

## Appendix E : Review on the first year implementation of the Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong (2017 – 2021)

As at July 2018

### A list of initiatives related to the ACA's recommended strategies – Areas to be strengthened

Priority area	Recommendation	Existing programme & New initiatives (marked ★)
<b>Primary target populations (1):</b> <b>Men who have sex with men (MSM)</b>	<b>Target young MSM intensively:</b>  To tackle with the problems: unprotected sex, alcohol and substance abuse (chemsex and chemfun), low HIV testing rate and lower treatment rate	<p><b><u>NGO</u></b>            Use of digital technology to reach target populations, including instant communication apps (e.g. LINE, WeChat, WhatsApp) for online promotion and preliminary intervention via internet (e.g. Facebook, Instagram and online young MSM forums)            Other promotion channels included:            - Community outreach (visit to bar, pub and sauna)            - Institutions (e.g. universities) outreach;            - Educational talks/Workshops;            - Recruitment of young MSM as Ambassador to help deliver health messages;            - Thematic HIV educational workshops /exhibitions in tertiary institutions: Sexual Health, Risk Assessment, Medical treatment for HIV &amp; STI, sexual orientation, couple relationship and self-protection            Targeted voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) services for different age groups, with introduction of coping skills</p> <p><b><u>HA and DH</u></b>            Risk reduction counselling for young MSM            Liaise with NGOs for drug addiction counselling ★            Counselling to enhance engagement and retention in care            MSM Working Group convened by the Red Ribbon Centre: serve as a platform to discuss ad-hoc MSM issues, publicity plan and prevention programmes targeted to (young) MSM            Health promotion project on mental health and chemsex (DH) ★            Multimedia platform : "Gay Men HIV Testing Hotline 2117 1069", Gay Men HIV Information website www.21171069.com, Mobile app "1069 Test Finder" (DH)</p>
	<b>Increase condom use</b> Combined prevention	<p><b><u>NGO</u></b>            Sex education</p>

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<b>Primary target populations (1): Men who have sex with men (MSM)</b> (continue)	services, provided as a package, consisting of information dissemination, condom distribution, HIV testing, referral and linkage to HIV care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Educational exhibitions</li> <li>- Thematic HIV educational workshops in tertiary institutions</li> </ul> <p>Condom Distribution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Collaboration with student affairs office / administration office to provide free condoms and lube in institutions;</li> <li>- Collaboration with LGBT advocacy group formed by students across various institutions in Hong Kong to provide free condoms and lube in College during Orientation Camp, Christmas, Valentine's Day etc.;</li> <li>- Distribute educational materials (include condoms and lube) during sauna and bar outreach</li> <li>- Provide free condoms to VCT service users</li> <li>- Distribute in local LGBT events (e.g.: film festival, Gay Pride, etc.);</li> <li>- Distribute condoms in MSM support group workshops and activities</li> </ul> <p>Referral and linkage to HIV care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Internet / smart phone apps counselling</li> <li>- Thematic HIV educational workshops in tertiary institutions: Peer HIV Training 🌟</li> </ul> <p>Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capacity building workshops and peer support groups for MSM</li> </ul> <p><b><u>HA and DH</u></b></p> <p>Distribution of free condoms in HIV clinics, DH Social Hygiene Clinics and the Red Ribbon Centre</p> <p>Distribution of free condoms to institutions and NGOs, also in various LGBT events</p>
	<b>Advocate annual universal HIV testing</b>	<p><b><u>NGO</u></b></p> <p>Promote annual universal HIV &amp; STI voluntary counselling and testing service among MSM on social media platforms</p> <p>HIV &amp; STI voluntary counselling and testing service targeting young MSM in institutions 🌟</p> <p>HIV/AIDS Helpline Services and use the communication apps e.g. WhatsApp, Line and WeChat to provide real-time testing support 🌟</p> <p><b><u>DH</u></b></p> <p>World AIDS Campaign 2018 : to promote annual universal screening as a norm for the community irrespective of individually assessed risk of infection 🌟</p>

