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BEYOND FEEDING THE POOR

2020/2021 Annual Report

Foreword

When we wrote the foreword for our annual report last year, we thought that 2019 to 2020 was already by far the most challenging year.

However, after a year had passed, it became clear that the end to this pandemic was nowhere in sight as we had all initially hoped. Although many areas are widely vaccinated, the virus remains rampant, especially in developing nations. In these countries, economies have taken a nose-dive resulting in an alarming rate of poverty and distress. Worse, these communities have no food, virus tests, vaccines, or treatment resources. From urban cities to rural borderlands, countless have perished due to insufficient aid; many more have had to witness the untimely death of neighbours and loved ones. We also heard from our Myanmar partners that more than 200 local pastors and church leaders have passed away by the time of writing, sending shockwaves through their church communities.

Furthermore, from 2020 to 2021, humanitarian disasters exacerbated by political turmoil have begun recurring continuously. From Myanmar's military coup d'état and the assassination of Haiti's president to the withdrawal of the United States and NATO's troops from Afghanistan, more and more humanitarian crises have begun to surface. However, many of these problems are not new issues; in rarely mentioned places such as South Sudan and Yemen, the people there have been living miserable lives under tragic for years now. Yet, few have shown genuine care for these matters. We think of the children who had to grow up amid warfare often being unable to go to school, which can lead to their eventual enlistment into rebel forces, fighting against local governments. To them, this is the path they were all forced into for survival.

Besides, we cannot ignore the effects of the impending climate crisis. Many of the natural disasters have been described as once-in-a-century incidences. These natural disasters are now no longer so extraordinary because of their magnitude and the scale of their impact - nor are they something we can guard against or control. It is harrowing to see that our human ways have caused the endangerment of so many animals and plants. This beautiful land created by our Heavenly Father has experienced unprecedented devastation.

So, what can CEDAR, as Lord's disciples, do in the face of this bleak state?

Before answering that question, we must first thank our God for His protection and guidance for letting CEDAR walk 30 fruitful years down the path of international humanitarian aid. In the coming days, we must diligently adhere to our mission and philosophy, equipping ourselves with knowledge of our faith and profession while continuously adapting to various changes in our ministries and lives. Besides actively responding to the needs of different countries, we will also be promoting Hong Kong ministries, collaborating with local churches to advance our integral mission. In the future, we hope that CEDAR and fellow Christians can support and alleviate the suffering of the poor together; we hope supporters will continue to encourage us, instil hope in each other, and maintain a positive attitude even in the face of the instability.

'I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.' – John 16:33

May peace prevail on earth.



Chan Nim Chung

Dr. Chan Nim Chung
Board Chairman



Chan Pui Si

Dr. Chan Pui Si
Chief Executive

Our Vision



**In Christ,
we build a just and compassionate world together.**



Who We Are...

CEDAR Fund is an independent Christian relief and development organisation founded in Hong Kong. We strive to live out the integral mission of the Church in partnership with Christians around the world to assist the poor and the needy.

We are Called...

We are called to participate in the mission of God and to witness God's kingdom on earth. 'From Church, Through Church' is our guiding principle of operation. In Christ, we are determined to build a just and compassionate world together with Christian churches and organisations worldwide. Based on our vision, there are 10 natures of our ministries:

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Anti-human Trafficking | 
Children and Youth Development | 
Creation Care | 
Peace and Reconciliation | 
Church and Community Mobilisation |
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Livelihood Development | 
Humanitarian Relief and Disaster Risk Reduction | 
Health | 
Urban and Rural Development | 
Advocacy |



The Middle East

Afghanistan · Lebanon
Syria

No. of projects: 14
754,796 Beneficiaries

Asia

(excluding China & Hong Kong)

Bangladesh · India · Indonesia
Myanmar · Nepal · Thailand

No. of projects: 45
130,153 Beneficiaries

China & Hong Kong

No. of projects: 7
5,502 Beneficiaries

Africa

Ethiopia · Rwanda
Zimbabwe

No. of projects: 16
52,714 Beneficiaries

Thankful for God & You

CEDAR was able to walk alongside over **940,000** beneficiaries

and restore their dignity and value through **82** relief and development projects,

of which **11** projects were new, through the partnership

with **46** Christian organisations and churches

in **14** countries and regions around the world.

Focus

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, CEDAR has allocated funds to support the following disaster responses:



\$ \$194,000 📍 Afghanistan

CEDAR supported 250 Afghan families with food and sanitation products during the COVID-19 outbreak.

