

(MSS 258 PJ) Support Fund for HIV/AIDS Patients and their Families

This project consisted of i) Support Fund for HIV/AIDS Patients and their Families and ii) Social Support Programme of HIV/AIDS Patients and their Families

Aim and Objective:

1. To provide immediate and temporary financial assistance to HIV/AIDS patients and their families in a direct and effective way
2. To organise health talks, sharing meetings and other social support activities to promote mutual support among HIV/AIDS patients and their families, as well as enhance the patient's adjustment to the disease and develop positive coping strategies

Project Design:

- i) Support Fund for HIV/AIDS Patients and their Families (the Fund)
 1. The Fund was administered by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the planning, implementation and evaluation of the Fund were based on the SWD's experience in administering other charitable/trust funds
 2. Each successful application would cover a period not exceeding three months
 3. The Fund covers 6 categories of assistance
 4. HIV/AIDS patients and their families in need could make direct applications for the Fund at the MSSUs at Kowloon Bay Integrated Treatment Centre, Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Princess Margaret Hospital
- ii) Social Support Programme of HIV/AIDS Patients and their Families
 1. 3 designated Medical Social Services Units (MSSUs) at Kowloon Bay Integrated Treatment Centre, Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Princess Margaret Hospital would organise health talks, sharing meetings and other social support activities to the HIV/AIDS patients and their families. Reimbursement would be granted to the three MSSUs for the expenses of the programme

Target Population:

HIV/AIDS patients or their families who are in need of immediate financial assistance or social support programmes

Main achievements:

1. From 1.8.2016 to 31.7.2017, a total of 5 applications were received and all of them were approved with a total amount around \$17,000 granted to patients as financial assistance. The average amount of grant was about \$3,300 per application. The first and second highest portions of the Fund were granted to patients to meet expenses on essential items and to provide temporary maintenance for patients to acquire their basic needs respectively. These, together with the short average processing time from the application date to the date of Fund granted, i.e. 1.42 days, reflected that the Fund could meet the objectives of providing immediate and temporary financial assistance to resolve patients' temporary financial hardship in a timely manner.
2. 8 programmes were organised by MSWs for a total of 301 participants from 1.8.2016 to 31.7.2017 including 1 sharing meeting, 3 health talks and 4 large-scale festive social activities.
3. The average rating of the activities was above 5.63 out of a full score of 6. This indicated that the programmes could meet the said objectives.

Conclusions:

1. This project has provided HIV/ AIDS patients and their families immediate temporary financial assistance with simplified procedures and firm confidentiality.
2. The Fund had been used in an effective way to relieve the HIV/AIDS patients with genuine financial need in a timely manner.
3. The programmes organised achieved the objectives of promoting mutual support among HIV/AIDS patients and their families and enhancing their adjustment to the disease and developing positive coping strategies.

(MSS 258 PJ) 愛滋病患者及家屬援助金

本項目包含：i) 愛滋病患者及家屬援助金，以及 ii) 愛滋病患者及家屬社會支援計劃

宗旨和目標：

1. 提供援助金，以直接而有效的方式即時向愛滋病患者及其家屬提供臨時的經濟援助
2. 舉辦健康講座、分享會及其他支援活動，以促進愛滋病患者及其家屬互相扶持，並協助患者更能面對疾病，採取積極的應對策略

項目設計：

i) 愛滋病患者及家屬援助金(援助金)

1. 援助金由社會福利署（社署）管理，社署會按照管理其他慈善／信託基金的經驗進行規劃、執行和評估
2. 每宗援助金的成功的申請以 3 個月為限期
3. 援助金設有 6 個援助範疇
4. 有需要的愛滋病患者及其家屬可向九龍灣綜合治療中心、伊利沙伯醫院及瑪嘉烈醫院的醫務社會服務單位直接申請援助金

ii) 愛滋病患者及家屬社會支援計劃

1. 3 個指定醫務社會服務單位（即九龍灣綜合治療中心、伊利沙伯醫院及瑪嘉烈醫院）會舉辦健康講座、分享會及其他支援活動給愛滋病患者及其家屬，有關費用會以發還形式發放給 3 個單位

服務對象：

需要即時經濟援助或社會支援計劃的愛滋病患者或其家屬

主要成果：

1. 由 2016 年 8 月 1 日至 2017 年 7 月 31 日期間，共接獲 5 宗申請，全數獲得批准，有關患者及其家屬合共獲發大約 17,000 元的援助金，每宗申請的平均援助金額約為 3,300 元。在援助金的援助範疇中，援助比重最高的依次為用於幫助患者應付日常必須項目的開支，以及為患者提供臨時生活費以應付基本生活需要。基於以上所述，加上由接獲申請至批出援助金平均需時僅 1.42 天，反映援助金有效達到目標，即能夠即時為患者及其家屬提供臨時的經濟援助，及時解決他們的燃眉之急。
2. 由 2016 年 8 月 1 日至 2017 年 7 月 31 日，醫務社工舉辦了 8 項活動，包括 1 次分享會、3 個健康講座和 4 個大型的節日聯誼活動，合共有 301 人參加。

3. 有關活動的平均評分高於 5.63（滿分為 6），顯示活動能夠達到上述目標。

總結：

1. 本項目以簡單和絕對保密的程序，能為愛滋病患者及其家屬提供即時的臨時經濟援助。
2. 援助金得到有效運用，為有真正經濟需要的愛滋病患者及其家屬提供及時的協助。
3. 所舉辦的計劃達到目標，即能夠促進愛滋病患者及其家屬互相扶持，並協助患者更能面對疾病，採取積極的應對策略。