

**Project No.** : 0132-02  
**Project Title** : Hometown at Fisherman Village---Tai O Community Networking Project  
**Name of Organization** : Tai O Resident Rights Concern Group  
**Grant Approved** : HK\$250,000 (first year)

**Project Highlights:**

Addressing to accumulation of social capital in Tai O community, the “Tao O Community Resources Centre” will be established so as to carry out a series of services and community networking programmes by which mutual help, community belongingness, cultural identity, interpersonal network, community participation, community inclusion, community care are accomplished among residents, groups and parties.

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

Tai O Community Resources Centre will be located at a “Pan Uk” (Fisherman Boat House). The staff and volunteers of centre will implement the following programmes:

**a) Community Volunteer groups:**

To form “Evergreen Volunteer Group” and “Family Volunteer Group” and to provide training to those members of both groups so that volunteers can carry out periodical voluntary services to those deprived people in Tai O.

**b) Neighbourhood Network Scheme:**

To facilitate an interactive social network serving the deprived and encourage mutual help among scheme participants and neighbours.

**Unique Features of the Project:**

- a) Hometown Tai O: The centre aims at promoting community we-feeling, social belongingness and social inclusion among Tai O residents whose cultural identities are now structurally various. The concept of “Local identity” is encouraged instead of “Indigenous Identity” in order to break the ice between different cultural groups and peoples. “My home Tai O, the place without stranger” is the slogan of this project.
- b) Interactive community networks: Service receivers of networks would be empowered to be service providers.
- c) Collecting Latent Social Capital: Youngsters, female homemaker, retired people, elderly people and even socially deprived people are all organized to provide services and play the role of network builder.
- d) Stressing 4C: Through the captioned programmes to facilitate Community Participation, Community Care, Community Cohesiveness and Community Inclusion by which a caring and supportive Tai O community is re-built.

**Project Duration:** 36 months

(First Phase: 1/2004 – 12/2004, Second Phase: 1/2005- 12/2005; Third Phase: 1/2006 – 12.2006)

**Target Groups:**

Multi layers and groups resident at Tai O

(such as elderly, retired, student and parents, local retailers, shop owners, cultural performers, governmental departments, religious bodies, local groups and organizations)

**Location of the Project:**

Tai O in Lantau Island

**Expected outputs and outcomes:**

- a) Community Participation: Community volunteer groups are formed and a series of planned voluntary services is implemented to strengthen community networks among residents.
- b) Community Care: The concept “care in community, care by community and care with community” are validated within the comprehensive social network and eventually a caring community is established.
- c) Community Cohesiveness: Various and intensive cooperation is encouraged and accomplished by which a community harmony and cohesiveness are promoted.
- d) Community Inclusion: The local history, culture and custom are introduced to local residents and travellers. By the permeation of shared culture in daily life, the we-feeling, shared community identity and social belongingness are nourished.