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<b>Primary target populations (1): Men who have sex with men (MSM)</b> (continue)	<b>Stop leakage for linkage to and retention in care and treatment</b>	<p><b><u>NGO</u></b></p> <p>Thematic HIV educational workshops in tertiary institutions &amp; MSM Support Groups: Medical Treatment for HIV &amp; STI</p> <p>Mechanism to refer the PLHIV for medical treatment after tested positive in VCT service</p> <p>Peer support offered by PLHIV young MSM</p> <p>Case management by a case manager/worker with regular follow up</p> <p><b><u>HA and DH</u></b></p> <p>Case manager to assess and address the needs of patients</p> <p>Actively follow up and trace defaulters</p> <p>Mechanism to refer cases to NGOs which provide support to mental health problem and substance abusers ★</p> <p>Referral for psychiatrist consultation for patients with mental health problem and substance abuse</p>
	<p><b>Substance abuse /chemfun/ chemsex</b></p> <p>Enable staff to identify drug-using MSM and provide relevant services and proper referral</p> <p>Collaboration between HIV services and drug related services</p>	<p><b><u>NGO</u></b></p> <p>Staff training for HIV &amp; STI voluntary counselling &amp; testing services</p> <p>Refer the cases to other related drug rehabilitation NGOs e.g. PS-33 (Counselling Service for Psychotropic Substance Abusers), SACH – IV沙馳四號計劃</p> <p>Apply “Beat Drugs Fund” for projects</p> <p>LGBT sensitivity and HIV/AIDS education session offered to the Counselling Centre for Psychotropic Substance Abusers (CCPSA) and the drug rehabilitation hostels</p> <p><b><u>HA and academic institutions</u></b></p> <p>Supported and provided staff training including certificate course, workshop and conferences:</p> <p>The First Asia-Pacific Conference for Addiction Professionals co-organised by the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Tung Wah Group of Hospitals CROSS Centre (2017), co-organised by Polytechnic University ★</p> <p>Annual Scientific Meeting cum Seminar on Chemsex by Hong Kong Society for HIV Medicine (2017) ★</p> <p><b><u>DH</u></b></p> <p>Closer liaison with drug rehabilitation services ★</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To introduce HIV prevention and testing services for their service users</li> <li>- To explore if any chance of collaboration to support PLHIV practicing chemsex</li> <li>- Reinforce chemsex publicity and harm reduction education</li> </ul>

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<b>Primary target populations (1): Men who have sex with men (MSM)</b> (continue)	<b>Fostering a non-discriminatory environment for the MSM community</b>	<p><b><u>NGO</u></b>            Educational talks, workshops and interest groups for Mature MSM.            Thematic HIV educational workshops in tertiary institutions: Sexual orientation &amp; couple relationship &amp; self-protection (collaboration with local LGBT advocacy group) 🌟            Educational exhibitions in tertiary institutions</p> <p><b><u>NGO and DH</u></b>            Participate in different anti-stigmatization and anti-discrimination events (e.g. IDAHOT, HKLGFF, Pink Dot Hong Kong, Hong Kong Gay Pride, etc.)</p>
<b>Primary target populations (2): People living with HIV (PLHIV)</b>	<p>Adopt a <b>multi-specialty, multi-disciplinary care approach</b> and respects the rights of the clients and their partners</p> <p>Ensure <b>equitable access</b> to high quality, holistic and diverse modes of services which address not only the <b>physical needs but also psychological challenges</b> including HIV disclosure faced by PLHIV</p>	<p><b><u>NGO</u></b>            One NGO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- liaise with methadone clinic social workers to identify HIV infected methadone patients, make referrals to HIV treatment, and monitor their treatment progress.</li> <li>- liaise with drug treatment and rehabilitation centres to identify HIV-infected drug rehabilitants, make referrals to HIV treatment, and monitor their treatment progress. 🌟</li> </ul> <p>One NGO organised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Individual or group counselling, Workshops on quality of life enhancement, Peer support service groups (e.g. “Newbie Group”) and Empowerment training for PLHIV of different ages</li> <li>- Chinese medicine workshop, Life and Death Educational Talk</li> </ul> <p>Other support services for PLHIV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community Home Care Service</li> <li>- Community and Home Based Rehabilitation Service</li> <li>- Day Centre</li> <li>- Empowerment Mutual Help Service and Counselling Services</li> <li>- Case meeting with clinics, significant others of patients and regular volunteer home visit.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>HA and DH</u></b>            Designated doctors and specialty nurse on-site            On-site support from pharmacist, clinical psychologist, psychiatrist and Phlebotomist.            Other off-site support from Medical Social Workers, dietitian, physiotherapist and occupational therapist, microbiologists            Other specialty support based on the clinical condition of the patient: e.g. oncologist, hematologist, nephrologist, neurologists,</p>

