







Say No to Drugs -

Path Builders for Youth Project – Light Up Your Path BDF 200049

Project implementation period:

1st May 2021 to 30th April 2023

Grantee:

Rotary Club of Admiralty Limited

Co-organizer:

TWGHs CROSS Centre









Introduction

• With the successful experience in the past, this territory-wide project aims at providing aftercare service and enhancing relapse prevention and employability of drug/ex-drug abusers ("mentees") aged 40 or below, including new target groups of drug abusing mothers, ethnic and sexual minorities, during 05/2021 to 04/2023. It is expected that 134 mentees, 134 mentors and 47 mentees' family members will be benefited from this 2-year project.









Project Content

- Project elements include
- I: Recruitment and publicity
- Mentors and mentees are recruited through the Rotary Club of Admiralty's and TWGHs CROSS Centre's (the Project's co-organizer) networks respectively and other means.









Project Content

- ||: Mentees' capital development and mentorship
- · Project social workers will provide professional counselling for mentees, and treatment or referral if necessary. The Project will also match mentees with mentors, who will support and journey with mentees after training. Social workers and mentors will also keep contact with mentees' family to provide family support and counselling when necessary. RCA will help job skills training and job opportunities for suitable mentees to develop their career. Mentees can also become assistant mentors through the promotion system.









Project Content

- III: Project integration
- The Project will newly add a formal peer supporter training for mentees to consolidate their experiences and become peer supporters. Success stories of their transformation with mentors' support will be collected and shared.









Project Activities









Component I: Recruitment and publicity













Component II: Mentees' capital development and mentorship













Mentees attended career planning workshop in order to gain a better self-understanding and to acquire basic counselling skills to provide peer support regarding career planning.











Career development programme – entrepreneurship development (Bazaar or Funfair)

Mentees and Mentors learnt how to make candles for Bazaar preparation.



Mentees experienced to start a business in Bazaar to enhance their career development.





















Component III: Project integration











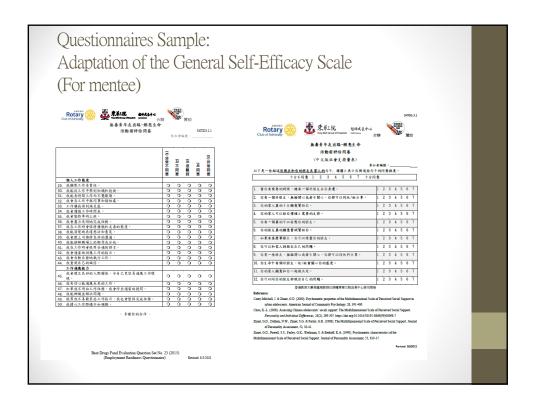
Output and Outcome Evaluation

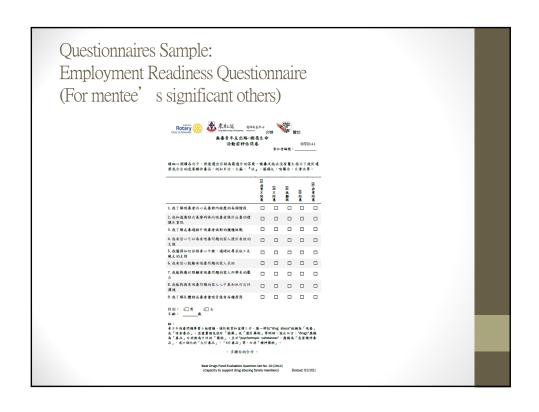
Evaluation methods

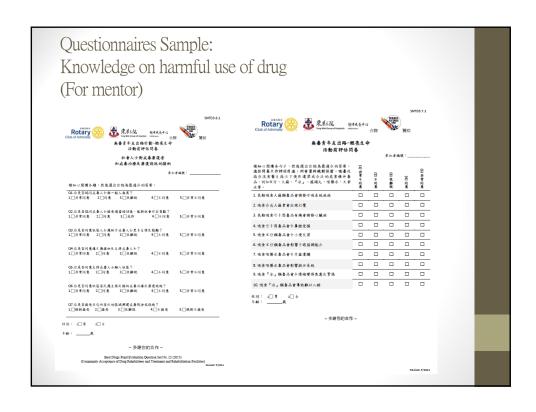
- 1. Attendance forms (output record)
- 2. Questionnaires (outcome evaluation)
- 3. Project Committee meeting

