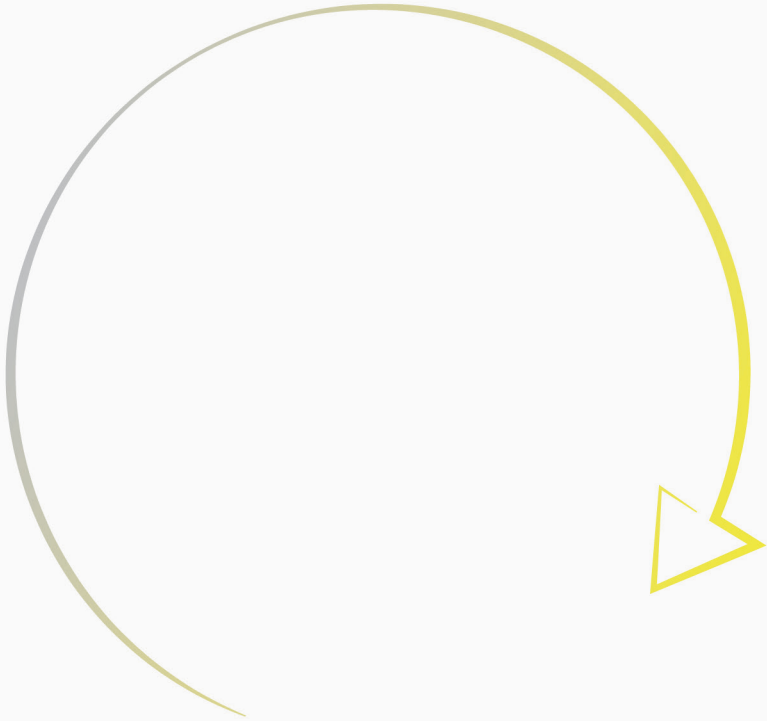




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# Foreword

Looking back from 2019 to 2020, whether it is for Christian institutions or churches, it is undoubtedly the most challenging year in the past decade.

Since the social movements in mid-2019, Hong Kong people have had to live in an atmosphere full of confrontation. At the end of 2019, the COVID-19 pandemic appeared and spread around the world. There were tens of millions of infected people worldwide, and the death toll was still soaring at the time of writing. No one in the globe was spared.

With the global pandemic raging, it can be imagined that the risks and impacts of people living in poor countries will be more serious. Poor countries do not have well established healthcare systems, sufficient preventive materials, and timely and correct information and reports on the pandemic, let alone how to implement proper social distancing and public hygiene. When they are under lockdown or driven back to their original place of residence, what they worry most is not whether they will be infected but starving to death.

The pandemic has also greatly affected CEDAR's poverty alleviation work in poor countries. As we saw the risks and difficulties faced by various vulnerable groups during the pandemic, we made immediate project adjustments and deployment with local partners, and changed the original funds to immediate assistance for community pandemic prevention. In particular, we have approved several emergency relief projects to assist partners in serving the communities by addressing the immediate needs of the poor on the brink of starvation and fear and encouraging them to engage in mutual support, even when their regions are under lockdown.

In Hong Kong, we launched the "Journey through Pandemic Crisis - Short-term Food Assistance" Funding Scheme to fund 16 local churches with aspirations and experience serving the grassroots and caring for the disadvantaged in communities. We hope that while caring for the disadvantaged overseas, we can also support families in need in Hong Kong by walking closely with the local churches.

From 2020 to 2021, apart from actively expanding the scope in the areas of "Anti-Human Trafficking", "Climate Justice", and "Peace and Reconciliation", we are carrying out a children and youth development project in Indonesia. We look forward to increasing our support to local Christian partners in their ministry in this Muslim-dominated country. In the future, the whole world will face more uncertain and even more difficult situations. But because of this, CEDAR feels that we have a greater responsibility and mission. In addition to serving the disadvantaged as always, we must also work harder than ever to reduce the risk of marginalisation of poor communities.