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<b>Primary target populations (2): People living with HIV (PLHIV)</b> (continue)		pulmonologists, endocrinologists, etc. (HA) Counselling services for every patient in the first visit and annual check-up for disclosure advice
	Adopt the strategy of “Treatment as Prevention” and ensure PLHIV’s <b>adherence to treatment</b> and proactively encourage partners of PLHIV to receive <b>HIV testing</b>	<b>NGO</b> Individual and group counselling  <b>HA and DH</b> Initiate HAART for all eligible new patients Counselling on safer sex on every clinic visits and partner screening Drug adherence counselling for all patients on every visit Regular monitoring on drug adherence via monitoring of therapeutic drug level, viral load and CD4 count Drug adherence programme to enhance drug adherence
	Recognize the susceptibility of <b>young and newly diagnosed PLHIV</b> to defaulting treatment and step up efforts to <b>retain them in long-term treatment</b>	<b>NGO</b> Regularly review cases and communicates closely with HIV clinics to retain HIV infected drug users in treatment Individual counselling for newly diagnosed PLHIV Escort case to attend clinic Support group for newly diagnosed PLHIV.  <b>HA and DH</b> Supportive counselling for young patients on drug adherence, treatment plan and follow-ups. Timely defaulter tracing and update its protocol Active engagement of patient’s significant others including relatives and partners Provide case management and active identification of default risk factors such as active substance use, mental health problems, etc.
	Provide <b>structured training and education</b> , especially promotion of holistic care <b>among frontline healthcare/ staff</b>	<b>NGO</b> Train up PLHIV volunteers about HIV and elderly home staff members.  <b>HA</b> Joint HA training programme on holistic care of HIV, such as Post-registration Certificate Course for nurse and online programmes for health care workers e-learning training programme as a platform for health care workers

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<b>Primary target populations (2):</b> <b>People living with HIV (PLHIV)</b> (continue)		Joint Clinical Meetings and journal clubs for education and training  <u><b>DH</b></u> Organised training workshops for front-line health care professionals to enhance understanding and special consideration for PLHIV in order to facilitate their daily services
	<b>Support antiretroviral drug adherence</b> by counselling, identifying and addressing barriers, and continuous monitoring, through patient engagement and integrated programmes	<u><b>NGO</b></u> Regularly review cases and communicates closely with HIV clinics to retain HIV infected drug users in treatment. Individual counselling for newly diagnosed PLHIV Support group for newly diagnosed PLHIV Incorporate the concept of “U=U” in health promotion and individual counselling ★  <u><b>HA</b></u> Drug adherence programme in accredited nurse clinics
	<b>Strengthen early detection and management of co-infections and co-morbidities</b>	<u><b>NGO</b></u> Regularly review cases and communicates closely with HIV clinics in treatment progress Collaboration with Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy of HKU to conduct workshop with the topic of osteoporosis and other topics related to well-being of PLHIV  <u><b>HA and DH</b></u> Regular blood check and clinical assessment for co-infections such as hepatitis, STDs. Ad hoc blood test on STDs upon sexual health counselling
	<b>Enhance and sustain laboratory support for early diagnosis of opportunistic infections</b> including multi-drug resistant TB, etc.	<u><b>HA and DH</b></u> Regular joint clinical round with pathologist and microbiologist on HIV patients & support on the pathological issues. Regular blood tests, investigations and medical sessions to monitor opportunistic infections. Tuberculin skin test for eligible patient on first visit and annual check-up. Medical consultation, chest x-ray and sputum for suspected TB. Molecular tests for early diagnosis of different opportunistic infections such as <i>GeneXpert</i> for early diagnosis of TB and rapid identification of multi-drug resistant TB