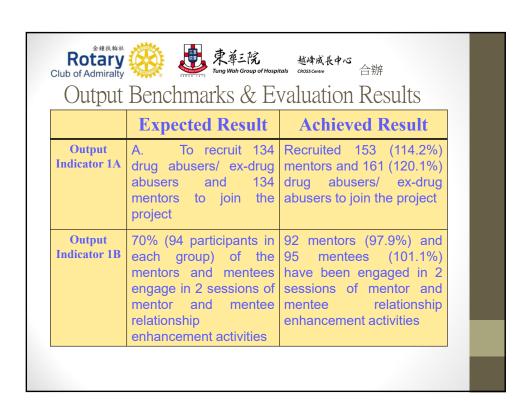




















Output 70% (94 participants in 90 mentors (95.7%) an each group) of the 92 mentees (97.9%) have mentors and mentees been engaged in	Expected Result	Achieved Result
engage in 1 session of session of matching and mentoring programme programme	each group) of the mentors and mentees engage in 1 session of matching and mentoring	92 mentees (97.9%) have been engaged in 1 session of matching and









	Expected Result	Achieved Result
Output Indicator 2A	Provide volunteering service to 54 mentors and 54 mentees, among which 38 mentors and 38 mentees engage in 1 session of volunteering service	mentees (135.2%), among which 40 mentors (97.3%) and 37
Output indicator 2B	Provide team building and adventure-based programme to 54 mentors and 54 mentees, among which 38 mentors and 38 mentees engage in 1 session of team building and adventure-based programme	adventure-based programme to









	Expected Result	Achieved Result
Output Indicator 3A	Provide mentor training to 44 new mentors, among which 31 mentors complete at least 2 sessions of training	Provided mentor training to 57 new mentors (129.5%), among which 31 mentors (100%) have completed at least 2 sessions of training
Output Indicator 3B	Provide support counselling to 134 mentors, among which 94 mentors complete at least 2 sessions of support counselling	Provided support counselling to 124 mentors (92.5%), among which 96 mentors (102.1%) have completed at least 2 sessions of support counselling









	Expected Result	Achieved Result
Output Indicator 4A	Provide individual counselling to 134 drug abusers/ex-drug abusers, among which 94 participants receive at least 2 individual counselling sessions	Provided individual counselling to 143 drug abusers/ex -drug abusers (106.7%), among which 101 participants (107.4%) have completed at least 2 sessions of individual counselling
Output Indicator 4B	Provide talents' development programme to 134 drug abusers/ex-drug abusers, among which 94 participants receive at least 2 sessions of talent development programme	Provided talents' development programme to 140 drug abusers/ex -drug abusers (104.4%), among which 94 participants (100%) have completed at least 2 sessions of talent development programme









	Expected Result	Achieved Result
Output Indicator 4C	67 drug abusers/ex- drug abusers, among which 47 participants complete at least 2 sessions of career	Provided career counselling services to 77 drug abusers/ex - drug abusers (114.9%), among which 49 participants (104.3%) have completed at least 2 sessions of career counselling services









	Expected Result	Achieved Result
Output Indicator 5A	Provide family counselling to 47 family members of drug abusers/ex-drug abusers, among which 33 of them complete at least 2 sessions of family counselling	abusers/ex -drug abusers (100%), among which 30 of them
Output ndicator 5B	Provide family programme to 47 family members of drug abusers/ex-drug abusers, among which 33 of them complete at least 1 session of family programme	(142.6%), among which 60 of









Outcome Benchmarks & Evaluation Results

	Expected Result	Achieved Result
Outcome Indicator 1	Drug / ex-drug abusers perceive a higher level of social support (70% of participants perceive a higher level of social support or statistical significant increase in the level of perceived social support as indicated by paired t-test)	101 valid cases evaluated. 81.2% of the drug/ex-drug abusers show improvement in perceiving a higher level of social support.
Outcome Indicator 2	Drug abusers show reduction in their drug use frequency (70% of participants reduce their drug use frequency)	107 valid cases evaluated. 60 cases reported using drug at pretest, 100% reduce drug use frequency. 47 cases reported not using drug at pre-test, 100% avoided relapse.











