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My involvement with HIV prevention and care stretches over 20 years. My background qualifications in STI and dermatology gave me a head start in designing treatment programmes for infected individuals in Singapore in the early days of the epidemic. My training in public health has guided me in epidemiology research, programme planning and implementation. My current position is Medical Advisor and senior consultant of the National Skin Centre Singapore, which is the largest dermatology-venereology service provider, as well as training and research centre, in the country. I have also been the national STI programme manager for several years. Among the projects that I have been responsible for is a very successful intervention programme targeting sex workers in Singapore. I am also actively involved in community-based AIDS activities; in 1988 I started Action for AIDS, which is the only AIDS NGO in Singapore, and have been leading the organisation since then. The organisation spearheads intervention programmes targeting MSM and high-risk heterosexual men, runs the largest anonymous VCT service, provides funding and access to ARV, and supports several peer support groups serving PWAs, among other things.

On a regional level, I have been part of the AIDS Society of Asia and the Pacific (ASAP) since its inception in 1990, served two terms as its President, and was part of its organisational restructuring. I am also active in STI organisations, and was the past regional director for the Asia Pacific branch of the IUSTI. I have been a member of the IAS for many years and served on the Executive Committee till 2003. During that time I was part of the corporate restructuring of the IAS and cemented linkages between IAS and ASAP. The IAS has played a pivotal role in keeping world attention on the AIDS epidemic and leading the fight to 'cure' HIV infection, stop its spread and end HIV-related discrimination.