\$ \$100,000 📍 India

Food and hygiene products were distributed to 625 families affected by floods in Bihar.

\$ \$22,000 📍 India

CEDAR supported our Nepalese anti-human trafficking partner to maintain a training and outreach centre in India, benefitting 85 victims.



\$ \$117,000 📍 Syria

Warm clothes and blankets were distributed to 1,700 people affected by the harsh winter.

\$ \$160,000 📍 Myanmar

Conflict in the Kayin State caused bloodshed, villages to burn down, and a food shortage. CEDAR provided food assistance to the affected villagers.



\$ \$740,000 📍 Myanmar

CEDAR supported 45 internally displaced Lisu families (300 beneficiaries) in Kachin state. This resettlement project provides families with necessities, including shelter, land registration, water and sanitation facilities, education, livelihood support, and psychological counselling and guidance.

\$ \$661,000 📍 Nepal/Bangladesh

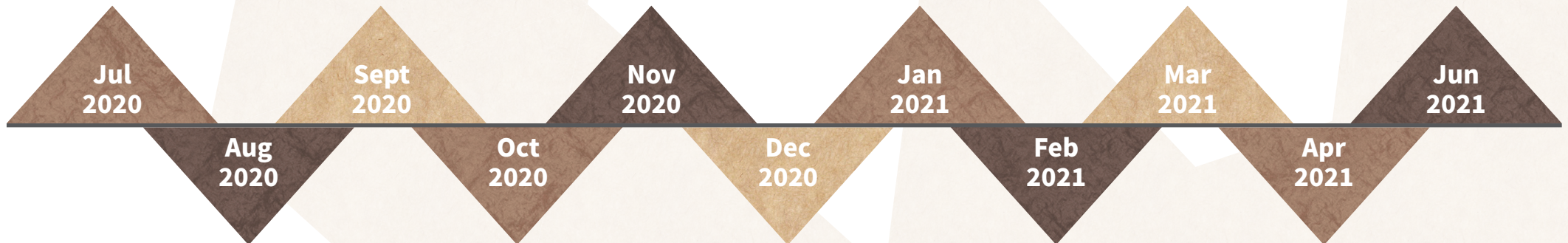
① In Nepal, we hired medical staff, provided COVID-19 testing kits, oxygen supply equipment and infection control supplies to our two partner hospitals. 2,000 people were benefitted. ② In Bangladesh, we provided infection control supplies to 25 medical staff and oxygen generators used monthly by approximately 900 patients. ③ We provided one week food assistance and infection control supplies to 1,500 unemployed Bangladeshi families.

\$ \$195,000 📍 Afghanistan

CEDAR provided food and sanitation supplies to displaced families, benefitting 2,500 people.

\$ \$136,000 📍 Zimbabwe

Five wells were repaired for the poor community, benefitting 2,240 people.



\$ \$204,000 📍 Ethiopia

The plague devastated the lives of local farmers. Cash assistance was provided to 1,250 residents.

\$ \$50,000 📍 Ethiopia

CEDAR provided livelihood support to 134 families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

\$ \$152,000 📍 Ethiopia

In Tigray Province, food, daily necessities, and hygiene products were provided to those displaced due to the civil war.

\$ \$67,000 📍 Rwanda

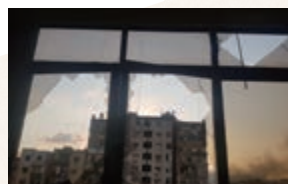
CEDAR provided three schools (3,427 students) with infection control supplies.

\$ \$467,000 📍 India

Cash assistance and infection control supplies were provided to the poor affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Cash for Work programme was also carried out, benefitting 6,475 people.

\$ \$1,380,000 📍 Lebanon

CEDAR provided emergency assistance and aid reconstruction efforts, benefitting more than 30,000 people.



\$ CEDAR's Allocated Funds (converting USD to HKD approx.) 📍 Project Country



CEDAR's 30th Anniversary Celebration

The theme song for CEDAR Fund's 30th anniversary, 'Beyond Feeding the Poor', was debuted to tell about colleagues' thoughts and feelings, as well as God's grace in life transformations in the past three decades.

An animation, 'Mission Throughout the Years', was also produced to reflect on our mission and efforts in poverty alleviation and disaster relief in the last 30 years.