Here, we sincerely invite all fellow friends of CEDAR to fight side by side with us and win this battle together.

"So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart." (Nehemiah 4:6)



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Dr. Chan Nim Chung  
Board Chairman



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pui Si Chan'.

Dr. Chan Pui Si  
Acting Chief Executive

# Snapshots



CEDAR collected masks and distributed them to the local underprivileged through churches and Christian organisations.



CEDAR's partner in India, the Evangelical Fellowship of India Commission on Relief, received the Core Humanitarian Standard certification.



CEDAR's Barefoot Walk 2019 introduced the "Barefoot Challenge", in which participants teamed up in a city orienteering competition.



CEDAR's partner in Myanmar, New Hope, led slum women to make liquid soaps and distributed them to local neighbours.

\* Photo source: CEDAR's partner



# Our Vision

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## 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, our ministry touches these 3 aspects:



# Thankful for God & You

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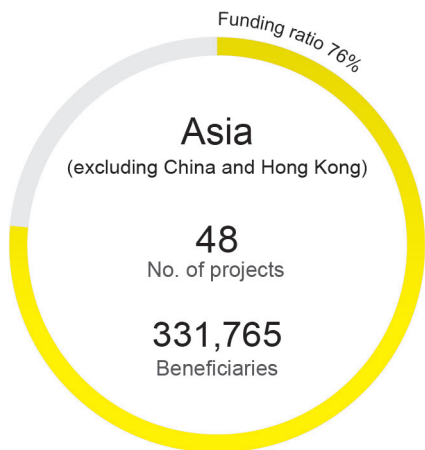
We give thanks to God for leading us through 2019 and 2020.

CEDAR was able to walk alongside almost **1.16 million** beneficiaries and restore their dignity and value through **83** relief and development projects, of which **9** projects were new, through the partnership with **115** Christian organisations and churches in **16** countries and regions around the world.

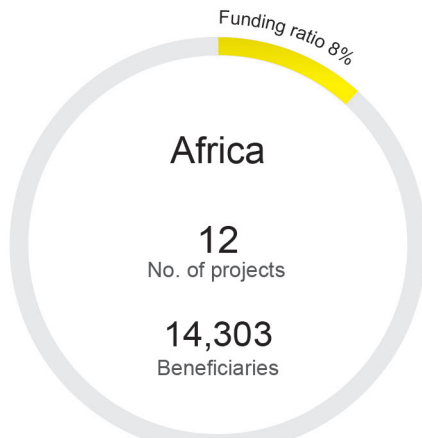
Our heartfelt thanks to every individual, brother and sister, and church for their generous support that we have received **HK\$28,144,797** this year.

We have reached over **11,845** local believers and students by organising **97** local educational and fundraising activities to promote integral mission, so as to build a just and compassionate world together in Christ.

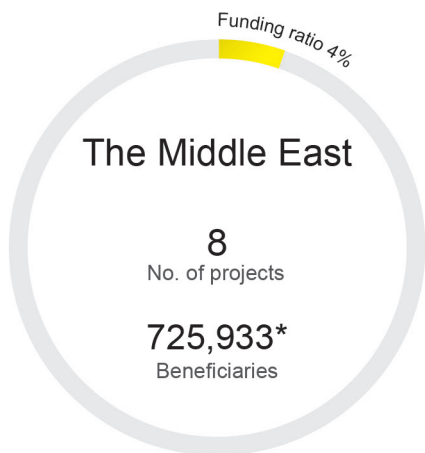
# Where We Serve



Bangladesh • India • Indonesia  
Myanmar • Nepal • Pakistan  
Thailand • The Philippines



Ethiopia • Rwanda • Zimbabwe



Afghanistan • Lebanon • Syria



\* We supported a satellite television station SAT-7 in Lebanon to produce educational programmes watched by refugees, unschooled children, parents and teachers within the Middle East region. There were 650,000 beneficiaries in 2019/2020.

