves drug users
			Update clinical guidelines on prevention of perinatal HIV transmission

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	Positive prevention targeting PLHIV	Maintain partner counselling and referral, risk reduction counselling, screening of STI, prevention of vertical transmission, follow up and drug adherence as part of the clinical management for people living with HIV (PLHIV)	Increase early uptake of HAART according to latest scientific evidence Conduct safer sex campaign targeting serodiscordant MSM couples
	Outreach to more hidden subgroups	-	Develop / ride on mobile applications to reach MSM, heterosexual male and the youth
		-	Provide MSM-oriented services in youth centres in the New Territories
		-	Distribute condom and offer HIV prevention to refugees, asylum seekers and new immigrants from places with high HIV prevalence
		-	Develop new programmes targeting gay couples, transgender people, younger MSM, persons who have hearing or physical disability.
No restriction on purchase of syringes	-	Explore feasibility of selling syringes in convenient stores which open beyond business hours of dispensary stores	

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Maintain holistic and quality HIV treatment, care and support	Share updated HIV-related knowledge in healthcare providers and NGO workers	Maintain attachment programmes for medical students	Expand clinical attachment for nursing undergraduates
		Produce regular publications, submit articles to peer-reviewed publications, present in academic meetings / conferences, organize continuous education programmes and promulgate local guidelines on HIV epidemiology, prevention, testing and care.	Produce a new HIV Manual with extensive input from local experts
		-	Develop a pilot training programme for private doctors on updated principles of HIV test and information on referral of PLHIV
		-	Conduct trainings for healthcare workers in the public sector, social workers and students of these disciplines with sharing by PLHIV
	Maintain high level of effectiveness in clinical management	Implement clinical governance against established standards	Provide information to increase health literacy of attending patients
		Maintain continuous access to a wide range of Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy (HAART) and subsidy provided to eligible PLHIV	Revamp clinical management and information system in the Integrated Treatment Centre of DH
		Review level of provision required for the increasing number of PLHIV	Bid new resources for enhancing existing / setting up of new HIV clinic and fund injection to AIDS Trust Fund (ATF)
	Facilitate rehabilitation of PLHIV	Empower and mobilize PLHIV in advocacy, provision of service and education of service providers on their needs	-
		-	Develop new websites with comprehensive information on HIV/AIDS and frequently asked questions for newly diagnosed PLHIV

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Foster an environment which supports safer sex, harm reduction and anti-discrimination	Educate public on the protections rendered by the Disability Discrimination Ordinance	Provide talks, training and consultancy services to organizations and employers; Community Participation Funding Programme; Special Partnership Projects; and publications	Conduct Equal Workplace Campaign funded by Equal Opportunities Commission to promote equal workplace for PLHIV based among corporate
	Promote acceptance to PLHIV and priority populations	Continue the message in individual programmes esp. the World AIDS Campaign	Produce and publicize a MicroFilm, a theme song, a new API and dramas
		Organize community-based or media programme through Equal Opportunities (Sexual Orientation) Funding Scheme	Increase budget of the Equal Opportunities (Sexual Orientation) Funding Scheme
		Offer training to sensitize teachers, social workers, disciplined forces and lay workers on the need of PLHIV and priority populations	-
		-	Raise the understanding of private doctors on MSM as part of a comprehensive training programme
		-	Pilot a study on PLHIV to measure stigma perceived by PLHIV
	Examine impact of relevant laws and policies on access to HIV-related services	-	Review sexual and related offences of homosexual behaviours
		-	Explore removal of condom as evidence of illegal sex work
	Expand life skills-based (LSB) HIV education among youth	Teach the use of condom in educational settings, outreach, internet and other media; sustain life skills education in schools	-
		-	Form a Task Force which advise on the development of life skills-based HIV education in secondary schools and oversee a survey on the extent and components of LSB HIV education
	Incorporate interventions that tackle underlying vulnerability of priority populations	Enhance programmes which address self-acceptance, self-efficacy of using condoms, partner communication, illicit drug use, health consciousness, and mental health of MSM.	Develop additional programmes which address relationship issues for MSM who have regular sex partner
		Maintain assistance on employment, relationship issues, legal matters and social support for sex workers and drug users	-

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Drive strategically informed and accountable interventions	Improve monitoring and evaluation of individual HIV prevention and care programmes	-	Set out concrete, quality and budgeted monitoring and evaluation plan	
		-	Develop internal audit of VCT service in community settings	
	Improve monitoring and evaluation of the territory-wide response	Enhance reporting of HIV/AIDS, STI, surveys on HIV prevalence, risk behaviours, universal HIV testing programmes, HIV subtypes and drug resistance patterns, and follow up on the management outcomes of PLHIV under care.		Review / add questions in community-based surveys on MSM, SW, opiate-dependent persons and male clients of SW for evaluating exposure and intensity of prevention programmes
		-	Develop and implement a common set of widely adopted indicators for monitoring the major risk factors of priority populations	
		-	Study the feasibility of monitoring population viral load	
		-	Study patterns of unprotected anal sex among MSM travelling to Shenzhen	
	Characterize HIV risk among male sex workers, transgender population, people involved in compensated dating and non-injecting drug users	-	Compare risk of virtual versus physical channel sex networking in MSM	
		-	Analyze sexual risk and substance use among African refugees and asylum seekers in Hong Kong	
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	Monitor STI pattern among FSW	-	Include test for chlamydia and gonorrhoea in community-based survey	
	Conduct formative research of pilot programmes	-	Conduct RCT to evaluate efficacy of network-based HIV peer-education intervention targeting MSM	
		-	Evaluate acceptability of female condom among monogamous women with STI	

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Enhance partnership and capacity for an effective response within Hong Kong and the nearby region	Foster communication among service providers, policy makers and funding bodies	Continue Community Forum on AIDS (CFA) as a platform for communication among Advisory Council on AIDS (ACA), service providers and other stakeholders	Broaden membership, invite stakeholders for exchange and allow observers in CFA meetings
		-	Convene meetings between ACA and ATF, and revise application guidelines of ATF to align with recommendations of ACA
		-	Increase transparency of ATF by providing updates on funding situation, statistics of applications and frequently asked questions in its website regularly
		-	Organize briefing session and plan for experience –sharing seminar
	Mobilize vulnerable communities and PLHIV to take part in the AIDS response	Train up peer workers in spreading the messages in their communities	-
		-	Lobby gay groups and opinion leaders to take part in HIV prevention
	Mobilize resources other than ATF	-	Explore synergistic prevention of HIV, drug abuse and harmful drinking
	Assess the needs of building the capacity of NGO	Identify needs and opportunities for continuous training and development of NGO workers	-
	Exchange and collaboration between Hong Kong and other cities especially those in the Mainland	Continue existing fellowship programmes for personnel from the Mainland	Co-host a training workshop for strategic development of community-based organizations in the Mainland
		-	Provide training and attachment in the Mainland
		Maintain the online platform to share HIV surveillance information in Pearl River Delta	-

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		Synergistic publicity in Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Macau around World AIDS Day	-
		-	Take part in regional consultation on HIV, STI and other health needs of transgender people in Asia and the Pacific, and support a pilot project for transgender persons in Kunming.
		-	Study risk behaviours and HIV epidemiology of MSM crossing border for sex