Jan
2021



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A devotion app, '施予達仁', was launched to provide different devotional perspectives to widen Christians' faith horizon, hoping that they could live out God's teaching in line with the needs of the times.

'Beyond Feeding the Poor' Campaign was organised that encouraged people to support the poor overseas not only by donating money but also by putting down words of blessing on birthday cards.

Jun
2021



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The 30th Anniversary 'Beyond Feeding the Poor' Thanksgiving Sharing Night was held to thank God for leading CEDAR Fund in the implementation of His missions, as well as to enhance supporters' understanding of God's commission for us to care and concern for the poor.

Beyond Feeding the Poor – Let's Observe God's Work

**Looking back after all these years
Upon that poignant image of a mud cake
Our hearts remain tied to our mission**

- CEDAR Fund's 30th Anniversary Theme Song 'Beyond Feeding the Poor'*

The vocalist's gentle voice, coupled with the music and video detailing our accomplishments over the years, transports us back to witnessing the foundation of CEDAR Fund, the beginning of its establishment. 30 years ago, our founder heard of severely food-deprived Haitians whose only means of sustenance were cakes made of nothing but mud and salt. He later established CEDAR Fund, powered by an unmistakable feeling that Christians must fulfil the God-ordained mission of being generous, kind, and loving to the poor.

**God's love can cease all suffering for the destitute
God's love can provide relief to widows and orphans
He takes away the pain and emancipates the world
(Let's all watch God's transformation at work)**

CEDAR's vision of 'Walking with God to build a just and loving world' is echoed in the above lyrics. It reflects the state of reality a just and loving world should have: one of no poverty, with assistance for the desolate, and all creations freed from the shackles of sin. For the past three decades, our ministry's mission has been to ensure a transformation in the lives of the needy and facilitate an experience of God's unconditional love, the gospel's power, and nourishment of their bodies, minds, and souls.

At the end of the year, let us collectively savour the lyrics on the right hand side and watch the story of God at work on transforming lives and touching hearts through CEDAR's projects.

**The starved received three meals
without worry
The lost rediscovered the value of life
The transformed testified to Your
everlasting love
May peace prevail on earth**

* For complete lyrics, please refer to page 21 of this report.

The Starved Received Three Meals without Worry



God creates and provides, but sin causes the disparity between the rich and the poor as humanity exploits one another, leaving some hungry. Therefore, we support poor people's livelihood development. In addition to promoting urban or rural poverty alleviation projects, we also relieve the aftermath of human or natural disasters, of which some impacts can be reduced by prevention work. For example, flooding occurs in Bangladesh every year due to the monsoon. Therefore, we launched the 'Disaster Prevention and Livelihood Improvement in Villages' project, in which villagers were given mango seedlings to reduce soil erosion and boost the post-disaster recovery, hoping to improve their livelihood.

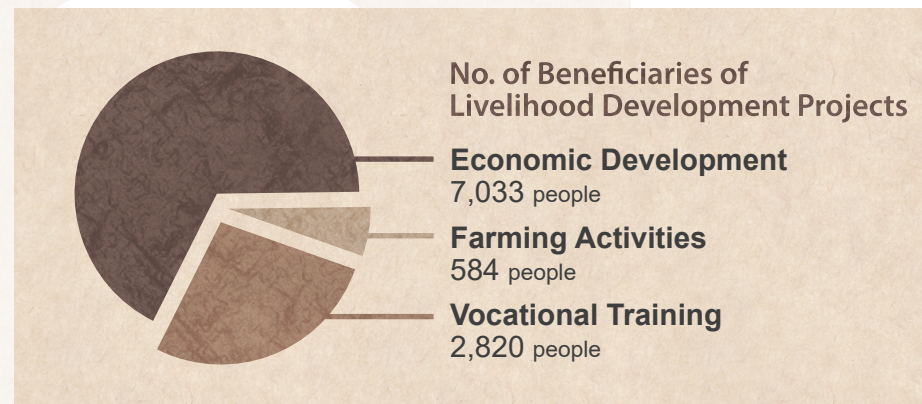
Fullness Budding from Drylands

Hollace Chai (Programme Officer)

Climate change causes droughts and food crises in many countries, such as Zimbabwe, an agricultural country. Years-long inadequate rainfall has affected the soil temperature, eco-system and the growth of plants. Crop failure and shortage of seeds and farming materials give farmers no guarantee of their next harvest, keeping them hungry.