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<b>Primary target populations (2):</b> <b>People living with HIV (PLHIV)</b> (continue)	Strengthen and coordinate care for patients with <b>mental health problem and substance abuse/chemsex</b>	<p><b><u>NGO</u></b></p> <p>One NGO will make referral to the Substance Abuser Clinics of HA if signs of mental disturbance among HIV infected drug users are detected</p> <p>One NGO offer Meditation Workshops</p> <p>One NGO is in collaboration with the students of the University of Hong Kong to conduct a series of Expressive Arts Workshops for PLHIV 🌟</p> <p><b><u>HA</u></b></p> <p>On-site psychiatric and clinical psychologist support</p> <p>Regular assessment such as PHQ9 (mood, depression and adjustment problems), HAND (HIV-Associated Neurological Disorder) and counselling for mental health assessment.</p> <p>Regular counselling on chemsex, and substance abuse.</p> <p>Referral to detoxification institutes or NGOs for follow-up with regular reviews.</p> <p>Case conference with NGOs for better care coordination</p> <p>Psychiatric Liaison Clinic in HIV Service to enhance patient engagement</p>
<b>Other key populations (1):</b> <b>People who inject drugs</b>	<p><b>Enhance recruitment</b> of drug users to <b>methadone clinics</b> for maintenance and detoxification programme</p> <p>Promote <b>avoidance of needle sharing</b></p>	<p><b><u>NGO</u></b></p> <p>Maintain regular contacts with the EM drug users (e.g. Nepalese and Vietnamese) in the community</p> <p>Community education programmes, health talks and groups to educate the IDU not to share needle</p> <p>Encourage methadone clinic clients to test HIV annually and early referral of infected drug users for care</p> <p>Provide more in-depth information on HIV prevention, testing and treatment. 🌟</p> <p>Sharp boxes distribution and collect old needles in the community</p> <p>Mobile VCT provided on-site in hot spots</p> <p><b><u>DH</u></b></p> <p>Provides health education materials and technical support to NGO Project and assist in training of volunteers by organising AIDS related training workshops</p> <p>Harm Reduction Hotline</p> <p>Incentivized programme to enhance HIV testing rate among methadone clinic users 🌟</p>
<b>Other key populations (2):</b> <b>Ethnic minorities</b>	<b>HIV education &amp; promotion of HIV prevention</b> through condom use and	<p><b><u>NGO</u></b></p> <p>Cooperate with EM servicing organisations (e.g. PathFinders, St John's Cathedral, Enrich HK, Chinese Rhenish Church Hong Kong Synod Mission, TCK Learning Centre for Migrant Workers and other domestic helper groups etc.) to provide the following services:</p>

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<b>Other key populations (2): Ethnic minorities</b> (continue)	regular HIV testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Talks and workshops</li> <li>- Outreach education service</li> <li>- Internet outreach ★</li> <li>- AIDS Helpline</li> <li>- VCT Service</li> </ul>
	<b>Linkage to care after diagnosis</b>	<p><b><u>HA</u></b> Spouse/partner referral for testing and counselling Multiple referral mechanism for patients from any ethnic groups Telephone counselling Liaise with appropriate NGOs for community support</p> <p><b><u>DH</u></b> Health education materials in multiple EM languages Join various EM functions to promote HIV knowledge and distribute health education materials/souvenirs Liaise with EM servicing organisation and start baseline assessment of behavioural risk among EM (survey or study) ★</p>
	<b>Culture- and language-sensitive services</b> and to protect clients' confidentiality	<p><b><u>NGO</u></b> Hire translators and design brochures in EM languages</p> <p><b><u>HA and DH</u></b> To arrange recognized interpreters from HA Policy in place upon the interpretation services needed</p>
	<b>Training for interpreters</b> on topics of HIV and health	<p><b><u>NGO</u></b> Training workshops on HIV/AIDS for translators★</p> <p><b><u>HA and DH</u></b> Services provided by recognized interpreters from HA/DH</p>



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<b>Other key populations (3): Transgender (TG)</b>	<b>Collect further data on risk factors of infection</b> among transgenders	<u><b>DH</b></u> First time to include TG in PRiSM survey (2017) 🌟 Disseminate key messages from survey (PRiSM 2017) to TG population via publicity 🌟
	<b>Provide sensitivity training for front-line staff</b>	<u><b>HA and DH</b></u> Provide training, briefings to trainees, new joint medical officers and nurses, and supporting staff
<b>Other key populations (4): Female sex workers (FSW) and male clients of females sex workers</b>	<b>Reach FSW of ethnic minorities</b> as their low access of HIV service	<u><b>NGO</b></u> Use the Apps to reach the part time FSW of ethnic minorities 🌟 AIDS Helpline and email counselling support for the FSW of ethnic minorities. 🌟 Special VCT sessions for FSW
	<b>Maintain the current level of condom use and other preventive measures</b>	<u><b>NGO</b></u> Outreach to FSW and FSW clients to distribute free condoms and provide health education cum assessment (e.g. at night clubs, one-woman brothel) Electronic publicity pamphlets to promote safe sex through apps and internet forums 🌟
	<b>Maintain dialogue with relevant departments</b> on seizure of condom during law enforcement	<u><b>NGO</b></u> Regular meeting with the Police

