



Review of Enhanced Partnering Arrangements among Estate Management Advisory Committees & Non-governmental Organisations to Promote Neighbourliness in PRH Estates

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Background (1)

- In October 2009 - partnering arrangements introduced
- Collaborate activities among Estate Management Advisory Committees (EMACs) & Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs)
- 30% of EMAC funds allotted for partnering functions
 - ◆ Small estates
 - ★ \$30,000/function
 - ★ 2 to 3 functions per annum
 - ◆ Large estates
 - ★ \$50,000/function
 - ★ 3 to 4 functions per annum

Background (2)

- March 2011
 - ◆ HA endorsed to continue partnering arrangements and to conduct a comprehensive review in early 2013

- March 2013
 - ◆ HA reviewed the partnering arrangements

Review Findings (1)

(a) Functions Held

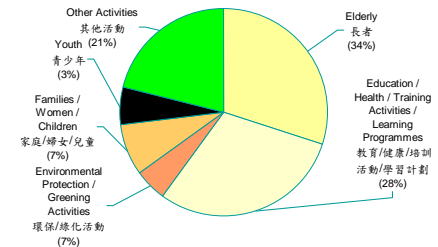
- Some 800 partnering functions held in the past two years
- Well received by EMACs, tenants and stakeholders
- 99% of activities rated as satisfactory or above
 - ◆ 50% rated as very satisfactory

Review Findings (2)

(a) Functions Held (cont'd)

■ Themes of functions

- ◆ Elderly
- ◆ Families / Women / Children
- ◆ Youth
- ◆ Education / Health / Training Activities / Learning Programmes
- ◆ Environmental Protection / Greening Activities
- ◆ Other Activities



Review Findings (3)

(b) Thematic Functions to Meet Tenants' Needs

- To organise at least one function annually to promote care and support for elderly tenants
- Collaborated with the Department of Health to launch thematic community health promotion programmes

Review Findings (4)

Elderly Functions



Carnivals for Elderly

Review Findings (5)

Families and Youth Activities



**Love and Happiness Carnival cum
Colouring and Slogan Design Contest**

Review Findings (6)

Health Promotion Community Projects



**Anti-smoking
Carnival**



**I'm So Smart Health
Promotion Community
Programme**

Review Findings (7)

Greening Activities



Planting Days in Estate

Review Findings (8)

(c) Biennial EMAC Seminar

- A platform to solicit EMACs' support for partnering functions
- Sharing of experience in organising partnering functions by representatives from DH, NGOs and EMAC members

Review Findings (9)

2012 EMAC Seminar



Review Findings (10)

(d) Control and Monitoring of Expenditure

- Stringent monitoring by estate staff
- Make reference to funding arrangements of District Council
- Conduct random checks at HD Headquarters level

Optimising the Use of EMAC Funds

- Difficult to find NGO partners in some estates
 - ◆ limited NGOs in the neighbourhood
 - ◆ some NGOs with no spare capacity for partnering functions
- Allow EMACs to hold community building activities
 - ◆ EMACs capable of organising thematic functions on their own
 - ★ experience gained over the past years
 - ★ close relationship with residents so as to identify their needs

Way Forward

- Continue with existing partnering arrangements
- Allow each EMAC to organise one community building function per annum on its own in the absence of sufficient NGO partners to achieve annual target of functions

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Themes of Functions