Foundations for Farming (FfF), CEDAR's partner, has been promoting conservation agriculture for years. They teach poor farmers to farm with natural rules and turn drylands into fertile lands. Historically, people had been stressing immediate results that scientific production was favoured. However, the earth has been avenging in recent years, which pushed Zimbabwean agricultural experts and officials to FfF to learn how to reconcile with the land and revive the soil.

FfF made changes in the national agricultural policy that, as announced by the Zimbabwean government, all farmers should learn the conservation agriculture with seeds and farming materials provided. After the nationwide adoption of conservation agriculture, the agricultural production per hectare was increased from 0.5 tons to 4.8 tons, which was Zimbabwe's first time to have a food reserve in 20 years! More than



1.8 million farmers and also the earth were benefitted.

Meanwhile, another partner, the Evangelical Fellowship of Zimbabwe (EFZ), found that the young, old and disabled were regarded as underproductive and not given any resources. So we gave them a high priority and provided them with seeds and agricultural materials. We also taught them how to save money, reserve and pack their produce and feed animals to improve their livelihood.

Getrude, a 78-year-old sister, was selected as the project's 'Master Farmer'. She was looking after her three abandoned grandchildren on her own. So they barely got by every day that it was pretty impossible to pay for her grandchildren's education and uniforms. She then joined the training, and learnt fast and set goals eagerly. In her first harvest after joining the project, she harvested 500 kg of corn. Her family can now feed themselves, and their financial difficulty was relieved.

Getrude said, 'Look at my harvest! Was it not His work? I defeated starvation this year that my family and I don't have to worry about food.' Getrude's testimony manifested God's indiscriminate blessing, regardless of one's age and physical fitness. If we have faith in God and live in His will, He can still feed us and renew the earth in any difficulties.

Poor people are children of God cherished and honoured by Him, with an unseizable dignity like us all. We combat human trafficking, care for children at risk and provide medical and health care for the poor, who are crushed physically – living an inhuman life for years, and psychologically from regrets, frustrations, loneliness and discrimination. After rescuing them, we still need to help them alongside, offer them counselling, and support them reintegrating into the communities.

Love amongst the AIDS: From Indifference to Loving Companionship

Li Yuan (Programme Officer)

‘Our local speciality is AIDS patients.’

Said the local doctor on our way to the village. His statement may lead people to think that AIDS is ubiquitous in that place, but the reality is far more complicated. Some AIDS patients died with no one willing to arrange funerals or were not accepted by their relatives and friends who then left home. Villagers gossip about or avoid the patients. Apathy and discrimination are everywhere.

Many patients are ethnic minorities who lack knowledge about AIDS. Some consider AIDS as flu

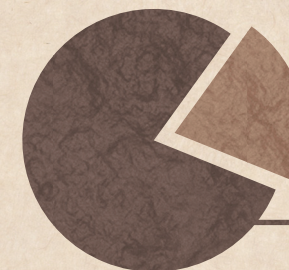
The Lost Rediscovered the Value of Life

that can be healed by taking a few days of medicine and some lose hope to live. Their living environment and culture caused the misunderstanding of AIDS. Still, some local people want to get over the apathy and fear. In the village where CEDAR Fund’s partner is located, the ethnic minorities take the initiative to care for their infected folks out of love. They deliver the medicine, escort the sick to medical consultation, interpret the medical advice in Chinese, and conduct drug compliance education.

Starting with only three staff, the team has now 54 people, including volunteers. The scope of services has also extended to emergency support, peer groups, anti-drug education and AIDS prevention promotion. The small garden rented by our partner has gained the villagers’ love, where it is filled with hearty singing and genuine care, brightening up all who enter.

These services were criticised initially but eventually accepted because of our partner’s sincerity, which gained the villagers’ trust and built relationships. One of them is Sister Tin, who once lived in fear because she is an AIDS patient. She isolated herself from the community to avoid being rejected by others. Now she is a volunteer in our ministry to help others with the same experience.

Sister Tin always shared her experience with a smile about how she was initially rejected and beaten up by patients when she asked them to take medicine. There were no blames in her sharing but gladness and love. The ministry is always challenging, but the team is filled with an unwavering love that they run with joy and fearlessness to witness that ‘the lost rediscovered the value of life.’



No. of Beneficiaries of
Health Projects

**Maternal & Child Health and
Public Health**

432 people

AIDS Prevention

1,610 people

The Transformed Testified to Your Everlasting Love

What are the church's missions? Shepherding? Evangelising? Training disciples?

