

CIIF Progress Report to the Commission on Women

Women and Social Capital Development

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Applying New Concepts
Trying New Strategies
Gaining New Results

新策略

新思維
新成果

Alignment of objectives

Components

Values

Relations

Institutions

Strategies

**Role
Transformation**

**Cross-strata
Networks**

**Cross sector
Partnerships**

Outcomes

Increased

**Confidence &
Competence**

**Mutual
Help**

**Social / Econ
Opportunities**



Achievements to date

- ❖ 1/3 of 102 CIIF projects involve women organisations or women as core participants
- ❖ Strong evidence of capacity building with enhanced social economic outcomes - *e.g. 70 post-natal carers, earning 3.9M from 0.23M of CIIF investment helping 600 families, reducing post-natal depression risks*
- ❖ Growing evidence of cross strata mutual help – *e.g. Caring Estate in Island South*
- ❖ Emerging evidence of cross sector collaboration – *e.g. Sunny Community in Tung Chung; winning respect from principals and business partners*



Women's unique contributions to social capital building

- ❖ sensitivity to local needs
- ❖ strength of grass root networks
- ❖ credibility and ability to gain trust
- ❖ readiness for nurturing, facilitation, negotiation and mentoring roles
- ❖ anchors for and weavers of community networks
- ❖ bridge-builders across strata
- ❖ potentials as leaders for change



Comments from
Project Participants, Project Workers & Collaborators
(short video)



What next

Overall

- ❖ Mainstream impact
- ❖ promulgate good practices and effective strategies
- ❖ Sector development (academic initiatives)
- ❖ Areas for further research - e.g. sustainability, outcome indicators, longitudinal studies)

In particular for women

- ❖ Maximize women's unique advantages in social capital building
- ❖ Strategic positioning of women's organisations in community building
- ❖ Enhance capacity of women's organizations through participation in social capital projects
- ❖ Increase cross strata and cross sector collaboration to create opportunities and achieve further breakthroughs for all



Further engagement and collaboration

- ❖ further project initiatives invited
- ❖ customized visits to CIIF projects (clustered around themes)
- ❖ sector development workshops
- ❖ formal training courses



Feedbacks welcome
Thank you

