

Child Development Fund

Labour and Welfare Bureau



● BACKGROUND

The Child Development Fund (CDF), set up in 2008 with a sum of \$300 million, aims to try out a new model for promoting the longer-term personal development of children from a disadvantaged background.

● OBJECTIVES

The CDF aims to provide participating children with more personal development opportunities. Through formulating and implementing personal development plans, the CDF seeks to encourage these children to plan for the future, develop an asset-building habit and accumulate financial assets as well as non-financial assets (such as positive attitudes and a proper mindset, personal resilience and capacities as well as social networks) which are important to their future development.

● KEY COMPONENTS OF THE CDF

The CDF has three major components, namely personal development plans, mentorship programme and targeted savings. These three components are to enhance the children's abilities to manage resources and plan for their own future.

● PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

The participating children are required to draw up personal development plans with specific targets (both short-term and long-term ones) under on-going guidance from non-governmental organizations (NGOs). They will also receive basic training provided / identified by the operating NGOs for the first two years. CDF has set aside \$15,000 per each participating child for the provision of relevant training programmes.

● MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

The operating NGOs will identify a personal mentor, who is a volunteer, for each participating child. Mentors will provide guidance to children in drawing up and implementing their personal development plans with specific development targets.

● TARGETED SAVINGS

There will be a savings programme under the CDF to help participating children accumulate financial assets to realise their personal development plans. Under the savings programme, participating children will save for the first two years according to their abilities. The operating NGOs will seek partnership from the business sector as well as individual donors to provide matching contribution for the resources accumulated by the participating children. The Government will also provide special incentives for each participating child upon completing of the two-year savings programme.

● DETAIL INFORMATION OF CDF

Further information of CDF is available on CDF website at <http://www.cdf.gov.hk>.

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