Christians in different situations may vary in opinions. Still, missions given by God remain the same – caring for the world, restoring human's relationship with God and other creations that practice the Great Commission and the Great Commandment at the same time. CEDAR believes that developing and transforming communities can also testify to Jesus.

Therefore, we go hand in hand with churches:

- Launching 'Peace and Reconciliation' project in poor areas and conflict zones to build peace and facilitate communication among rivalry groups;
- Advocating for creation care in wealthy areas to arouse awareness of the people affected by climate changes; and
- Teaching farmers in poverty areas to practise eco-friendly farming for improving their income and sustainable development.

Churches should not excuse themselves from helping their neighbours because of scarce resources. So CEDAR supports churches in poor communities to help them preach and implement the integral mission and mobilise believers and residents to care about their communities and transform their neighbours' lives.

No. of Beneficiaries of Church and Community Mobilisation Projects



A Church Testifying to Christ

Chung Pui Ling (Senior Programme Officer)

Amidst wars and the pandemic, how do Burmese churches mobilise their members to show concerns to their neighbours?

In 2011, in Kachin State in Northern Myanmar, more than 90,000 people were forced to leave their homes and displaced internally. Church of Grace is a church formed by local farmers. The resource limit did not limit their support for those displaced as taught by the Bible, 'to love your neighbours'. They raised funds for 85 Lisu families to build houses. With the church's support, the families could move to a temporary campsite at Sadon town. Since then, the church kept visiting camp residents and donating food to them, and they eventually became a big family, worshipping together and being the body of Christ.

In 2018, the Government suddenly announced to close all temporary campsites. The church and those Lisu families were so shocked that they prayed to God together at the camp's open ground. The church did not want them to be displaced again and decided to buy land for them to build houses. However, they did not have enough for building houses and other facilities after purchasing the land. As encouraged by the church's unwavering support, these families waited for God's supply with faith and anticipation. Later, the church expressed their needs to CEDAR's partner, Fullmoon Family Foundation (FMFF), and FMFF applied for CEDAR's funding.

In March 2021, the Government resettled 30 families of those 85, and 10 families handled themselves. CEDAR and FMFF then supported the church to help the remaining 45 families, consisting of around 300 people, rebuild their homes. The three units worked hard together for these Lisu people, and such a spirit of love encouraged this ethnic minority group. Besides giving thanks, they mobilised their clan members to construct new homes together. When the epidemic situation subsided, men and women in Sadon town got their gears to level the ground for construction. Teenagers helped with home visits to survey community needs. The whole community was mobilised, and the church and community members cared about the community together. CEDAR Fund was glad to see how the church helped community representatives discuss their future community map – house distribution, reservoir construction, and the city hall location. Discussions and decisions were made in open meetings that everyone was engaged and gave their opinions.

Thank God! Church of Grace successfully performed its expected functions in the community, shining out the beacons of God's everlasting love.





May Peace Prevail on Earth

Every year, we reach over ten thousand people by visiting churches and schools for various poverty-based activities (worships, Bible studies, Sunday Schools, training courses, simulation games and many more) to promote integral mission. These allow the participants, including pastors, believers and students, to know the critical conditions in our world, build relationships with the poor, practice faith, and look out for the poor near and far.

Local Education and Fundraising Activities

Having worked with
54 churches, seminaries,
Christian organisations
and schools



organised
128 activities



reaching
10,084 people

Peace as God Intended It to Be

Tony Chan (Assistant Head of Partnership Development)

We always instruct our participants to play specific roles in poor families for our poverty simulation activities. One time, I asked some primary students to imagine being born in a low-income family, where they had to choose between going to school or dropping out due to financial difficulties. After they expressed their preferences, I told them that the village tradition valued boys over girls, so only boys could go to school, and girls would have to go into manual labour, despite choosing to go to school.

In just 20 minutes, the students who were put to manual labour had a taste of the troubled life as child labour – being sold to work at an unethical factory, exploited (moving chairs non-stop), and scolded (by our colleague's acting). But, all the while, the boys were very focused on 'studying' (namely, watching cartoons).

We can imagine the disappointment and anger felt by the girls when they saw the boys watching cartoons and laughing freely in another room. As a leader of these activities for many years, my biggest takeaway is that gender inequality is one of the root causes of the structural poverty we witness today.