# Focus: Global COVID-19 Relief

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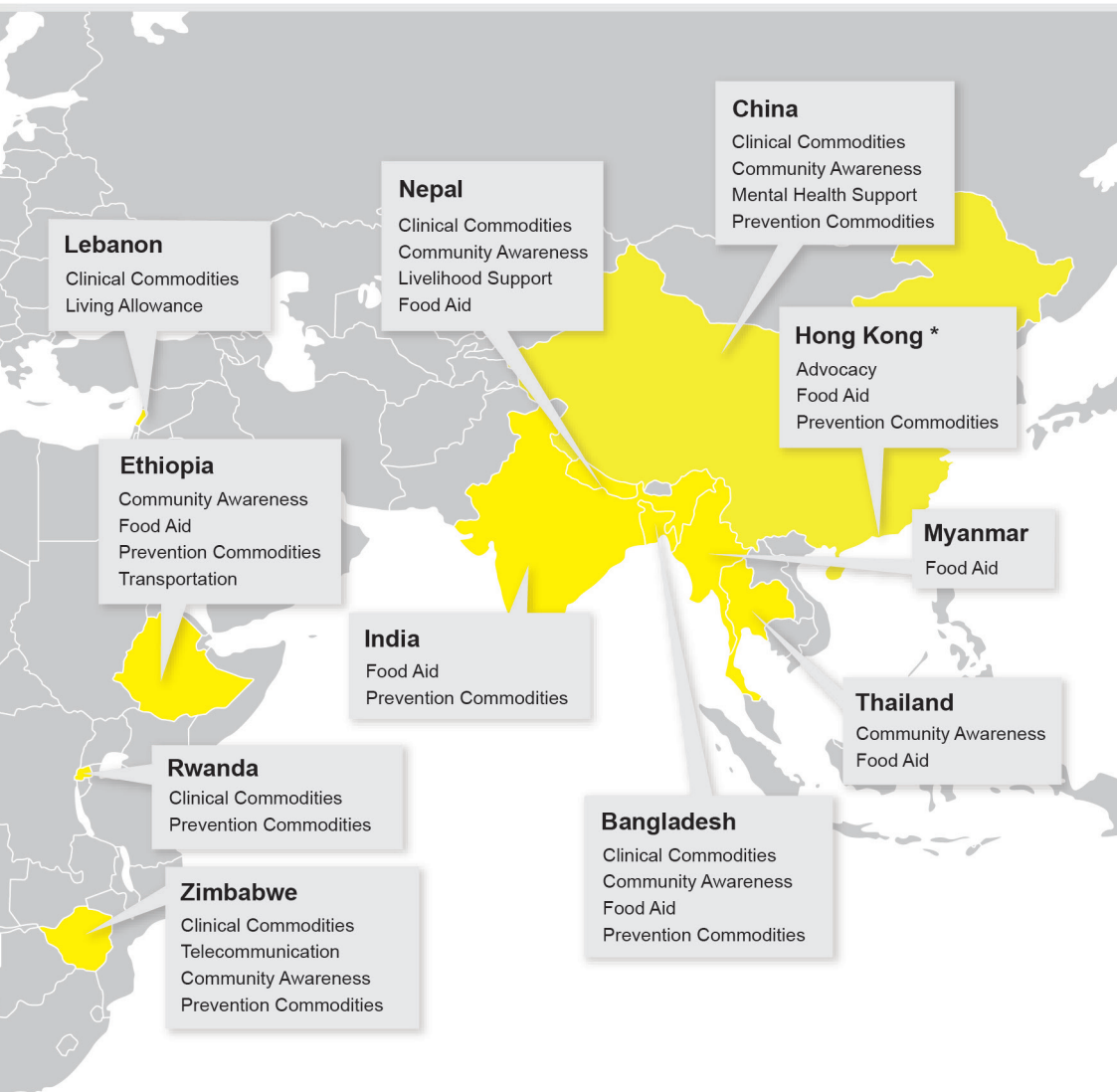
To help the poor cope with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have carried out **25** relief ministries in **11** countries and regions, some of which were modified from the original development projects. We have provided poor communities with medicines, anti-pandemic supplies, hygiene education, mental health support, and food assistance to help them survive under the pandemic.

