

Commission on Poverty (CoP)
Task Force on District-based Approach
Meeting held on 21 January 2006
Gist of Discussion

The CoP Task Force on District-based Approach held its first meeting on 21 January 2006.

Item (1) Work Plan of the Task Force on District-based Approach

2. The Meeting discussed and agreed on the membership, modus operandi, terms of reference and adopting an evolving approach in considering the work plan. In addition, the Meeting noted that the Task Force would follow up on the recommendations/findings of the District Study on Employment Assistance being conducted by the CoP. Members also discussed how to further implement the district-based approach in alleviating poverty taking into account the experience of the three pilot districts, namely Tin Shui Wai, Kwun Tong and Sham Shui Po.

Item (2) Additional Funding for Districts on Sustainable Poverty Alleviation Initiatives – CoP TFDA Paper 1/2006

3. The Meeting discussed the funding principles and mechanism of the additional funding for districts in implementing sustainable poverty alleviation initiatives. The key funding principles set out in the CoP Paper were endorsed by Members. It was also agreed that a central pooling arrangement would be used for the first half year in allocating the funding and the Task Force would review this arrangement and consider whether to continue with it or adopt another allocation approach.

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