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1.0 Reference Sources

Hong Kong, a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of China has developed its own system to collect data related to HIV & AIDS. Therefore, this review format is structured differently from the other country databases.

1.1 Available sources

1.1.1 Reports

- Report of Community Assessment and Evaluation of HIV Effort on Men who have Sex with Men in Hong Kong 2006, Working Group on Men who have Sex with Men in Hong Kong Community Forum on AIDS, Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS, September 2006


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- Tracking the characteristics and outcome of HIV/AIDS patients cared for at the Integrated Treatment Centre – A Report of 1999-2005, Special Preventive Programme Center for Health Protection Department of Health Hong Kong, August 2005

- Hong Kong STD/AIDS Update - a quarterly surveillance report, SPP Surveillance Team Centre for Health Protection, Department of Health, Vol. 12 No. 3 Quarter 3, 2006


1.1.2 Journal articles


- Tse Hy et al. Universal Screening of HIV virus infection in pregnant women in Hong Kong: prospective study. HKMJ 2001; 7: 246-250


1.1.3 Abstracts


- Lau J T, Thomas J. Risk behaviors of Hong Kong male residents traveling to China: a potential bridge population for HIV infection AIDS Care. 2001 Feb; 13 (1): 71-81

- Wong CY, Tang TS. Sexual Practices and psychosocial correlates of current condom use among Chinese gay men Arch Sex Behav. 2004 Apr; 33 (2): 159-67


2.0 Indicators

The data relating to most indicators are not available as Hong Kong does not follow the standard reporting format as per the UNGASS mechanism. However, Hong Kong has recently published a strategy report titled “Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong 2007-2011”. The strategy report has included data on some UNAIDS indicators. It has also announced that it would provide more reporting on international indicators. Hong Kong currently makes available data on reported number of HIV cases rather than estimates.

3.0 Overall impression after the data review

3.1 Strengths

Detailed information on various populations, such as MSM, IDUs, and clients of sex workers are available. The reported numbers of HIV and AIDS cases are available.

3.2 Weaknesses

There is no standard reporting format as per the UNGASS mechanism. The data are disaggregated according to age but differ from the UNGASS age groups. There is a lack of data on sex workers.