**A list of initiatives related to the ACA's recommended strategies – Areas for further examination**

Area to be examined	Recommendation	Existing programme & New initiatives (marked 🌟)
<b>Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)</b>	<b>Conduct studies on its clinical effectiveness and cost effectiveness</b> for at-risk	<u><b>NGO</b></u> Possible collaboration with a pharmaceutical company to provide drugs free/low cost 🌟

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<b>Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)</b> (continue)	populations	
	<b>Research/ study/ pilot programme</b> to assess local acceptability and service demand	<u><b>NGO and institutions</b></u> Apply ATF funding to run a research cum support service for current PrEP users/tourists 🌟
	Develop an appropriate <b>service delivery model</b>	<u><b>NGO</b></u> Pilot programme to provide PrEP for sexual partners of HIV+, with the support from private doctors 🌟 One-stop-service for potential PrEP users 🌟
	Offer <b>education and technical support</b> to stakeholders and the community of PrEP	<u><b>NGO</b></u> Thematic HIV educational workshops in tertiary institutions & MSM Support Groups to educate on PrEP as an additional HIV preventive measures 🌟 Position paper and health educational materials on PrEP 🌟  <u><b>DH</b></u> Provide health information and health advice on safe use of PrEP 🌟
<b>HIV self-testing (home test)</b>	<p>Improve the <b>mode of delivery</b> for people who self-test</p> <p><b>Support for tested positive</b></p> <p><b>Education and publicity</b> for choosing appropriate test kits</p>	<u><b>NGO</b></u> Distribute self-test kits to target populations 🌟 Pilot programme to offer home test kits to VCT regular users and high risk target groups 🌟 Cover self-testing into thematic HIV educational workshops in tertiary institutions 🌟 Set up online counselling (e.g. WhatsApp, WeChat) and hotline for the tested positive 🌟 Publicity: Announcement in the Public Interests (API) and online videos 🌟  <u><b>DH</b></u> Conduct a feasibility study of using a web-based ordering and result upload of HIV self-test among MSM 🌟 Vendor machines selling self-test kit in DH Social Hygiene Clinics 🌟 Education of self-testing and publicity for choosing appropriate test kits via “www.21171069.com”

**A list of initiatives related to the ACA's recommended strategies – Current responses to be maintained**

<b>Area to be maintained</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Existing programme &amp; New initiatives (marked ★)</b>
<b>Capacity building (Training and education)</b>	<b>Support to Life skills-based education (LSBE)</b> for local primary/secondary schools	<p><b><u>NGO</u></b> One NGO organised a “Red Ribbon Campaign”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Distribute Red ribbons to students and teachers of more than 100 schools</li> <li>- Make use of social media to promote AIDS related information among peers</li> <li>- Set up promotional counters in schools with video and promotional kit support</li> </ul> <p>Educational talks/workshops at primary / secondary schools</p> <p><b><u>DH</u></b> Health talks delivered to teachers (co-organised with Education Bureau) “RR100” visit to the Red Ribbon Centre offered to primary and secondary school students</p>
	<b>Support to frontline workers</b> to offer counselling to adolescents regarding sexuality and HIV-related issues	<p><b><u>NGO</u></b> Educational talks about sex, HIV/AIDS and safer sex negotiation skills for social workers Internal training for frontline workers/staff</p> <p><b><u>HA and DH</u></b> In-house pilot training Scheme/programme to all newly recruited nurses Briefing sessions to new supporting staff Update course/seminar open to HA/DH staff (DH)</p>
	<b>Training programme for educators, parents and supporting staff</b> , especially in accepting PLHIV and to reduce discrimination against HIV/AIDS	<p><b><u>NGO</u></b> HIV instructor training courses provided to volunteer staffs Roving Exhibition to disseminate the message of anti-discrimination against PLHIV Educational talks for parent teacher associations, schools (local and international) and colleges</p> <p><b><u>DH</u></b> Arrangement of summer intern and university student attachment &amp; training in the Red Ribbon Centre</p>