Project expenditure was nearly  
**HK\$2,200,000**

Accounted for  
**9%** of total project funding







**\* Hong Kong**

We initiated the collection of masks and other anti-pandemic materials as early as the beginning of the coronavirus outbreak in January 2020, and donated them to the grassroots. In May 2020, in response to the impacts of the pandemic, we established the "Journey through Pandemic Crisis – Short-term Food Assistance" Funding Scheme to support 16 local churches in issuing food vouchers and free lunch boxes to disadvantaged groups, or providing them with rice, noodles and oil. More than 3,500 people were benefited from our aid.

# Caring for the Poor



Hajera, a villager in Kurigram, found ways to adapt to climate change.

We strive to be good neighbours to the poor as taught by Jesus Christ. For residents living in poor areas lacking medical equipment, we provided them with healthcare services. For physically abused women, we provided them with spiritual support and taught them vocational skills so that they could earn a living. For farmers deeply affected by the climate crisis, we strengthened their disaster prevention and resilience capabilities. We also supported the poor stricken by disasters and conflicts through emergency relief.

# Adapt to Climate Change: Stimulate Potential & Live Optimistically

In a hot afternoon, I met Hajera in a small village in Kurigram district, Bangladesh. She is a widow who used to sell firewood for a living and lived in great distress. Before we started the project, she had only two sets of clothes, and she really had no extra money to buy clothes, let alone have savings.

"Our farmland is getting less and less!" The local villagers kept repeating these worrying words. There are yellow sands everywhere in Kurigram district. They said: "If you visited a few years earlier, you would see green farmland, but now due to climate change, we can no longer cultivate." Kurigram is in the downstream of several large rivers. The fertile land could produce all kinds of high-value agricultural products that made small farmers prosperous, but now due to desertification, they lose their jobs and become scavengers. We set up self-help groups among these communities to enhance their capabilities to meet the challenges of daily life. Hajera is one of the group members.

In the group that Hajera joined, we assisted the villagers with financial management. At first, Hajera had a negative attitude towards this. She didn't believe that she could save money, thinking that she could barely survive. Later, the group decided to set up a mutual fund, so that members of the group could use this fund to respond to emergency situations, instead of looking for loan sharks. This decision encouraged Hajera and other group members to work hard to find ways to increase their income and control expenses to meet fund contributions. Now, in addition to selling firewood, Hajera has also found two part-time jobs, namely selling cow dung and taking care of babies in neighbouring villages, and her life has improved.

After I had visited Hajera, my heart was warm. It moved me as not only poor people helped and loved each other, but also they believed in the power of themselves. This kind of help is much more meaningful than material assistance.

Tony Chan  
Senior Partnership Development Officer

## Disaster Risk Reduction Project in Bangladesh



benefited

**46,383** people



raised awareness of disaster prevention and adaptation, and related infectious diseases

**5,378** people



discussed disasters and related health issues

**1,651** women  
(from 56 self-help groups)



received training to rescue flood victims

**161** volunteers

# Facilitating Transformation

We believe there is an inseparable relationship between individuals, churches and communities. Therefore, we promoted participatory community development by partnering with local churches to care for the underprivileged in their communities. We also encouraged villagers to form self-help groups, co-ops and community parliaments to handle community affairs. In addition, we catered for the needs of youths and children in impoverished areas by providing them with education and skills training that developed their potentials.



