# **AFLATEEN**

**Annual Report 2012** 

Journey for Change Makers Be Better, Be the Change!



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## **Overview**

Aflateen –Youth Social & Financial Education sponsored by Citi Foundation is a program launched by International Child Savings Foundation located in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Shanghai Better Education Development Centre is one of the first 14 organizations in the world that was authorized to implement the program since 2012.

It aims to help the youth aged 16 to 20 in Beijing and Shanghai to obtain basic financial knowledge and skills, as well as social skills such as critical thinking and how to become responsible citizens, so that they are inspired and empowered to a positive agent of change and an economic citizen.



## **Our Team**

Alan Wang, Be Better, Executive Director, Responsible for the whole project

Sophie Chen, Be Better, Program Executive, Responsible for the program implement and training

**Susan Fu**, Be Better, Chief Financial Officer, Responsible for the program financial management

**Selma**, Be Better, Public Relations, Responsible for the brand marketing and website update

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**Jiawei Zhang**, Social Enterprise Research Center, Vice Executive Secretary, Responsible for the case study

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#### **Programme Impact: 2012**



In 2012, the Aflateen program ran in total at 3 vocational schools, 1 community and 12 universities. 40 Aflateen societies where formed that were then again divided into nearly 100 interest groups. The total number of class hours was 406.

## **Achievements**

Be Better trained 36 teachers and enterprise volunteers in the Aflateen method, the program benefited 1005 youth directly and about 400 youth indirectly.



82% of students owed a bank account and were able to save their pocket money for some consecutive months.



30% of the students designed a simulated enterprise with financial and social components.



38% of the Aflateen Societies lasted for almost 5 months.



100% of students learned new concepts including banks and bank services, savings, rational consumption, planning, budgeting.

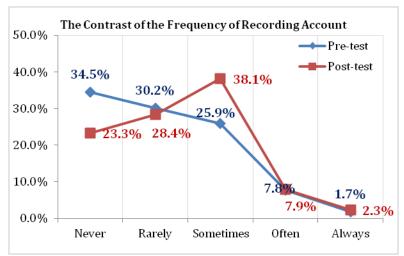
#### The Behaviour of Recording the Account Enhanced

## **Changes**

- Aflateen's contents include 5 topics:
- Personal exploration and understanding,
- Rights and Responsibilities,
- Saving and spending,
- Planning and budgeting,
- Social and financial enterprise.

Upholding the student centered education concept and adopting the education method of experiential learning, Aflateen aims to cultivate youth's five soft skills: self-recognition capability, social interaction capability, money management skills, leadership and entrepreneurial ability.

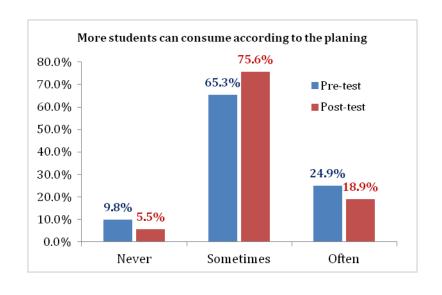
Students' behavioral change is Aflateen's ultimate goal. Be Better cooperated with the Beijing Social Resources Institute to conduct the evaluation. Some of the changes are listed below; please see the detailed evaluation report in the attachments.

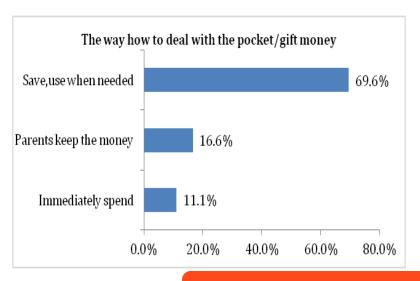


The proportion of students who "Never" recorded their account had fallen from 34.5% to 23.3%.

The proportion of students who "Sometimes" recorded their account had increased from 25.9% to 38.1%.