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<b>Capacity building (Training and education)</b> (continue)	<b>Training to medical, nursing and paramedical personnel and students</b> to improve their knowledge of HIV, their sensitivity to sexual minorities, PLHIV and ethnic minorities	<p><b><u>NGO</u></b></p> <p>HIV training courses provided to doctors (including Chinese Medical Practitioners) and youth</p> <p>Train-the-trainer workshop to nursing students</p> <p>“World AIDS Day” with programme of experimental activities related to HIV</p> <p>Training for elderly homes staff and hospital supporting staff</p> <p><b><u>HA</u></b></p> <p>Joint HA training programmes and related courses to various staff group, such as post-registration certificate courses for nurses</p> <p>e-learning for frontline healthcare workers on HIV/AIDS (HA)</p> <p>QEH/ CHP Joint Clinical Meeting on HIV Management</p> <p>Deliver regular lectures to Midwifery School on HIV and Pregnancy</p> <p>Online programmes for health care workers</p> <p>Patient Resource Center: Summer programme of R.I.G.H.T. Scheme for teenagers at age of 15-18</p> <p><b><u>HA and DH</u></b></p> <p>“Workshop for Health care Professionals 2018” to provide updates in HIV and Sexual Minorities (DH) ★</p> <p>Provide and deliver talks to local colleges and institutes on HIV education</p>
<b>Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)</b>	<b>Monitor the use of PEP in various services</b> to ensure its efficient use	<p><b><u>HA</u></b></p> <p>Follow HA protocol to provide PEP for all eligible health care workers</p> <p>Provide PEP counselling, occupational advices, blood tests and follow-up review and monitoring</p> <p>Protocol on Provision of PEP in AED was developed and regularly updated</p> <p>Starter pack of PEP provided in all HA AEDs</p> <p>PEP clinics under HIV Service</p> <p><b><u>DH</u></b></p> <p>The Scientific Committee on AIDS and STI under the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) has been monitoring the latest scientific evidence and is updating its recommendation for non-occupational PEP (nPEP) to sexual or injection exposure ★</p>
<b>Information gathering</b>	Conduct <b>surveys and research</b> , especially operational research	<p><b><u>NGO</u></b></p> <p>Annual surveys conducted to monitor the HIV risk behaviours of Chinese, Nepalese and Vietnamese drug users in the community / methadone clinic</p>

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<b>Information gathering</b> (continue)	and socio-behavioural studies on key populations with suboptimal access to HIV services, those involved in drug abuse, etc.	<p><b><u>HA and DH</u></b></p> <p>Ongoing collaboration with institutions, universities or other agencies on studies and research.</p> <p>A survey was conducted jointly with Integrated Centre on Addiction Prevention and Treatment (ICAPT) to study the pattern of substance use among HIV-infected patients (QEH) ★</p> <p><b><u>DH</u></b></p> <p>Continue risk behavioural survey on target populations (PRiSM 2017 and HARiS 2018) ★</p>
	<b>Collaboration and partnership</b> between local organisations and regional counterparts (overseas and Mainland China)	<p><b><u>NGO</u></b></p> <p>Connection with sex workers groups, local sex education organisations, international youth sexual health organisations</p> <p>Collaboration with local HIV clinics</p> <p>Exchange visits to nearby regions/countries</p> <p>One NGO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- provided technical support, capacity building and training programmes/workshops for Mainland community based organisations and counterparts</li> <li>- entered an agreement with the Chinese Association for STD &amp; AIDS Prevention and Control from 2016 to 2020</li> <li>- co-organised the National Conference on HIV/AIDS and AIDS Forum of Beijing, Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan</li> </ul> <p>One NGO collaborated with Asia Pacific Coalition on Male Sexual Health (APCOM) by establishment of HIV Testing Promotional Campaign named “Test HKG” for young MSM</p> <p><b><u>HA</u></b></p> <p>Therapeutics Research, Education, and AIDS Training in Asia (TREAT) Asia : a collaborative research &amp; training programme with countries in Asia Pacific region</p> <p>Collaboration with CUHK and HKU in clinical research</p> <p><b><u>DH</u></b></p> <p>The Red Ribbon Centre was designated as the “UNAIDS Collaborating Centre for Technical Support” to provide an avenue for local and international collaboration in the fight against HIV/AIDS</p>