

Project Summary

Project Title: “Love.....Tin Chak” Community Network

Project No.: 0014-12

Name of Organization: Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong

Grant Approved: \$1,900,000

Project Duration: 7/2008-6/2011 (36 months)

Target Groups: Residents of Tin Chak Estate, Mutual Aid Committees (MACs), persons/ volunteers/ church/ self-help group/ organizations concerning about the needs and development of Tin Chak residents

Location of the Project: Tin Chak Estate, Tin Shui Wai

A. Project Highlights

1. Objectives

- a) To enhance the capacities and confidence of the residents, as well as the building of family with harmony, wellness and resilience.
- b) To encourage community participation and to foster self-help and mutual-aid spirits among the Tin Chak residents in order to establish and enhance their support network.
- c) To empower the residents from the sense of service recipients to the proactive service facilitator.
- d) To nurture the value of community integration and a caring neighbourhood.

2. Strategies

- a) Empower the local resident’s leadership development through direct services, daily contacts and learning clubs to make a move to better their community, so as to strengthen their wellness concepts, coping abilities and the sustainable development framework.
- b) Develop and mobilize the potential community cross sector resources to work with the Tin Chak Co-ordinating Committee as a working partner, so as to enrich the community support network.
- c) Nurture and develop the residents’ community mutual help spirit for sharing their love and caring to the neighbourhood via building up the platform with the Tin Chak newsletter, learning club and the participation of potential community partners.

3. Expected Outcomes and Performance Indicators

- a) Enhancement of local leadership, organizational abilities and self-coping skills of residents.
- b) Reinforcement of residents' decision-making power, values of equal opportunities and community involvement.
- c) Establishment of local support networks among residents from various backgrounds (especially the hidden families) to handle various daily difficulties.
- d) Creation of opportunities by building partnerships with cross- sectors volunteers and organizations.
- e) Development of the community network in the form of "Floors", "Blocks" and "Estate" to strengthen the capacities of the residents.

B. Brief Description of Programmes

'Love.....Tin Chak' Community Network aims to organize a sum of floor representatives to be the "Facilitators". They will build up the helping network among the families in daily contacts, regular visits and mutual learning. The strengths of the family are explored and the needs of the family are understood. Through the mobilization of the community resources both in and out of Tin Chak, the family needs are satisfied and their potential is developed. The residents can have a better life and wellness experience.

C. Unique Feature and Areas of Innovation

- ✧ Innovative shift of the Intervention Approach: From traditional social worker intervention to local residents' leadership development and expectations of their own community.
- ✧ Community network building via provision of direct services by the local residents themselves. We would emphasis on the development of reciprocal and complementary interpersonal relationships where participants can experience give and take via empowerment process.
- ✧ To link up with the expertise of different cross-sector resources and to build up long-term working relationship with the residents, like college volunteers, Yuen Long Youth Commercial Club, Y's Men's Club, Rotary Club to enrich the development of the community network.