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NGO CAPACITY BUILDING -

A FRAMEWORK FOR NGO LEADERS AND LOCAL CASES DEMONSTRATION

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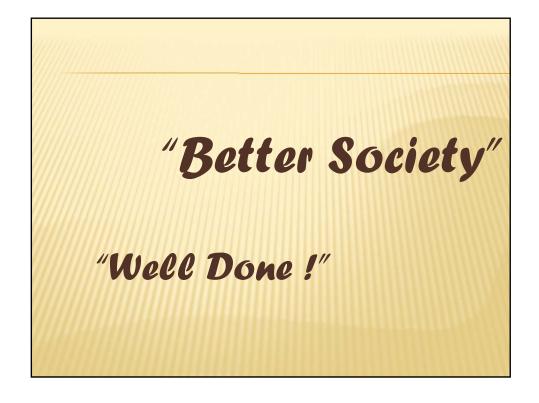
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JOB COMPETENCY

- Competence is the ability of an individual to do a job properly.
- * A competency is a set of defined behaviors that provide a structured guide enabling the identification, evaluation and development of the behaviors in individual employees.
- A combination of practical and theoretical knowledge, cognitive skills, behavior and values used to improve performance

PROJECT MANAGER JOB AD - 2012

Key Competencies

 Programme and project management: show excellent programme and project management skills to ensure we reach our objectives in an efficient and ordered way

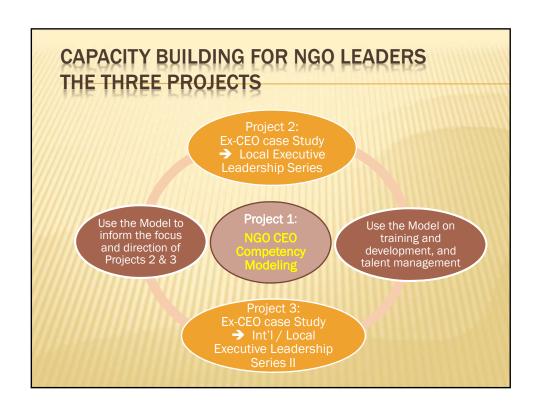
Core project management competencies include: facilitate the definition of project scope, goals and deliverables; define project tasks and resource requirements; develop full scale project plans; assemble and coordinate project team; manage project budget; plan and schedule project timelines; track project deliverables using appropriate tools; provide direction and support to project team; quality assurance: constantly monitor and report on progress of the project to all stakeholders; present reports defining project progress, problems and solutions; implement and manage project changes and interventions to achieve project outputs; project evaluations and assessment of results

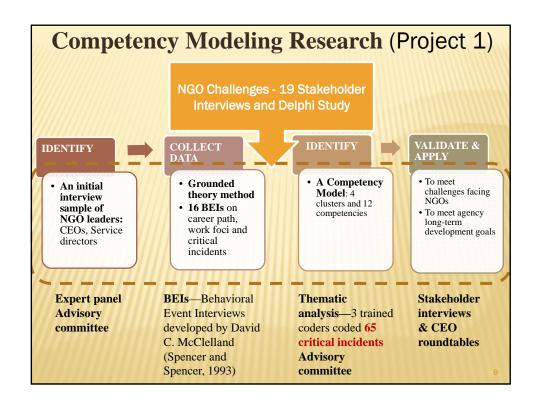
- Leadership: influencing and building close relationships with senior stakeholders in market and in London, as well as external service providers.
- People management: show good team management skills to help inspire the team around them to work towards challenging targets.
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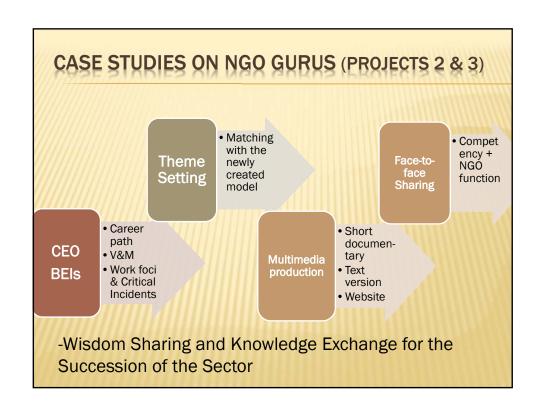
 Financial management: show real rigour when managing project budgets so that they can demonstrate ROI, show public funds have been fully accounted for and that value for money has been achieved.
- Marketing expertise: the job holder should have some experience in marketing disciplines, including campaign management.
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- Process skills: experience and expertise in developing, improving and managing processes.
- · Passion: as the campaign champion an enthusiastic disposition is key.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- To develop a capacity building framework for NGO leaders to help them navigate the career paths of NGO practitioners and to map the knowledge, skills and competencies needed at senior level by exploring the competencies of the existing NGO CEOs
- To capture practical wisdoms of NGO leaders on specific management issues and to present the wisdom in a systematic way, based on the newly developed model, in different means for knowledge exchange









ACHIEVEMENTS ON KNOWLEDGE BUILDING [RESEARCH]

- **×** NGO Challenges via Delphi study
 - + Future challenges facing the sector were identified
 - + Informed the analysis of competencies
 - + Would serve as the foundation for mapping different roles of local NGOs with different competencies for further fine tuning the people development strategy

