

Project No : 0001-04
Project Title : **Sham Shui Po Child-friendly Community Network**
Name of Organisation : **Department of Applied Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University & The Boys & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong**
Grant Approved : \$1.5 million

Project Aims and objectives : This proposed initiative aims to enhance the community well-being of Sham Shui Po through creating a sustainable network that builds primarily on a child-friendly community network initiative. This project will be able to mobilize resources within the community to solve its own problems and developing itself into a child-friendly community – it is our belief that **a community friendly to children will be a community friendly to all.**

Project Duration : April 2005 to March 2008

Target Groups :

- a. Low income families – children and parents;
- b. Volunteers from the community and other professional groups;
- c. Schools, kindergartens and nurseries in Sham Shui Po;
- d. Small business vendors in Sham Shui Po;
- e. Non-governmental Organizations in the community.

Location of the Project : Sham Shui Po

Unique Features of the Project :

There will be two foci of programmes -

- a. **Family Focus** - Families with young children – a series of home-school support programmes will be launched to facilitate the well-development of these young children in the community. Parents will be recruited to form mutual help and support groups and to reach out to families of similar background and needs. These volunteers will become individual members of the the Sham Shui Po Child-friendly Network.
- b. **Community Focus** - a series of community-based programmes will be launched to mobilize the business sector and schools. A child-support programme will be launched in which companies in the community will commit to support growth and development of children in the community. Community child-friendly workshops will be organized to further improve the growing environment in the community.

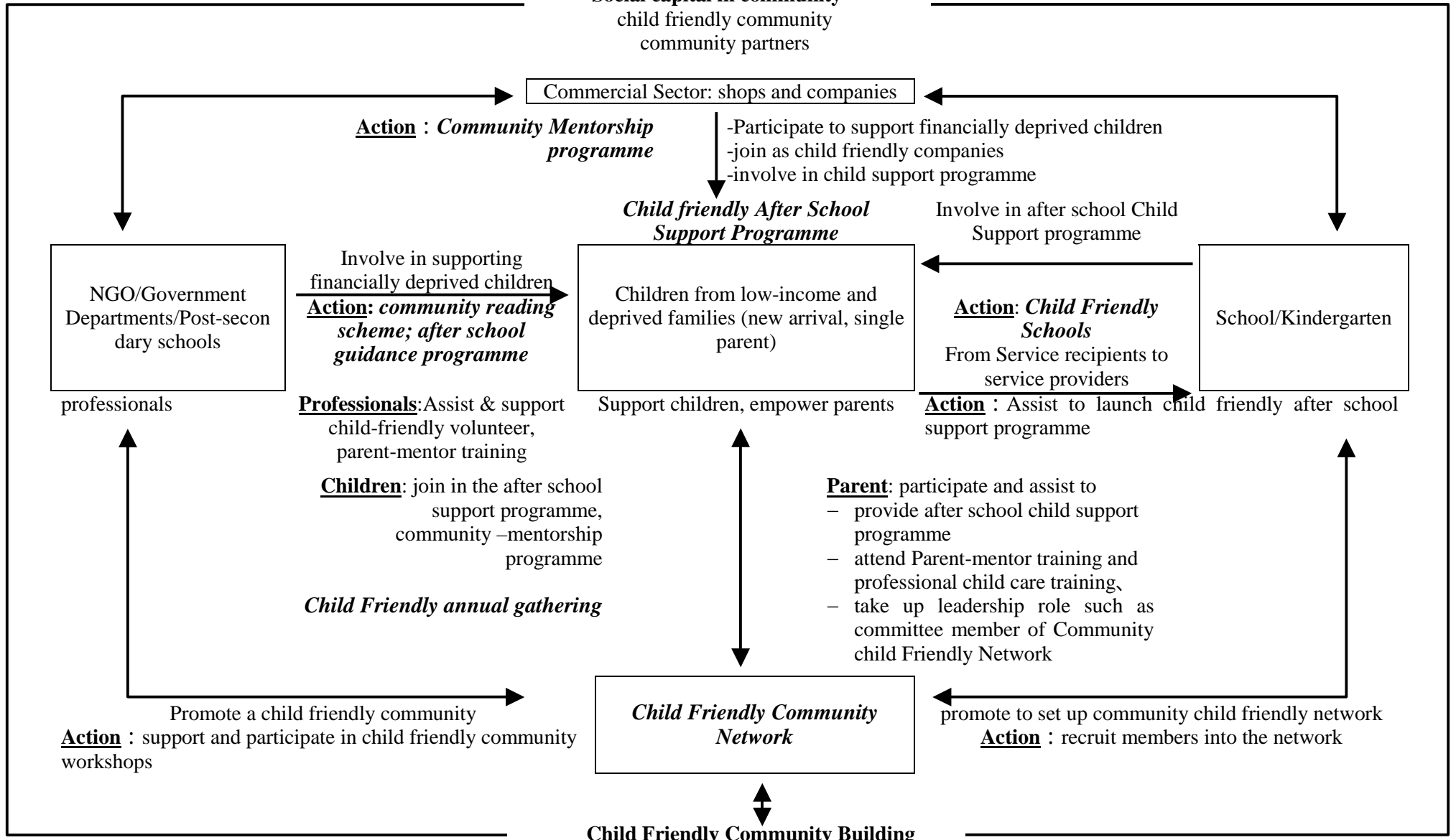
(for details, please see chart enclosed in Appendix 1)

Expected Outcomes :

1. For the children and their families, they would get involved in community and others, with enhanced personal capacity and school readiness, more confident and in closer collaboration with different parties in the community
2. Vibrant participation of network members to provide multifaceted exchanges and to connect these previously strangers to become caring neighbours and friends who would be able to render assistance to each other. They would be more aware of and commit to promotion of child-friendly issues,
3. Transformation of project participants, in particular the children and parents of low income families from the position of service recipients to leaders/volunteers. Upon the completion of the project, these volunteers and leaders will take over the running of the various networks that have been developed and thus making the project sustainable.

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Social capital in community –
 child friendly community
 community partners



Network and support forces →