At the beginning of creation, humans, animals and plants were all living in harmony, and they did

not hurt or oppress each other, which is peace as God intended it to be. Unfortunately, everything we see today is nothing like that, and our world is far from peace.

As I wrote the lyrics for our 30th anniversary theme song, 'Beyond Feeding the Poor', I was particularly touched by the phrase 'may peace prevail on earth'. Over the years, God has utilised CEDAR to reach the poor, giving them comfort beyond feeding. We look into the deep-rooted problems causing poverty and bring peace to the poor by alleviating victims from injustice and oppression and advocating equality between humans.

CEDAR is committed to promoting the integral mission, through which people will come to understand poverty, God's intention and ways in which we can contribute to the solution.

May more people be committed to helping the poor, through which 'may peace prevail on earth'.

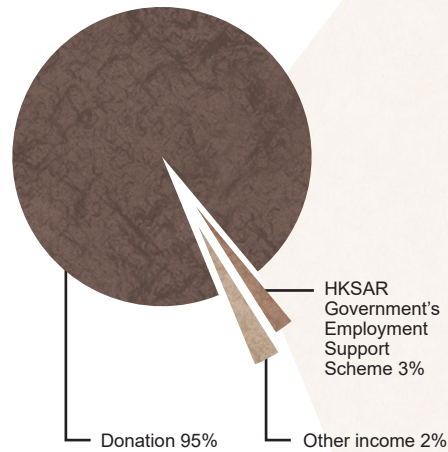
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(Fiscal Year commenced from 1/7/2020 to 30/6/2021)

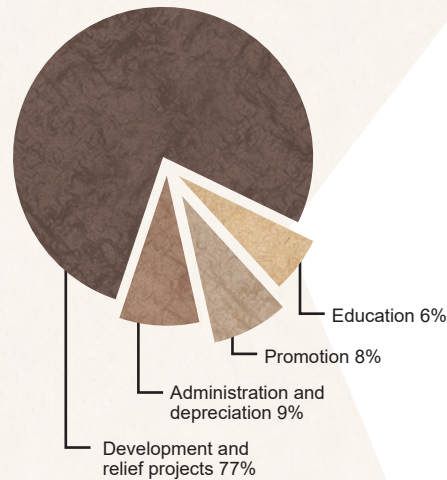
Thank you for your continued support!

Please continue to support CEDAR and our partners' work with prayers and donations.

Income



Expenditure



Income	HK \$
Donation	22,781,956
HK SAR Government's Employment Support Scheme	672,100
Other income	488,374
TOTAL	23,942,430

Expenditure	HK \$
Development and relief projects	17,240,297
Administration and depreciation	1,925,214
Promotion	1,842,911
Education	1,363,770
TOTAL	22,372,192
SURPLUS	1,570,238

This financial report has been audited by auditor. The surplus for the year is HK\$1,570,238. Due to the global spread of COVID-19 and the tense situation in Myanmar, our overseas project implementation has been affected to a certain extent. Taken account of these factors, we temporarily withheld project remittance of over HK\$1,220,000.

Theme Song: 'Beyond Feeding the Poor'

Song, lyrics: CEDAR Fund

Arrangement, production: Sunny

Vocals: Rachel, MT

Looking back after all these years
 Upon that poignant image of a mud cake
 Our hearts remain tied to our mission
 Countries where people can't stay warm and fed
 From our churches we hear of this troubling news
 Join hands with the house of God
 To let the needy find security
 And let them find satisfaction
 Thank you, Lord

Through love, You guide all your servants
 Like You, we ardently care
 Willingly, I learn from You to free one and all
 (May they leave the dark and step into the light)

God's love can cease all suffering for the destitute
 God's love can provide relief to widows and orphans
 He takes away the pain and emancipates the world
 (Let's all watch God's transformation at work)

The starved received three meals without worry
 The lost rediscovered the value of life
 The transformed testified to Your everlasting love
 May peace prevail on earth

Looking back at the years gone by
 Upon the arduous path to earning His blessings
 We are fortunate to walk in the name of love
 This Christian mission now
 We hope extends forever
 To let them find satisfaction
 Is beyond feeding the poor



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(Chinese only)

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CEDAR is committed to professional standards in ministry planning and development, and accountable to God and donors for the faithful use of all resources put at our hands. The Board is responsible for the organisation's administrative management, strategy development and financial plan. The Board set up three specific committees that offer suggestions to the Board regularly. All board members are participating in the management on a voluntary basis.

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