#### **More Students Can Consume According to the Planning**

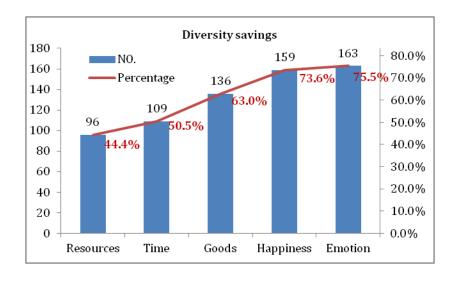




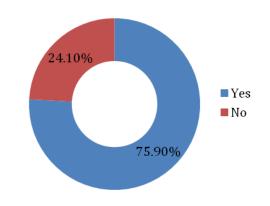
"Save, use when needed" and "Parents keep the money" are the main way the students choose to deal with their pocket money and lucky money, it is a rational consumption vision.

The Students' Saving Consciousness Enhanced

#### **Savings Diversity**



#### Make a Plan, Take Action



75.9% of the students have their personal goals and 72.3% of the students had already made a planning to achieve their goals.

83.3% of them expressed that they will take action to realize their goals according to their plan.

# **Long-term Influence**

Aflateen had been the school-based curriculum in Beijing Rural Women School and Shanghai Economic Management School in 2012 and will benefit more students in further.

I have felt Aflateen courses have made a big difference especially to our vocational school students, we hope that this course will be better implemented with more application in life, we are also hoping that the course can be better promoted in the future as well.

Wang Zheng,
Director of Shanghai Economic Management School



## **Feedback**

**Explore myself through my fingerprint:** draw your fingerprint on a paper and write down your unique characteristics and most impressive memories on each finger. This activity let me recognize that everybody is unique in the world and what you have is not what you are supposed to have.

**Timeline:** We looked back on the path we had experienced, the timeline aroused our childhood memory. I was moved by a girl's story and she let me suddenly understand a truth: different life gives life different meaning, I'll cherish all the things I have had.

Our dreams: One year, three years, ten years, what's our dream, what do we

want to change and what do we need? In this part, we explored our dreams and recognized the effort we still have to achieve our goals. My life and my need to realize by myself.

——NiuRuiqi, student of Beijing business school



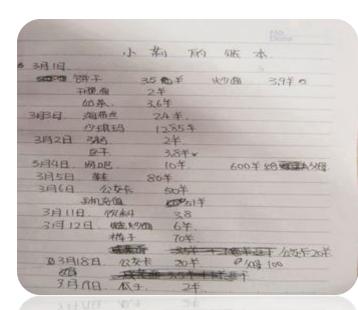
#### **Learn to Save and Spend**

I'm a student, but I lack the ability of rational consumption. In my spare time, I could earn money through a part time job and can learn more about the outlook on money. In Aflateen class, I learned more, such as how to make sense of money, how to make a budget, how to manage my pocket money by recording my account and so on. In daily life, the income doesn't always match the expenses, so it is most important to master financial skills.

——Cai Suying,

student of Shanghai economic management school





Before the Aflateen class I never knew where my money had gone, now I can manage my life well using the financial skills such as recording my account and making a budget.

——Wang Tao,

student of Young baker in INCLUDED

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"應都桥"项目前期调研预算				
大类	内容	支出	备注	
月嫂来源地调研	月嫂来源地浏河镇调研	1,500.00	100元/人*3人/次*5次(车费及饭费)	
字妇意向调研 行业协会调研 费用印刷 定制购物袋	孕妇意向调研	400.00	100元/人/次*2人*2次(车费及饭费)	
	行业协会调研	200.00	50元/人/次*2人*2次(车费及饭费)	
	费用印刷	65.00	问卷0.10元/张*150张+项目介绍印刷50元	
	160.00	0.70元/个*200个+20元(邮费)		
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"魔都桥"项目培训预算			
大类	内容	支出	备注
	专业志愿者礼品费用	200.00	100元/人*2人
	面试场地费用	200.00	
	面试人员餐费	110.00	学生志愿者20元/人*3人+老医生50元/人*1人
	面试人员交通费	150.00	老医生油费补助
一期培训准备	面试宣传易拉宝	150.00	150元/个*1个
	体检费用	2, 400.00	80元/人*30人
	协议签订	200.00	专业法律人员咨询费用
	资料打印费用	300.00	
面试选拔备	面试选拔备用费用	185.50	选拔费用总额+5%
	专业志愿者补助	1,500.00	

#### Learn to Plan and Budget

The problem tree and the project implementation plan tools have indeed helped teams improve their projects. I've never tried the tool of issue tree before. As far as our team is concerned, I think it helped us straighten our thinking and pay more attention to the core of problems so that we were clearer about our focus.

