

Translating data into actions –

moving from Hong Kong HIV/AIDS situation to evidence-based preventive actions; what else do we need?

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Tim Brown is a Senior Fellow in Population and Health Studies at the East-West Center. He is currently working with UNAIDS, FHI, Futures Institute and numerous Asian regional partners to develop estimation and projection tools and methodologies for global and Asia-specific application, implement more comprehensive policy analyses of Asian HIV epidemics and effective responses to them, and support the development of improved strategic information systems in Asia and the Pacific. His research interests include public policy to improve HIV/AIDS prevention, mitigation and treatment, HIV and children, infectious disease epidemiology, HIV related behaviors, and modeling and projection of HIV and its impacts. His EWC research team and collaborators have developed both the Asian Epidemic Model and the UNAIDS Estimation and Projection Package and are partners in the Analysis and Advocacy (A2) Project.

Dr. Brown received his PhD in Physics from the University of Hawaii in 1984 and since 1988 has been working to address HIV epidemics in the Asia-Pacific region. His earliest work with the Thai Red Cross Society contributed to preliminary HIV modeling efforts in Thailand, and he was an early advocate for focused prevention efforts. He has since worked on HIV-related modeling and policy analysis in almost every country in Asia. In 1998 he was an external reviewer of the Hong Kong response and has regularly been consulted on ways to improve HIV responses in Hong Kong.

He was a member of the Commission on AIDS in Asia. His team conducted the Commission's regional modeling and assisted with the analyses which formed the basis of the Commission's report, *Redefining AIDS in Asia: Crafting an Effective Response*. He is a co-developer of the Analysis and Advocacy project with FHI and RTI International, which has strengthened responses in Bangladesh, China, Thailand and Vietnam by using existing data to effectively show decision makers the consequences of the choices they make.

He continues to contribute to global and regional policy analysis activities through in-country support efforts and ongoing development of the Asian Epidemic Model and the UNAIDS Estimation and Projection Package. His team is currently developing new tools for policy analysis based on the Commission's work that will provide strong support for evidence-based advocacy.

