HIV Hackathon 2026
Mini-Challenge: Refined Concept Submission

Following the Empowerment Workshops and Community Insights sessions, teams are invited to refine their initial idea and submit a **one-page concept paper**.

Participation is **optional**. Submissions will be used to identify teams with the strongest understanding of the challenge, innovative thinking, and potential for impact that focused on achieving the Three Zeros — Zero New HIV Infections, Zero AIDS-Related Deaths, and Zero Discrimination.

Teams that choose not to participate in the mini-challenge will remain eligible for consideration. In such cases, assessment will be based on the information provided in their original registration submission.

Submission Requirements

- Maximum **1 A4 page**
- Font size **11 or above**, **single-line spacing**
- Submit in **PDF format**
- File name: **Team No_Team Name_Mini-Challenge**
- Address the four sections below:
    - Challenge, Strategy, Actionable Plan, Expected Results
- Deadline: 18:00, 11 November 2026 (Wednesday)
- Send to hivhackathon@gmail.com (Subject: Mini-challenge submission).

Submission Framework

Challenge
Define the specific health problem/challenge your team addresses. Provide data or observations that demonstrate the scale and urgency of the issue.

Strategy
Explain your rationale and the key insight that guided your solution. Show that your approach is user-centered, feasible, and differentiated. Describe the creative or technical thinking behind your strategy (e.g. prototype, tools, and frameworks) used.

Actionable Plan
Describe how you translate the idea into an actionable plan. Detail how roles were divided, time managed, and resources used. Specify what you will produce (e.g. service design, policy brief, promotion means, etc.).

Expected Results
Share expected measurable outcomes. Articulate the real-world potential of your solution and make the case for why it deserves to win — in terms of innovation, feasibility, and health impact.

Selection Criteria

Criteria	Weight
Problem Identification & Validation Solving a real pain point, supported by evidence and a clear understanding of the target population and Hong Kong context.	10%
Innovation & Creativity Rewarding original, creative and purposeful approaches that improve on existing solutions.	25%
Clinical / Public Health Impact Assessing meaningful, measurable potential to improve HIV-related health or service outcomes.	30%
Feasibility & Scalability Assessing implementation practicality, resources, cost, partnerships, ethical/privacy/regulatory considerations and scalability.	25%
Delivery Clear and concise idea and presentation. Relevance to the challenge.	10%

Finalist Selection

Up to **10 finalist teams** will be selected. Announcement will be made on **14 November 2026.**

Finalists will be required to expand their concept into a full proposal and submit a presentation by **18 November 2026** using the official PowerPoint template (**maximum 20 slides**).

An optional **2-minute supporting video** may also be submitted to showcase the challenge, solution, and intended impact.

For full details, please refer to https://hivhackathon.hk/how-to-join.html

Final Presentation & Award Ceremony

Finalist teams will be invited to present their proposals at the **HIV Hackathon 2026 Presentation and Award Ceremony on 21 November 2026**.