

**Project No** : 0017-9  
**Project Title** : Growth in a Caring Community  
**Name of Organization** : Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong  
**Grant Approved** : HK\$700,000

**Project theme and aims:**

1. To reduce the emergence of trans-generational poverty and trans-generational mental illness.
2. To facilitate economic participation of ex-MI people by operating co-operatives.
3. To enhance social inclusion by integrating ex-MI families with the community.
4. To raise the community awareness on the importance of mental health.

**Project Duration** : 3 years (from 12/2006 – 11/2009)

**Target Groups** : ex-mentally ill people & their families, other families, elderly, youth, community organizations and private sectors.

**Location of the Project** : Tseung Kwan O (South)

**Project strategies:**

Role change:

1. From service recipients to service providers
2. To enhance self confidence and anti-adversity ability of ex-MI parents and their children .

Running Co-operative:

1. To integrate ex-MI families and the community.
2. To provide needy and affordable services for people in needed
3. To provide job training opportunities and encourage self-reliance

Cross-sectors collaboration:

1. To share community resources by tripartite collaboration
2. To develop supportive neighborhood and develop a social inclusive community.

**Expected outputs and outcomes:**

**1. Quantitative outcomes:**

Participants

- Numbers of family with ex-MI parents: 40 families
- Numbers of other family living in the community: 40 families

Voluntary services

- Numbers of people received voluntary services : 1000

### **Collaborative network**

- Numbers of agency/ private sector involved: 8

### **Co-operatives**

- Numbers of co-operative members : 12

## **2. Qualitative outcomes:**

- Self confidence and anti-adversity ability will be boosted up by encouraging participants' social participation.
- Building up of a supportive network among families with MI parents and other families would be achieved through mutual learning and support.
- The sense of collaborative social responsibility will be promoted by facilitating cross-sector collaboration and participation.