



Survey on the effectiveness of HKCNP Love in Action Program

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1. Background

In the past few years, Hong Kong Church Network for the Poor (HKCNP) has been working with more than 1,000 partners to achieve community transformation by networking and empowering each other in all 18 districts in Hong Kong. During the COVID-19 epidemic, we have launched a number of pilot projects to support our partners in 18 districts to serve nearly 800,000 people at the grassroots level to live out the love and gospel of Christ and to transform the community to respond to the needs of the grassroots.

2. Survey method

HKCNP started planning for the survey in April 2022. From June to August, HKCNP invited 20 summer interns from different colleges to conduct group in depth interviews with 31 pastors whom are actively involved in direct service. Also a total of 44 recipients who have received church services and participated in the Love Action were interviewed. Interviews were conducted through purposive sampling method, relevant interviewees were invited through the coordination of related churches and institutions. The survey was conducted with qualitative and quantitative approaches.

This survey project is led by HKCNP advisor Dr. Vincent Lee Wan Ping. The objective is to understand the views and opinions of different units (churches and recipients) on the Love in Action, and the effectiveness. The research team designed two questionnaires, one for church and one for recipients. HKCNP collected 275 pastoral questionnaires and 960 recipient questionnaires. In terms of sampling, the questionnaire survey targeted low-income people, grass-roots families with elders and children, who had received church materials, and households who participated in the Love in Action Plan.

3. Main findings

a. HKCNP achieved considerable results in promoting community transformation, and the survey reported that the activities held by HKCNP network can help the recipients from multiple perspectives and enrich their lives

- I. Alleviate social poverty
- II. Deepen understanding of Christianity and faith
- III. Conversion of service recipients from receiver to giver

b. HKCNP provided credible services with both knowledge and caring education models, focusing on cultivating capacity and empowering the church to serve and help the underprivileged; HKCNP has achieved considerable results in promoting community transformation, and the mentor program can respond to service needs; The survey reported that the activities held by HKCNP can help the recipients from multiple perspectives and enrich their lives by support food needs, support social needs, and support family needs.

c. HKCNP united the community network, help, and empower the frontline partner Churches to cooperate in expanding services, to reach out more and effectively support community activities

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that lack resources. To a large extent, it can help the church to lead people in need to build up their faith and live out the mission from God through

- I. Church and Recipients Connections
- II. Growth for people involved in service
- III. Help church members to achieve spiritual growth and live out the mission from God

4. Recommendations :

a. Leverage Community Faith Networks - Share ideas for sustainable community-led development, fill in service gaps, develop pilot programs, respond to needs, build networks, and leverage synergies. We recommend that resourceful corporations, institutions and individual service professional groups should pay attention to some smaller churches or institutions in the community that play an active role in serving the community, providing them with appropriate financial, material and professional support. Partner churches or faith groups provide long-term holistic care for the grassroots.

b. Discover more livelihood resources - Assemble community teams, build relationships, affirm and recognize members, transform problems into issues, and formulate plans. In recent years, there have been many non-profit organizations and start-ups that provide livelihood resources in the society, such as food supplies, learning tools and free tuition classes, as well as community members who form a team to provide homework guidance support, and even become mentors of the kid and youth.

c. Continue to deepen holistic care for the physical, mental, social and spiritual needs of the grassroots. While material supply responds to urgent needs, service providers need to focus on building long-term relationships with them, walking with them, and making churches, congregations, and professionals a part of their lives. By mobilizing social capitals, responding to and creating economic opportunities for the community, alleviating the suffering of the grassroots, setting up a working group with compassionate shepherding, setting goals, assigning roles, and continuing to take care of the grassroots.

5. Conclusion

At all times, the difficulties and needs faced by the grassroots are related to all of us. Through the network, HKCNP connects churches, institutions, and Christian Fellowship groups, and works hand in hand to walk with the grassroots. HKCNP needs to continue to collaborate resources and services to the needy, to motivate the community to understand the needs of our neighbours and provide more in-depth support. During the epidemic, the pastoral network platform exchanged information for cross-district support to bridge the service gaps and help those whom were lost in the system. We look forward to the next step of deepen relationship in the network to fill more service gap in practical and collaborative manners. We should continue to empower churches and society to respond to the needs of grassroots families, and focusing in serving the grassroots and transforming communities. We need to expand our impactful network to more districts and encourage more collaboration in the city to build up the synergy.

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