FINDINGS - THE FUTURE CHALLENGES PRESSING ISSUES AND NGO CHALLENGES

Pressing Issues

- The increasing complexity of social issues and social needs
- The lack of strategic welfare planning of government
- Volatile economy and the increasingly unpredictability of the economic environment
- The increasing marketization of social provision
- Increasing public scrutiny and expectations

× NGO Challenges

- Calls for a more diversified, innovative yet stable workforce
- Increasing uncertainties and difficulties in business planning
- Holistic solution is difficult to be formulated among NGOs to address increasingly complex social needs
- Increasing risk level on the governance system

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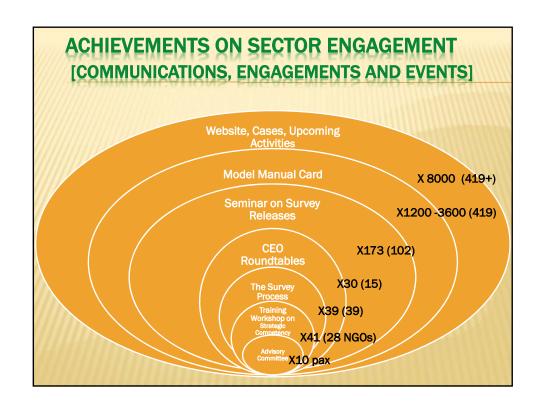
*****A Competency Modeling study

- +12 competencies in 4 clusters are identified
- +Provided a clear framework for knowledge acquisition and competency cultivation







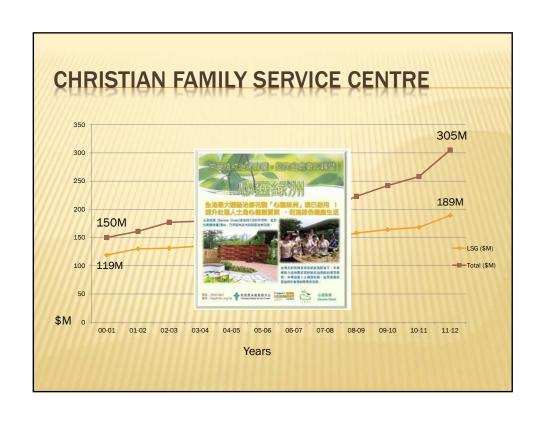














IMPACT ON KNOWLEDGE CREATION AND DISTRIBUTION

Contributing to the theory development of nonprofit management and governance via the presentation of a conference paper in the ARNOVA International Conference in November 2013

Translating research findings into layman terms for mass distribution and easy adoption for the capacity building of the sector.

IMPACT ON PEOPLE

- * Building consensus on sector challenges and the importance and pressing needs on leadership competencies, succession planning and people development
 - + Joint-hand acknowledgement from NGOs participated in the survey
 - + Over 90% of the evaluation respondents of the seminar on research release are satisfied with the research findings.



IMPACT ON PEOPLE

Perceptions - Increasing awareness and interest on strategic competencies via training and seminar

100% of evaluation respondents of the seminar agreed that **the** concept of competency was important to the development of the sector after joining the seminar

Awareness

Interest

Desire

Action

97% of seminar respondents **would consider applying** the identified competencies in their organizations.

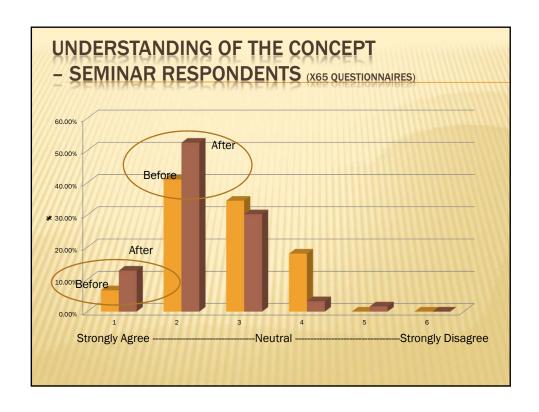
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*****Learning of concept

- * Training workshop & seminar
 - * 97% of the training and seminar evaluation respondents agreed that their understanding on the concept of competencies was enhanced

× CEO roundtables

- * Views and experience exchanging
- Platform built for further development



COGNITIVE CHANGE.....

- "I am interested in the research model"
- "I want to like to have more in-depth discussion with NGO Senior Executives"
- "I want to know the application of the competency model in the sector
- "I suggest doing more on NGO CEOs' sharing for their management tips"
- "Hope there will have more opportunity to have such training in the future"

UP AND COMING

- * Case Sharing (multi-media and F2F) on:
 - + Advocacy and Stakeholder Engagement Mrs Priscilla Lui Tsang Sun-kai (Former Director of Against Child Abuse)
 - + Service Delivery and Value Affirmation Mr. Ng Shui-lai (Former CE of Hong Kong Christian Service)
 - + Service Delivery and Continuous Renewal and Innovation Mr Michael Lai Kam-cheung (Former CEO of St. James Settlement)
 - +Mr. Samuel NGAI Kong Yiu (Former CE of Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service)
 - +Ms. Christine Fang (Former CE of HKCSS)
 - + And, MAY BE MORE













THANK YOU - PARTNERS

- "Resources"
- "People"
- "Synergy"

--- The Hon Bernard Chan----