**Refugees and local children in Lebanon played games together in a satellite TV program.**  
(Photo source: SAT-7, CEDAR's partner)

## Children and Youth Development Projects in Lebanon



provided holistic education to refugees and unschooled kids, parents and teachers through the production of satellite TV programmes

**>650,000** people



provided trauma-informed education for Syrian refugee children

**>315** children



# Planting Trees in the Hearts of Children in Lebanon

If a child survives a civil war and seeks refuge in a foreign country, how will it mark his soul? If only a stack of wounds remains, who will be more blessed, the living or the dead?

During my visit to CEDAR's partners in Lebanon, I met her and him. Her two-year-old son was shot dead in her arms while fleeing from Syria. Later, she arrived in Lebanon, where she met a lot of children who had escaped fatal gunshot injuries. Among the children there, I met him – his eyes full of anxiety and melancholy, and no childlike smile was found on his face. His wounded heart needed healing and the woman extended her motherly love to him out of compassion.

Lebanon has the highest per capita proportion of refugees in the world, accounting for more than one-quarter of the country's population. 1.5 million Syrians have been seeking asylum in Lebanon. Refugee children are normally left with post-traumatic illness. On top of it, their immediate poverty, poor sanitation and social discrimination make it more difficult for them to lead a better life. Our project designed with partners did not only concern the poor people's living condition, but also their psychological health.

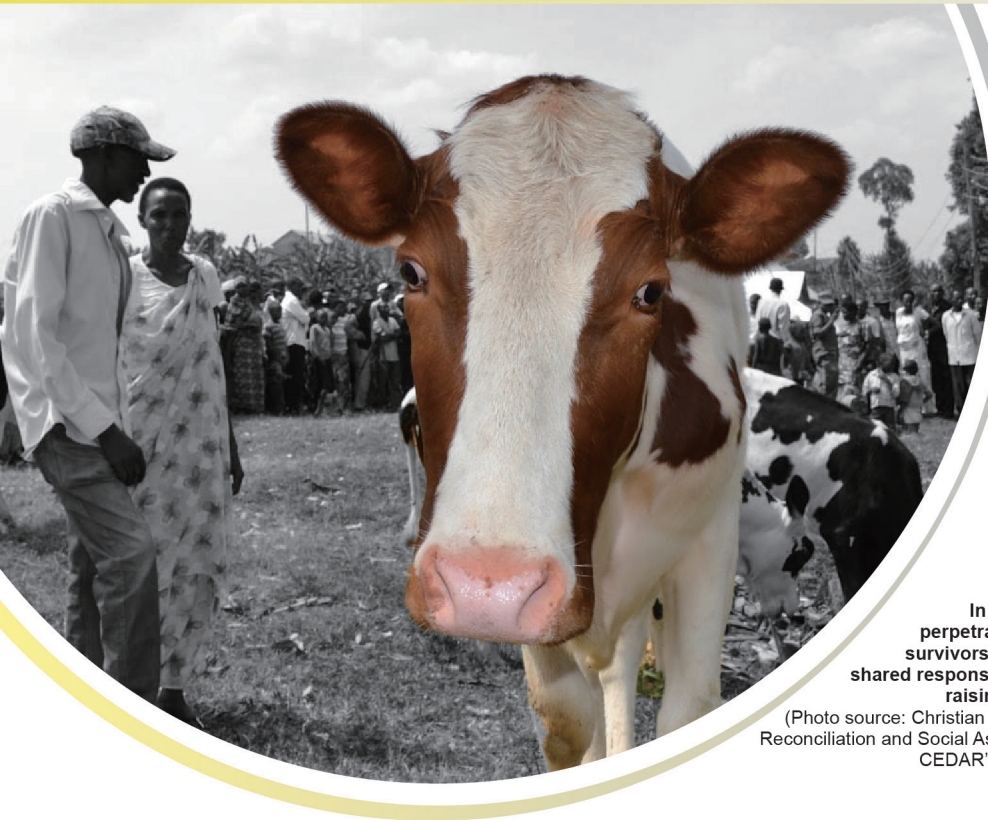
For refugee children, apart from providing them with non-formal education, we also eased their living burden. The poor living environment and the lack of warm clothing during the winter severely affected the children's learning. Through teaching them cleaning methods, providing them with snow boots and underwear and talking with their parents, our partner strived to enhance their learning and achievement. In addition, with the regular support of educational psychologists and psychomotor therapists, our partner endeavoured to identify and address trauma early in the lives of these children.

