

Project No : 0097-001
Project Title : Simple Home Repair Employment Project
Name of Organization : Lok Kwan Social Service
Grant Approved : HK\$574,936

Project Highlights :

This project will focus on promoting employment opportunity of home repair workers in terms of network building and social capital enhancement in the community. .

Brief Description of Programmes to be organized:

1. Simple Home Repair Co-operative

The project is aimed at utilizing the community networking and thus to explore a fuller potential of the home repair market. A group of unemployed home repair workers will be organised to work in a “co-operative” set up. They will be encouraged to learn new organization skills and marketing strategy through self-help experience. It is hoped that the process will help them building up their self esteem and working together towards solving their unemployment situation.

In order to increase the employability of the workers and the accessibility of this employment service to the community, the centre will also offer other employment-related supportive service both to the workers and local residents.

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2. Voluntary Work Team for Home Repair

The project will recruit volunteers to set up a voluntary work team for home repair together with the help of our experienced co-operative home repair workers. The experienced workers will be responsible to offer fundamental trainings to the volunteers. Through collaboration with community organizations and service agencies, the mission of voluntary work team will provide direct service to the aged and needy persons/families.

Unique Features of the Project :

1. Simple Home Repair Co-operatives

This project will make better use of the networking aspects and experienced home repair workers in the local communities. The project will organize a group of unemployed home repair work to solve their unemployment problem together in Eastern District. Through mutual help and learning, they can equip with new organizational skills to run the co-operative and explore the potential of home repair markets. In fact, they can collaborate with local organization and residents. They can contribute their skills and experience to improve the living condition in the district and thereby creating employment opportunities for themselves..

2. Voluntary Work Team for Home Repair

The voluntary work team will compose of volunteers and home repair workers from co-operatives to identify the families of needy person and provide service in order to improve their living qualities.

Our project is aimed at producing the following results:

- 1) Self-Mutual: to promote the sense of self-help and mutual self by organizing the unemployed workers working together to contribute their efforts to enhance their employment opportunities. Through the participation in the co-operatives and voluntary service, they will learn the positive attitude to solve difficulties.
- 2) Community Collaboration: To foster the collaboration and liaison with local organization, residents and community groups for developing the social capital in community.
- 3) Social Inclusion To improve the living quality of underprivileged in order to promote the harmonious community.
- 4) Network building: To make use of community resource by providing home repair service for supporting the networking building.

Project Duration : 24 months (from April 2004 to March 2006)

Target Group :

- 1) unemployed home repair workers
- 2) residents in Eastern District
- 3) Underprivileged families
- 4) local organizations

Location of the Project : Eastern District

Expected Outputs:

Simple Home Repair Co-operative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 200 unemployed home repair workers to join the co-operative➤ At least one training session each month will be offered to the workers.➤ At least 3,300 families was be identified
Employment Supportive Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ At least 400 unemployed persons are to be identified in our employment supportive service
Voluntary Work for Home Repair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ To recruit 70 volunteers to join the voluntary work➤ Another 70 members from the cooperative to join the voluntary team➤ At least 10 training classes will be offered➤ At least 16 community education activities will be provided➤ 1,200 families of elderly and needy person were be identified➤ To liaise with 20 social service organizations for referral

Expected Outcomes:

Simple Home Repair Co-operative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ At least one of the assessment items can be improved➤ At least 3,300 families will be identified➤ 80% unemployed worker will have better employment opportunities.
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Employment Supportive Service	➤ At least 80 % of walk-in unemployed residents will participate in our employment supportive service
Voluntary Work for Home Repair	➤ At least 80% of volunteers are satisfied with the training ➤ At least 70% families of elderly and needy persons/families are satisfied with the voluntary service ➤ At least 20 local organizations identified the service need in the community