

**Project No** : 0015-06  
**Project Title** : PIF Community Development Project  
**Name of Organisation** : Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service

**Grant Approved** : \$700,000

**Project Aims and objectives :**

Using mutual help model, the Project aims at mobilizing the disadvantaged groups to be mentors of children with disadvantaged circumstances to assist them to develop and grow. Through these, the mentors can be helped to reappraise themselves and the community will be more cohesive and integrated.

**Project Duration :** 3 years (from 1 April 2006)

**Target Groups :** Children with disadvantaged circumstance

**Location of the Project :** Kowloon City District

**Unique Features of the Project :**

(1) Incorporate the strength the weakness in making impossible become possible.

Different from traditional practices, being a mentor should be a person with good education or skills. However, we believe everyone, either weak or poor, have potentials to change and bring out changes. It always lacks an opportunity for them to join together to use their strength. Thus, different from other similar programmes, the main target group in recruitment of mentors will be those perceived as disadvantaged or needed, like CSSA, single parents, elderly, or even non-Chinese people. The Project tries to provide a platform for them to cooperate to explicit their strengths and potentials.

(2) Adopt power of love as a mean and quest for development as an end.

The most basic element in linking up the whole project is not a series of well-planned programmes, but rather power of love. With love and care, people will be filled up with power to help and to be helped. With touch with others, people will be encouraged to feel respect and worth. With building up self-esteem, people will be dared to actualize their future. Thus, the main objective of the project lies on development, to develop the participants to build up themselves and overcome their inadequacies.

(3) Mobilize community resources in tackling community problems.

Apart from sole or limited organizations to run, the Project will try to

involve different groups or organizations like schools, NGOs, resident organizations, churches, in different stages to participate so that deeper and wider impacts will be echoed in the community.

**Expected Outcomes :**

- (1) Children' motivation to learn and explore will be enhanced so that children can fully develop their potentials without any constraints.
- (2) Mentors can reappraise themselves so that their self-esteem and confidence will be enhanced and they become more assertive to plan their future.
- (3) Interactions and supports among different groups in the community will be increased so that more stable support networks can be built.
- (4) Alienation arisen from problem of disparity in income will be alleviated and the cohesiveness of the community will be strengthened so that an integrative community can be built.