	Expected Result	Achieved Result
Outcome Indicator 5	Mentors gain knowledge about harm of drug abuse (70% of participants gain knowledge about harm of drug abuse or statistical significant gain knowledge about harm of drug abuse as indicated by paired t-test)	119 valid cases evaluated. 71.4% mentors gain knowledge about harm of drug abuse.
Outcome Indicator 6	Family members of drug abusers show improvement in their capacity to support drug abusing family members (70% of participants show improvement in their capacity to support drug abusing family members or statistical significant improvement in capacity to support drug abusing family members as indicated by paired t-test)	34 valid cases evaluated. 85.3% of family members of drug abusers show improvement in their capacity to support drug abusing family members









Process Evaluation

- This project aims at providing aftercare service and enhancing relapse prevention and employability of drug/ex-drug abusers ("mentees") aged 40 or below during 5/2021 to 4/2023. The project has recruited 161 mentees (120.1% of target) and 153 mentors (114.2% of target). Project elements include individual counselling services for drug abusers/rehabilitees, mentorship training, mentoring activities including regular gathering, team-building or adventure-based activities and volunteering activities. Career counselling and personal development programme are also provided to drug abusers/ rehabilitees. Tailor-made training for assistant mentor and peer supporter training for mentees have also provided to consolidate their experiences and become peer supporters.
- Mentor trainings have been provided to mentors in order to enhance their drug knowledge and strengthen their communication and counselling skills. 21 sessions of trainings have been arranged. 31 new mentors (100% of target) have completed at least 2 sessions of training. Support counselling has also been provided to mentors and 96 (102.1% of target) of them completed at least 2 $\,$ sessions of support counselling.









Process Evaluation (cont'd)

- Individual counselling sessions were provided to mentees. 101 mentees (107.4% of target) completed at least 2 sessions of counselling.
- 4. Matching, mentoring and supportive services have also been provided in order to develop positive social support network for mentees and to strengthen relationship, communication and mutual support among mentees and mentors. 40 mentors (105.3 % of target) and 37 mentees (97.4% of target) attended at least 1 session of volunteer service.
- For the mentee's personal development and career development, 94 mentees (100% of target) attended at least 2 session of talents' development activities; 38 mentees (100% of target)had attended 1 session of personal development activity. 37 mentees had attended 1 session of job skill training. 11 Job referral/interview opportunities had been offered to 11 mentees. 15 mentees (107.1% of target) joined at least 1 session of entrepreneurship program to earn a experience of running a small business as a part of career planning.17 mentees (128% of target) attended certificate or license courses for enhancing their competence and employability in the labour market.

Experience Gained

- 1. Mentor trainings is important
 - Mentor trainings are needed or both new mentors and old mentors for equipping updated project directions and drug trends.
- 2. Promotion of assistant mentors and peer supporters
 - Promoting drug rehabilitees (mentees) to assistant mentors and peer supporters can have several advantages. The project shows that the promotion can reduce the drug use and increase the treatment engagement and their relapse prevention movtivation.









Other Findings

- Mentors are more accepting drug rehabilitees but not T&R services or facilities:
 - According to the OC4-Quest 22, over 70% of mentors show improvement in acceptance of drug rehabilitees, but only 40.7% of them show improvement in acceptance of T&R services or facilities. Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, many T&R services or facilities are not accepting visits. This may affect the positive impression of the T & R services or facilities among the mentors.
- 2. Success stories of the project mentees
 - The interviews with the project mentees can consolidate their experiences and become more resilience to drug temptation. By reflecting on their experiences and sharing them with others, they can gain a better understanding of their own strengths and weaknesses and develop strategies for coping with future challenges.









Conclusion

- 1. As a whole, all project output and outcome have been achieved. A total of 161 mentees (120.1% of target) and 153 mentors (114.2% of target) have been recruited.
- 2. With the successful experience in the past, this territory-wide project aims at providing aftercare service and enhancing relapse prevention and employability of drug/ex-drug abusers ("mentees") aged 40 or below, including new target groups of drug abusing mothers, ethnic and sexual minorities.