Our partner also invited refugee children and local kids to play games together in a TV programme. These children learned to let go of their inherent prejudices against the others due to gender, religion and race in our partner's specially designed games. After being broadcast on TV and the Internet, this programme has gained great popularity and attention, triggering extensive discussions on the Internet.

Over the past year, Lebanon has been in a state of political and economic turmoil. Coupled with the far-reaching impact of the massive explosion in the country's largest port, every family has been affected. Both refugees and local children need to learn how to get along with each other, when their living conditions are deteriorating. Every child has the right to play and receive a quality education. When we support the next generations, we are sowing the seeds of peace between refugees and local communities.

Fountain Chik  
Acting Head of Programme

# Pursuing Social Justice



**In Rwanda, perpetrators and survivors' families shared responsibility for raising a cow.**

(Photo source: Christian Action for Reconciliation and Social Assistance, CEDAR's partner)

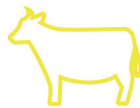
We strive to advocate for human rights and restore damaged relationships in societies, and between mankind and the earth. For instance, we fought against human trafficking in many Asian countries by educating children and women about their rights so that they would not be exploited easily. In Rwanda, we provided them with trauma counselling and promoted reconciliation. In Zimbabwe, we taught farmers to farm their land with a respectful attitude toward the earth and manage God's land in a responsible manner.

## Peace and Reconciliation Project in Rwanda



provided trauma rehabilitation workshops to victims and perpetrators of the genocide and helped them embark on a journey of reconciliation

>108 people



by providing the direct perpetrator and survivor a cow, the cow acted as a bridge between them and their family members

>250 people

# Have Mercy on Me

We love the poor. But let us carefully examine - does our compassion have no boundaries? If she or he is labelled as a drug addict, a sex worker, an illegal resident, or a drunk, will it hinder your compassion?

Then, what about if the person is a perpetrator of the genocide? Would that discourage you even more?

More than two decades later, tens of thousands of people in jail who had been imprisoned for participating in the genocide of Tutsi in Rwanda returned to their own communities, where they had committed their crimes. While some scars were fading, the perpetrators and victims were faced with searing memories of genocide. With no jobs, being stigmatised and ostracised by their communities, these former prisoners were leading lives hovering in material deprivation and self-denial.

Former prisoner Petero Gatabazi described that since his release, he has been full of negative thoughts and indulged excessively in alcohol all day long. Like many former prisoners, he simply focused on his needs and wants, and ignored the living conditions of his family.

The genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda was rooted in the power struggle between conflicting parties, and community division was incited and manipulated by authorities for their grip on political power. The court's decision manifests justice and can prevent the recurrence of large-scale violence, but it cannot eradicate the hatred and malice left in the hearts of the people. Only by repairing the relationship between individuals can we bring the prospect of love and peace to Rwandan society.

Our partner's reconciliation in Rwanda brought all people affected by the genocide together, whether they were survivors or perpetrators such as Petero Gatabazi. We invited them to voluntarily engage in the journey of trauma healing, rebuilding self-identity, and experiencing acceptance and forgiveness from the Lord and their communities. Their families then formed a reconciliation cell group, where they met regularly to continue sharing their experiences along the journeys.

Petero Gatabazi said that the 7-day trauma rehabilitation workshop helped him embark on a journey of healing and recovery. By listening to the testimonies of village members in the reconciliation cell group, he further learned how to cope with extreme emotions and pressure in daily lives, and transform inner bitterness and resentment into positive outcomes. He was glad that his attitudes and behaviour have gradually changed since then.

