



HAND IN HAND : Caring Community Project



Name of Organization	: Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong
District	: Yuen Long, Wong Tai Sin, Tseung Kwan O and Chai Wan
Project Duration	: 3 years (April 2003 to March 2004 & July 2004 to June 2006)
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Linking social capital involves building relationships amongst people from quite different social backgrounds, enabling their mutual concerns and working together for the common good.

This project builds supportive networks amongst elders, young people and people who are recovering from mental illnesses so that, together, they could work "hand in hand" with the wider community to achieve greater social and economic inclusion.

This project attempts to change how the "marginalized" groups may value themselves and be valued by others, by building on their strengths, exercising their potentials and creating opportunities not just to better help themselves and each other, but to become contributors to the community.

Given certain entrenched community views about various "marginalized" groups such as people who had suffered from mental illnesses and elders, this project has set itself challenging objectives. But what was generally perceived as impossible is gradually becoming a reality in the 4 micro-communities where this project has operated.

During the first year of this project (completed in March 2004), 24 network teams were formed involving 35 youth, 48 elders and 41 ex-mentally ill people; and they started their tentative links with the community through joint community visits and services to 2,396 community participants. Both the network participants and the agency head were reporting that these network teams were becoming more part of their neighbourhoods in Yuen Long, Wong Tai Sin, Tseung Kwan O and Chai Wan. Apart from extending these support networks formed during the first year, during the second phase started in July 2004, the Grantee focused on strengthening their participation in the wider community, furthering their linkages with different sectors such as businesses, resident groups and District Councils locally and mobilizing community resources to foster a spirit of mutual care and trust as well as to achieve greater social and economic inclusion of these groups.

1. 機構的熱誠參與；
2. 計劃員工對基金理念的正面認同；
3. 願意嘗試新的策略；
4. 由以服務為主導的框架，轉為發掘及發展最邊緣社群的潛能，讓他們發揮自助互助的效能；
5. 打破機構之間的藩籬，動員社區資源，尋求夥伴的積極參與及建立互助網絡的能力；
6. 充分利用本土網絡的力量；
7. 回應社區需要；及
8. 清晰的社會資本成效目標。

Successful factors for social capital development projects :

1. Enthusiasm of the agency;
2. Positive outlook of the project staff;
3. Willingness to try new strategies;
4. Clear mindset shifts from providing services to developing the strengths and giving potentials of even the most marginalized groups;
5. Ability to break down organizational barriers, mobilize community resources, secure ownership from partners, and build mutual help networks;
6. Maximize strength of local networks;
7. Responsiveness to local needs; and
8. Clear focus on social capital outcomes.



歡迎有意申請的機構就計劃構思進行初步的討論。
Most welcome to have a preliminary discussion of your project ideas.

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計劃目標

✪ 在社區內建立由青少年、長者及精神康復者組成的互助網絡

✪ 打破標籤效應，改變社會對三個群體的看法

✪ 透過設立社區資源站及組織地區聯絡員，將網絡隊的工作推展及深化至社區

