

Project Outline

Project Title and No	: “ Kai Fong Army” TKO Neighbourhood Mutual Support Project (0007-11)
Name of Organization	: Haven of Hope Christian Service
Grant Approved	: \$ 950,000
Project Duration	: 1/1/2008 – 31/12/2009
Target Groups	: Residents in Tseung Kwan O
Location of the Project	: Tseung Kwan O

Objectives

- 1) Based on the experience of the first-phase development of the project “TKO is my Home”, the current project aims at mobilizing project participants to build human capital in the community;
- 2) To combine community resources to support neighbouring families and to facilitate different families to cope with challenges;
- 3) To build mutual-help and self-help neighbourhood networks by mobilising participation of volunteers from different generations and backgrounds.

Strategies

- 1) With a firm district base, the project connects resources in the community to form volunteer teams in different housing estates. The relationships be built among volunteers and residents help to build a safety net in the community.
- 2) Transforming the volunteers of Project “TKO is my Home” to more proactive roles to train up new volunteer groups.
- 3) Collaborating with resident organizations to help establish mutual support network and build neighbourhood relationships.
- 4) Building neighbourhood mutual aid network to support the needs of deprived families through mobilisation of people from different backgrounds and strata.

Expected Outcomes and Performance Indicators

- 1) People’s inherent mindset of minding one’s own business will be changed. Through this project the relationship of mutual trust and mutual help will be built.
- 2) Two hundred volunteers will participate in the project and be empowered to build a community safety net. Over 1000 residents will be benefited from the project.
- 3) The capacity of two hundred needy families will be strengthened. More opportunities will be created for them to improve their livelihoods.

Brief Description of Programmes

To effectively echo the needs of the community, neighbourhood networks will be established strategically in two districts – TKO South and TKO North. In addition, robust strategies of remediation and prevention will be applied. Details are listed below:

- 1) Volunteer house and floor captains in TKO North: the group forms the core of the neighbourhood safety net in support of families.
- 2) Child Ambassadors in TKO South: provide caring support to the children of families in need.
- 3) Loving Home Army: promote the idea of healthy family among local residents.
- 4) Caring Angels: organize activities to promote healthy, safety, and happy lifestyles among elders in the community.

Unique Feature and Areas of Innovation

- 1) With a firm focus on local families, community support networks will be established through active participation of volunteers and local residents.
- 2) Build mutual aid and mutual help relationships by mobilising people across different backgrounds and generations. Instead of adopting the traditional approach of “giving and receiving”, the project emphasizes on building reciprocal relationship and mutuality.
- 3) Connect resources and networks in the communities to compile a ”Love & Concern Family List ” in order to support families in need and to prevent minor family issues escalating into crisis..