Today, he is actively responding to his family's needs. He also asks for forgiveness from the survivors he offended. Hatred, the true evil, is finally broken by mercy and forgiveness without boundaries.

In CEDAR's ministry, the poor we met come from various backgrounds, some of which are distressing and painful. However, we follow Lord to show our love to them, including those who are against Him. Our reconciliation project in Rwandan is an illustration of this extended love.

Hollace Chai  
Programme Officer



# Local Education and Fundraising Activities



(Photo taken at CEDAR's Barefoot Walk 2019)



We organised various educational and fundraising activities to facilitate pastors, congregations and students to live out integral mission and care for the poor and the needy. In 2019 and 2020, we



### “Restore the Dignity for the Poor” Barefoot Walk

The theme of Barefoot Walk 2019 is “Restore the Dignity for the Poor”. We are grateful for the participation of 175 participants and volunteers that HK\$235,000 was raised for our partners’ poverty alleviation projects in Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

### Share Blessings by Donating Red Packets

We produced online learning materials “Red Packet Campaign: Anti-Pandemic Chapter” for children, parents and teachers to enrich their knowledge in anti-pandemic practices and poverty alleviation. In 2020, 62 churches, 15 schools and education centres participated in the “Red Packet Campaign” and raised a fund of over HK\$370,000.

### Anti-pandemic Relief and Advocacy

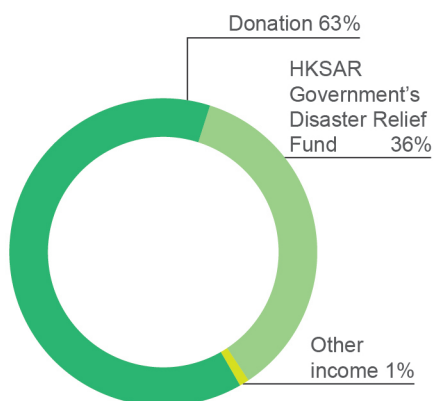
At the beginning of the local outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020, we launched a mask donation campaign called “Love in the Time of COVID-19” on Facebook, calling on people from all walks of life to extend their helping hands to the needy. Through collaborating with 51 local churches and Christian organisations, all the anti-pandemic materials were successfully distributed to the underprivileged in society. In February 2020, we, together with other Christian organisations, issued joint appeals to local Christians to remind them to support their neighbours in the pandemic. We also issued a press release on 18 February to urge the Hong Kong Government to respond to the needs of grassroots citizens as soon as possible to alleviate their anxiety and distress.

# Financial Report (Fiscal year commenced from 1/7/2019 to 30/6/2020)

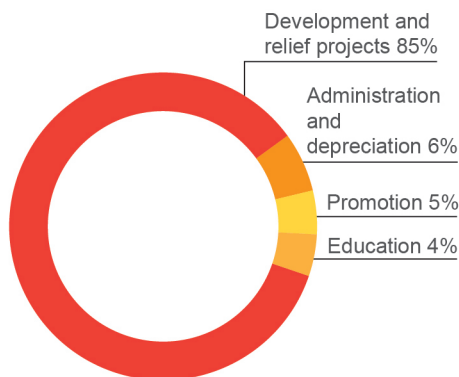
Thank you for your continued support!

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

## Income



## Expenditure



Income	HK \$
Donation	17,851,582
HKSAR Government's Disaster Relief Fund for flood relief in India	10,091,000
Other income	202,215
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28,144,797</b>

Expenditure	HK \$
Development and relief projects	24,228,227
Administration and depreciation	1,779,304
Promotion	1,313,671
Education	1,252,163
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28,573,365</b>
<b>DEFICIT</b>	<b>428,568</b>

This financial report has been audited by auditor. We had a **deficit of HK\$428,568** and reserve fund was used to cover deficit.

# We are / CEDARIANS

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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