

Project No : 0142-02
Project Title : The mutual networks of Shatin
Name of Organization : Shatin Women's Association Limited
Grant Approved : HK\$300,000.00

Project Highlights :

- This project contains four items. It aims at coalescing the women, increasing their self-value. Build up the self-help and mutual help networks.
- To set up four kinds of training courses which fit the women to obtain employment to earn more money to support their family. Some who applied for the CSSA can earn their living for themselves.
- We encourage them to make use of their spare time to be volunteers. To help to serve the new arrivals and to take care of the children for the people who are in need. To achieve the spirit of self-help and mutual help.
- To set up a women's resource centre for them to learn by exchanging views and encouraging each others.
- To help the disabled by cooperating them with the women to obtain employments. Our organization will help them to find the service users. This can strengthen the disabled's working network.
- Besides obtain employment for the women , and also they can provide the service for the clients who are transfered by the government department, NGOs and others free of charge.

Brief Description of Programmes to be organized :

- **Service teams for the whole population** : To set up the training courses of (infant care, meals care, service for the pregnant women after bearing and accompany the elderly to see the doctors.
- **The disabled create the coming lives by the assistance of the women** : A flock of women who have been training , cooperate the disabled to form a team to provide cleaning services . This can strengthen the disabled's working network.
- **More concern, more understanding** : The volunteers help the new arrivals to know more about Hong Kong, so that they can easily adapt to the life of Hong Kong.
- **Serene room** : Have a temporary infant care place, to help the women who can not take care of their infants because of some urgent cases. They can exchange their experiences and encourage themselves. A woman resource room provides different kinds of books and video tapes, even the internet that can be used to get the latest information.

Unique Features of the Project:

- Increase the values of the women, strengthen their self-confidence, use their technical ability to solve their livelihood and help the service demanders.

- This project is to achieve the spirit of mutual support and encourage between the neighbors, strengthen different communities' communication and understanding, so that they can solve the problems easily.

Project Duration: 12 months (from 4 / 2004 – 3 / 2005)

Target Groups : Women, new arrivals, the disabled and different social class of volunteers.

Location of the Project : Shatin

Expected outputs and outcomes :

1. Short-term basis

- **Increase of community resources_:** number of increased volunteer manpower, number of employment of the learners, and the number of decreased of apply CSSA after the training course.
- **Promote community participation :** number of increased learners who change to be volunteers and leaders., number of service users who change to be volunteers.
- **Promote cooperation and inclusion among different strata & social sectors :** Promoting the chances of cooperating between the volunteers, new arrivals, women and the disabled. Recording the number and size of the network, number of new members, the frequency of relative work.

2. Long term basis

- **Strengthen the ability and network of service users 'self-help and mutual-help :** Number of new arrivals who were the service users change to the service providers, so that it can strengthen the number and network of volunteers.
- **Improve the situations of the deprived people :** Recording the number of the times of services provided by the women and the disabled's cleaning groups. Amount of money they earned. If the result is good, the disabled will have more working chance. May be they can attain to earn their own living.
- **Increase the employment opportunities of women :** Number of cooperatives which set up by the women who had taken the training courses. The circumstances of the cooperatives' business volumes. The number of participators. The number of the service users.
- **Increase of social capitals:** The number of trainers who became the tutor, the number of voluntary groups which set up by women. The number of volunteers extending.