During the communication with other teams, we came up with many new ideas

and began to look at problems from many other perspectives. And for the project implementation plan, I didn't give serious thoughts to it before, world and what you is not what you are supposed to have. completing the project proposal I found this tool was more concrete and more operable. I had been a little concerned about presenting project to other people. But I succeeded in standing up and speaking out, and I hope my sharing will be of some use to other teams. For my part, this was the biggest change, and I'll keep trying in the future.

Although my major is related to business, yet I was at a loss when Teacher Chen asked about the business plan and steps. Unlike what I understood, it was reverse thinking, using revenue to control costs to ensure sustainability. Besides, the 3W thinking made take a new look at the problems and approach them from a different perspective. It better and helped me grasp the core. These two days are not only conducive to the but also a long-term and benign influence.

-- Zhan Yangyan, Shanghai University

As we all know, there are some differences between theories and reality. That's why we changed schemes and financial budget so many times at summer camp. Unexpectedly, we frustrated at the beginning of the program. Only hold "blind write" program on Chinese Valentine's day in downtown area that we can attract enough customers and achieve the advertising effect. However the rent for actual field is more than that we anticipated. Therefore the program had to abort for the rent.

But the team never gave up, they cooperated with the "eleven club" which focused on vulnerable groups through various methods. The program was launched on one Saturday in September after "blind write" turned into "blind walk". On that day plenty of people participated in the game. After we blindfold their eyes, they finish the road which has many barricades. At the first view it was funny, however, when it was my turn I feel how horrible it is to walk on an unknown road. I could only feel empathy after experiencing it myself. So I wanted to develop "concern and love blind" program more steadfast. Now we were restricted by our abilities, therefore we collaborated with partners in order to learn from them. Later, we will have the confidence to finish the program all by ourselves.

Deeply carved in the memory and the painful lesson was out over optimistic estimate of the marketplace rent. In another words to "be an armchair strategist", the mistake of emphasizing theory and ignoring practice might be a common



phenomenon in college students. We really made a serious mistake, so we must be on high alert. Of cause, growing up is not all painful, we will always remember and cherish forever the knowledge, the friends, the new world we observed, the deep feelings during the process of the match. They will be my precious fortune in my whole life.

——Huang Zuyu, student of Fudan University



Each team has its own style. We were sharing ideas, devoting our passion to the public good, and protecting our entrepreneurship dream, yet we were young and loyal to our ideas, so some small "conflicts" took place, because there was no way we would let our ideas, which were the result of much sweat and inspiration of the whole team, to be easily knocked down by others.

However, on second thought, those suggestions, which seemed to be diametrically opposing at first sight were indeed of huge help to the project. We have learned to accept reasonable suggestions, to value others' fruits of labor, to express and respond in a rational manner, to appreciate those giving corrections and advice, and to understand the teacher's expectations and motives. Changing the world starts with changing ourselves. There are so many outstanding people here that we can learn from each other's good points for common progress in order to become the next change maker.

