

Project No : 0026-12  
Project Title : Tai Po Family Network II  
Name of Organisation : The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Tai Po North  
Integrated Children & Youth Services Centre  
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**Project objectives :**

- 1) To consolidate social strength, combine community resources and facilitate the participation of volunteers in order to enhance their sense of belonging amongst community.
- 2) To develop the capacities of volunteers, children and the parents.
- 3) To establish social network to reach social inclusion and solidarity.

**Project Duration** : 3 years, from Sep 24 2008 to Sep 23 2011

**Brief Description of Programs (Summary):**

Based on the experience of the first-phase development of the project “Tai Po Family Network”, the current project was concentrated on developing different volunteers’ ability and establishing concept of “Mutual Support in community”. Not only providing normal caring service, we also mobilized children, youth, parents and their family members being a partner to participate community voluntary services. The new project aimed to establish a supportive family network in community.

**Unique Features of the Project :**

A) Family Cadet (Children Sector)

Target group: Primary students(P.1-P.3)who are lack of parental care and come from low income family.

Description:

“Family cadet” (children sector) is “after school-care scheme. It operates daily from Monday to Saturday. The voluntary instructor provide service for the children, including coaching and caring service, multiple intelligence activities and life guidance. Besides, they are also encouraged to participate voluntary services in community.

B) Family Cadet (Youth Sector)

Target group:

~Primary student (P.4-6) and secondary student (F1-4), who were graduated in family cabet or the sons and daughters of the volunteers, are transformed to become “junior volunteer”.

~Dedicated teenagers in Tai Po

Description:

The junior assist the experienced volunteers to provide homework guidance for the primary students in family cadet (children sector). The junior volunteers are trained and encouraged to provide different voluntary services in community.

### C) Family Cadet (Parents Sector)

Target group: The parents of the target students and other parents in community.

Description:

1. The experienced volunteers are transformed to become “senior volunteer”, they are encouraged to share their valuable experience and provide guidance for the new volunteers.
2. The project encourages the parents of the needy students to participate voluntary services in order to change their roles from service recipient to service provider and that will increase their sense of belonging to the community.
3. The experienced parent volunteers provide training for the parents who are lack of parenting skills. It aims to develop the capacities of the parents so that they feel empowered. It can increase their confidence and self-care ability.

### D) Friends of Family Network

Target group: Families in Tai Po

Description:

The co-operation model is beyond general combination, which include parents, youth, children, elderly and their family members. The project will facilitate opportunities for the participants through cross-sector activities and voluntary services in order to develop their potentiality for community. We will also cultivate a caring environment just like “a second home” for the participants. Through cross-sector collaborations of different parties, the ultimate goal is to build mutual support and self-help neighbourhood networks.

### **Expected outcome and performance indicators:**

A)Outcome indicators:

1)Family Cadet (Children Sector)

- 4 selected cadets in Tai Po

-enrolled primary students: 130 persons

2) Family Cadet (Youth Sector)

-youth participants: 100 persons

3) Family Cadet (Parents Sector)

-parents: 110 persons

4) No. of “Friends of Family Networks”: 5

-3 to 10 families participated at each network

-ultimate goal: 60 families

5) Participating social organizations: 15

B) Performance indicators:

1) Family Cadet (Children Sector) will continue to serve needy children in community.

2) The roles of the parents, youth and children are changed. They are not only service recipient or provider, but also participants in community. Their capacities are also enhanced. It increases their self confidence and sense of belonging in community.

3) It is expected to promote harmony among different generations. A loving, caring and mutual aid community is built as a result of dedicated involvement of participants.

4) By mobilizing participation of volunteers from different generations and backgrounds, mutual support network is established. Sustainable development is ultimate goal of this project.