



Save the Children Hong Kong Recommendations on the 2020-21 Budget

Save the Children's vision is a world in which every child attains the right to survival, protection, development and participation. We believe the Government should allocate more financial resources to children-related issues, indicating a government commitment to improve the well-being of our children. We want to draw the Government's attention to the following for deliberation:

1. Improve the Transparency of Public Finance Mechanisms

The Government should adopt transparent and efficient public finance mechanisms to enable the community to access detailed, user-friendly information on how key child-related government bureaus and departments allocate funding on children-related activities and how budget proposals aim to improve children's well-being and advance their rights.

2. Address the Psychosocial Wellbeing of Young People

Months of the ongoing social tensions have brought physical as well as psychological impact on Hong Kong's children and youth. The Government should allocate additional resources and provide assistance to young people and families who are suffering from psychological distress, through government agencies, schools and non-governmental organizations.

3. Promote Positive Parenting

Enhanced parent-child relationships will better enable children to grow up happy and healthy. Providing parents with more knowledge on positive parenting and approaches to nurture children's development can improve these relationships. The Government should implement the recommendations put forward in the Task Force on Home-school Co-operation and Parent Education and allocate resources to promote positive parenting in Hong Kong.

4. Promote Child Participation through the Commission on Children

The Government should promote the participation of children in order to better understand and address the concerns of the younger generation. Additional funding should be allocated to the Commission on Children to build more direct communication channels between children and decision-makers from different policy bureaus so the Government can better address their concerns.

香港救助兒童會 對 2020-21 年度財政預算案的建議

救助兒童會的願景是為兒童建立一個能享有生存、保護、發展及參與權的世界。我們認為政府應該在兒童事務方面，增撥資源，顯示政府對改善兒童福祉的決心。本會的具體建議如下：

1. 提高公共財政的透明度

政府應採用具透明度和有效率的公共理財機制，讓社會能夠獲得詳盡及易明的資料，以了解主要負責兒童事務的決策局和部門，在兒童方面的資源運用狀況，以及財政預算案如何達到改善兒童福祉及權利的目標。

2. 正視年青人的心理健康

連月的社會事件為香港兒童及年青人的身心帶來影響，政府應增加資源，透過政府部門、學校和非政府機構為心理受影響的年青人和家庭提供支援。

3. 加強推廣正面管教

良好的親子關係有助兒童快樂和健康地成長，為家長提供正面管教及養育孩子的知識和技巧，有助改善子女與家長的關係。政府應盡快落實家校合作及家長教育專責小組所提出的建議，於香港加強推廣正面管教。

4. 透過兒童事務委員會推動兒童參與

政府應積極推動兒童參與，了解年青人的想法及回應他們所關注的事項。政府應為兒童事務委員會提供額外資源，以便在兒童與政府各政策局決策者之間，建立更多直接溝通的渠道，使政府能夠更有效回應年青人所關注的事項。