——HuWenbin, Fudan University



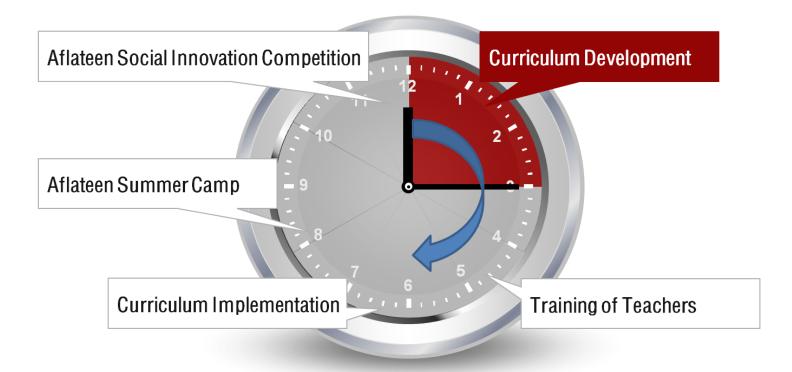
For Aflateen, 2012 is a whole new year but a harvest year, it not only makes the youth change but also bring the change and experience to Be Better. In 2013, with the sponsorship from Citi Foundation, Aflateen will expand to Beijing, Shanghai, Nanjing, Shenzhen and Guiyang. Be Better will improve weaknesses and further develop its strengths to benefit more youth. We will strengthen the financial content and will create more opportunities to help them make behavior changes. On the other hand, we will improve the Aflateen brand marketing to attract more resources. Because we believe in: "Be Better, Be the change".

## **Innovation**

In 2013, Aflateen will have two changes.

- To hold the Child and Youth Finance Day/Week Champion Awards instead of the Aflateen Social Innovation competition. All the vocational schools which participated in Aflateen will have the opportunity to join in the final Champion Awards hold by Child and Youth Finance International. There will be one Global Award acknowledging the best entry overall and five Regional Awards to acknowledge the best projects carried out in each world region.
- In addition to the vocational school, non-formal vocational-technical school will be our another target groups, we can provide training to help them improve the financial skills and know how to be a good staff in the early stage of their work.

## **Five Core Activities**



### **Curriculum Development**

	Name list	Content overview
Be Better established a curriculum	Aflateen Activity Manual	Five topics: Personal Understanding and Exploration, Rights and
development group which consist of		Responsibilities, Savings and Spending, Planning and Budgeting and Social
financial experts, university teachers		and Financial Enterprise.
and Be Better staff. The group adapted		Four phases: Explore, reflect, invest, act
and finalized the Aflateen textbook		Three levels: Basic, Intermediate, Advanced
and all supplementary manuals		
(Guidebook for Teachers, Training	Guidebook for Teachers	Teaching aim, teaching tasks, teaching materials, teaching process
Manual and Evaluation Manual) in		Four days' workshop and seven topics: The understanding of Aflateen
partnerships with Stiching Child		concepts, The theory and practice of child centered education, The
Savings International (Aflatoun	Training Manual	innovation of student participation, How to use and teach the thinking
International) and one Chinese		tools, The method of teaching assessment and management, The
university.		Aflateen mock lesson, The guidance of how to simulate enterprise.
	Evaluation Manual	Assessment target, Assessment ideas, Assessment tools, Assessment
		report presentation

2012, Aflateen program has trained 36 teachers, after the training, they brought Aflateen to the youth and help them to be better, be the change. Aflateen teachers are all volunteers, some schoolteachers, others enterprise volunteers who teach the modules according to their professional expertise. Working with volunteers makes the program very affordable.





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#### **Implementation Model**

The Aflateen program becomes part of the school curriculum. Teacher volunteers take the students through a 2 months course. After the course the students can choose to work on their enterprises for another year. (Mainly for vocational schools)

——Aflateen is implemented as a student club activity. Enterprise volunteers come to teach the intensive 5-day program to the teenagers. (Mainly for universities)

Curriculum Implementation Schedule			
Time	School	No. of students	Total class hours
March to December	Beijing Rural Women School	158	64 hours
April to June	Compassion for Migrant Children	21	18 hours
26 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> on May	East China Normal University, Shanghai University of Sport, Shanghai Second Polytechnic University, East China university of science and technology, University of Shanghai for Science and Technology, Shanghai University Of Engineering Science	70	14 hours
2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> on June	FUDAN University, Shanghai University of Finance and Economic, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai Maritime University, Shanghai University	96	16 hours
16 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> on June	Beijing Business School	120	14 hours
September to November	Shanghai Economic Management school	324	128 hours
9 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> on November	EAST China University of Political Science and Law	45	12 hours
December to January	Compassion for Migrant Children	21	18 hours
March to December	Eurasia University	150	80 hours
Total		1005	364 hours

