

## Framework of the Situation Analysis for MSM (draft)

### I. Definition and description of the MSM community in HK

- Social definitions and self-identifications
- Subgroups within the community that may require different strategies
- Relations to other prioritized groups (e.g. drug users, sex workers, travelers, etc.)

### II. Epidemiological and Social Profiles

#### A. *About the risk behaviors*

1. Types/patterns of sexual practices; notions of safer sex and risky sex among MSMs
2. Prevalence of target population (and subgroups) practising risk behaviors and any trends or noticeable changes.
3. Estimation of the absolute size of the target population who practise risk behavior
4. Frequency of risk behaviors/number of partners
5. Demographic and other factors associated with risk behaviors
6. Locations/establishments where risk behaviors take place
7. Perception of risk/HIV awareness (including rumours, unfounded assumptions, etc.)
8. Knowledge of HIV from international sources

#### B. *STD/HIV situations*

1. Prevalence and trends among the target population and its subgroups.
2. Factors associated with STD/HIV history (e.g. social, class, family)

#### C. *Preventive measures taken*

1. Condom use - prevalence and trend
2. Attitude/reasons for using or not using condom.
3. Condom use with regular partners (eg spouse of commercial sex clients)
4. Factors associated with condom use
5. Information exchange with trusted friends and/or lovers

#### D. *Sociological and Cultural Contexts*

1. Social stigma and discrimination at work and within family
2. Feelings of isolation, and relationship of such feelings to risk behavior
3. Why is risky sex “fun” among MSMs in HK?
4. Opinions of “gay relationships” and how those opinions affect sexual choices and practices (e.g. trust, (in)fidelity, meaning of sex in “long term relationship”)
5. Perceptions about new HIV therapies and degree of “relaxation” from rigorous safe practices

### III. Prevention programs inventory and service providers

1. Publicity/awareness programs
2. Intervention programs
3. HIV testing promotion programs and services
4. Counselling and health services
5. Evaluation data of above

### IV. Scenarios of external factors affecting prevention work

1. Sex during traveling outside HK
2. Media representations of MSMs and of AIDS

**V. Gap analyses**

1. Information gap - future research focus (short-term and long term).
2. Services gap
3. Evaluation gap

**VI. Comment on quality of data used****VII .Attachment of reference list**

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