

**Project No:** 0023-01  
**Project Title:** Project to promote family cohesion & a more colourful family life  
**Name of Organisation:** Pok Oi Hospital Mrs. Chu Kwok King Memorial Day Nursery  
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**Project Highlights :**

Networks will be built amongst the new arrivals (NA) and the locals through activities and mutual service, with the Child Care Centre to serve as an effective interception point to engage the new arrivals, with emphasis on enhancing the voluntary contributions by the new arrivals and locals in the programme. The project focus is on the capacities of the new arrivals and development of social cohesion between the new arrivals and locals through their joint participation in local volunteering programmes.

**Brief Description of Programmes to be organized :**

Develop the special skills/ interests and potential of new arrivals in the local area to become tutors and/ or coordinators: through their participation in different workshops, skill training classes and social activity groups. Workshops and classes involving the new arrivals and local communities: may include Putonghua Class, Calligraphy / Traditional Chinese Arts workshop, Sado Class, Chinese History/ Simplify Chinese Characters study group, Traditional Chinese Cookery workshop and Hand Craft workshop. Social activities may include Visiting (of local organizations), Sharing Group meetings, Parenthood Practice (talks and trainings), Voluntary Supporting group, Multi-functional Play/ Training group (for children and adults) such as Languages/ Music/ Social skills/ Mathematics, Physical exercise, parent-child activities e.g. Camping and Barbecuing. The purpose of these workshops and activities is to facilitate and enable new arrivals and local people to communicate with each other and build up trusting relationships mutually.

**Unique Features of the Project :**

The Project aim is to:

- Motivate new arrivals and locals to be more actively involved in voluntary works for the society, making contribution through different activities to arouse public's awareness, support and understanding.
- Help new arrivals to blend into the local community, to resolve problems and difficulties they are facing with in their livelihoods.
- Provide a friendly environment for the new arrivals allowing them to participate and contribute in social activities that can also help them discover their own potentials and develop new skills that are valuable for the community.
- The most important aspect is to change people's perception of the new arrivals,

- Enhance care and concern for the local environment, and
- Build up a friendly, accepting and caring community.

**Project Duration :** 24 months (from 5 / 2003 – 4 / 2005)

**Target Groups :** New Arrivals

**Location of the Project :** Yuen Long (Tin Shui Wai)

**Expected outputs and outcomes :**

- Enhanced organizing abilities and self-support skills and capability: through involving the new arrivals and locals in organizing various small supporting groups;
- Reduced burden on the community: increased level of self-help and local volunteering activities.
- Better use and sharing of the community resources.
- Improved environment and increased opportunities for the new arrivals and locals, coming from different levels, to work together to build-up relationships and networks of trust and supports.
- Increased level of voluntary services and mutual help provided for those in needed
- Improved living environment of the community.

**Outcome Measures will include:**

Performance indicators on new arrivals' participation and reciprocation to the community, e.g.

(1) Capacity building (NA in self-help efforts): New arrivals could take an increasing role in planning and organizing activities (target: to take part at planning 30% or more of the activities);

(2) Increased reciprocity (NA as contributors): New arrival could organize activities to serve the community (target: the NA could organize 30% or more of the activities and workshops); and

(3) Extend the social support network (target: to establish a volunteer group involving 30 NA and locals).

Further measures of changes in social cohesion (i.e. increased joint efforts by the NA and locals) will be developed.