#### **Aflateen Summer Camp**

Statistics of Summer Camp Achievements		
Content	Achievements	
Total class hours	42 hours	
The number of participating students	82	
Participating schools	Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Fudan University, East China University of Science and Technology, East China University of Political Science and Law, Shanghai Normal University, Shanghai University, Shanghai University, Shanghai University, Beijing Rural Women School	
Projects engendered during the summer camp	Caring Training Project, Public-welfare Journey, Compass Project, Experience blinds' life, Healthy Fruit Juice Project, Dandelion Dream Project, Nanny training Project, Shanghai College Students' Public-Welfare Societies' Union, street artists Concert, Coffee bar in campus, fundraising, shorthand company and kindergarten	
The number of pieces of remarks from	150	
participating students		
The number of Weibo posts	50 new posts and 161 forwards	



Be Better organized a 3-day Aflateen Summer Camp in Beijing and Shanghai respectively for 82 student leaders of Aflateen Societies during the summer vacation 2012. In the camp totally 15 enterprises were created. The training topics covered: Brief introduction of the social enterprise, Using analytical tools to determine the significance of a project, How to formulate a project progress chart, How to set a project budget, Business plan of the social enterprise, Design of the project slogan, Sustainable development of the social enterprise, How to obtain and effectively use community resources, Loan and credit.

#### **Aflateen Social Innovation Competition**

After the enterprises were put forward, almost every Aflateen team had achieved success during the five months. Through a long selection process, there were 9 outstanding teams from Beijing and Shanghai that participated in the final competition to show their projects.

The competition had got support from the Citi Foundation, Stiching Child Savings International, Tencent Education, China Education Daily, Eastday Finance, SE magazine and so on.

This competition had 7 score standards: Team growth, team cooperation, project planning, financial management, project marketing, project innovation, project impact. At last, the Nanny training program from the Shanghai finance and economic university and the Street artists Concert from Fudan University won the top awards.

Media	Links
Eastday Finance	http://www.yicai.com/video/?chid=dfcj
Tencent Education	http://edu.qq.com/a/20121225/000316.htm
China Education Daily	http://www.jyb.cn/china/gnxw/201212/t20121203_520045.html
China Development Brief Report	http://www.chinadevelopmentbrief.org.cn/ngo_talkview.php?id=3907
Education brand	http://www.chinaedubrand.com/xwpd/jydt/17734.html
South media network	http://www.nmei.net/a/20121203/133177.html
China Jiangsu Education	http://edu.jschina.com.cn/system/2012/12/03/015420829.shtml
China teacher	http://gx.jiaoshi.com.cn/index.php/display_article_62208.htm
Shanghai Economic Management School	http://www.sems.cn/details.aspx?type=14&classid=100&id=2965

#### **February** April May June Aflateen class was held in Shanghai The first activity of Aflateen The Aflateen involved in The Aflateen International **University of Finance and** society had successfully hold training of teachers **Beijing Rural Women School Economics. Zhou Xian, the founder** and to be the School-based in the campus of the East successfully hold in Eurasia curriculum which can bring China normal university. On

July

The Aflateen Youth Change

**Maker Summer Camp was** 

successfully

held in Shanghai and Beijing.

After the camp, the societies will

go to implement their social &

financial enterprises during

summer holiday.

University which is a symbol

of the **launch** of the Aflateen

programme in China.

#### September

evaluation system.

the long-term influence to the

students.

In order to enlarge the influence of the Aflateen program, Be Better had reached cooperation with Tencent **Education forum and has** established a project page named

**November** 

24th May, they held a drama

show named Our Town which

earned 2700 RMB.

**Daniel, Aflateen International Evaluation Official, visited China and** discussed about the evaluation of Aflateen together with Be Better, Social Enterprise Research Center and Social Resources Research Institute. Finally established an Aflateen

of Buy for Two, shared his entrepreneurial experiences with students. Working with the enterprise volunteers makes the programme very affordable.

December

Aflateen Social Innovation Competition was successfully in Shanghai. The Nanny training program from the Shanghai finance and the journey for Change Makers economic university and the **Street artists Concert from** under the Tencent Education **Fudan University won the top** Website.

Events in 2012

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