



Social Capital: A Foundation for Building Community Capacity

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Workshop Content

- Brief Introduction on Social Capital (SC)
- Brief Introduction on Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF)

Mr YEUNG Ka-sing, SBS, JP, Chairman of the CIIF Committee

• Sharing of Practice Experience
Representatives of five project teams



SC - World Bank perspective

- ✓ Vibrant economic and social development needs more than: "human capital", "financial capital" and "infrastructural capital"
- ✓ "Social capital" the missing link
 - *lubricant* , *glue* and *synergy* for development
- ✓ Key features of social capital:
 - values / norms
 - networks of relationships
 - institutional collaboration

SC -sociological perspectives

- ✓ Social trust
- Social connectivity
- ✓ Social participation & opportunities
 - ✓ Social inclusion



SC-International Reference

- Social Capital: capacity or resource of the community to take collective actions for the common good
- ✓ An upsurge of interest in the study of SC, particularly after the work carried out by Putnam
- ✓ Focus has been on definitions, measurements and impacts



SC-International Reference

- Studies show that SC can contribute to a variety of socio-economic improvements
- Missing in the research on how SC can be created through government intervention and community-based innovations
- CIIF projects aim to show how SC can be built or rebuilt to contribute to the welfare of community, particularly through strengthening of mutual trust between social sectors



Brief Introduction on Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF)

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Background

HKSAR Government set up in 2002

HK\$300 million seed fund

To support collaborative projects

To create social capital (SC) in Hong Kong



Objectives of CIIF

- promoting community participation and cross-sectoral collaboration
- enhancing the capacity of individuals
- fostering mutual support, care and assistance among people
- developing community support networks and enhancing community capacity
- reinforcing the sense of belonging in the community and social cohesiveness



Social Capital Development Approach: Social Investment

- Not one-off service
- Not subsidy giving
- Not remedial in nature

Investing in the community

- ✓ targeted investment to develop capacity
- ✓ achieving transformational social outcomes
- ✓ creating sustainable changes, conditions and outcomes through partnerships



Social Capital is happening here in HK

as of May 2010



Critical mass

- **■** >200 projects
- Total funding >HK\$200M
- Cover all 18 districts in HK

Outcomes

- 530,000 participants
- 20,000 from recipients to givers
- 14,000 families being supported
- >4,700 partnerships
- 440 mutual help networks



Affirmation

- ✓ International recognition : Serving Director of Asian Development Bank acknowledged CIIF projects models to be served as practice models for other Asian countries' reference.
- ✓ Research based affirmation: Evaluation Consortium formed by 5 local academic schools completed 7 independent evaluation study and affirmed the effectiveness of project strategies and outcomes achieved.



Outcomes Achieved

The CIIF -

- was effective in developing and enhancing the capabilities of project participants and encouraging them to become self-reliant;
- promoted mutual trust and support among people from different generations, background, ethnicity through effective use of community networks and resources;
- helped entrench cross-sectoral collaboration models and encourage private sector to engage in community activities;
- helped advocate strategies to create social capital, such as mentoring, matching partners, networking and complementarity; and
- was effective in promoting best practice models for developing social capital.



Case Studies Sharing

Focus	Project Examples
Case 1: Families Support in Community	Sham Shui Po Child-friendly Community Network
Case 2: Enhancing Youth Employability and Development – Modern Apprenticeship	Career Park
Case 3: Professionals Team Up to Provide Comprehensive Community Care	Safe and Healthy Estate in Cheung Tsing
Case 4: Weaving Resident-based Mutual Help Network – House/Floor Captain Model	Caring Estates in the Southern District
Case 5: Community-based Tripartite Collaboration Building Safety Network	To Cultivate Safe and Healthy City in Tung Chung







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Q & A Session

Welcome views, questions & sharing







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