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(Activity 2: Identify Government measures to improve income distribution)

Identify the major aim/effect (i.e. equalising income or equalising opportunity) of the following measures.

Measures of the HKSAR Government which affect income distribution

Policy Area	Name of Programme/ Measure	Major aim/effect of measure (on equity)
A. Medical		
1.	Service charges Subsidise 96% of the cost of every patient	
2.	Fee exemption a. Recipients of CSSA b. <50% of Median Monthly Domestic Household Income (MMDHI, 月入中位數) c. With means test on income and asset d. Between 75% and 50% of MMDHI with means test on income and asset	
3.	Health Care Vouchers Scheme (HCVS) \$250 (5 coupons) per year for elderly aged 70 or above	
B. Housing		
1.	Low rent housing a. Tenants must satisfy the means test on income and asset b. Review rent every two years; 10% maximum rent increment; no maximum rent cut c. If the ratio of rent to income is greater than 18%, rent will be cut by 25%	
2.	Rent Allowance for Elderly Scheme Cash allowance of 60% of the rent of private housing (up to \$1,810 for one person, \$3,150 for three persons)	
3.	Rent Assistance Scheme 50% cut of rent for a maximum of 6 months for tenants of public housing who have short-term financial difficulties	

C. Social Welfare		
1.	Comprehensive Child Development Services (兒童身心全面發展服務) (proposed) for children aged 0 to 5	
2.	Child Development Fund (兒童發展基金) (proposed)	
3.	Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) a. For families of no/low income b. Extra assistance for single parent families	
4.	Old Age Allowance(OAA) a. \$1,000 for those aged 65 to 69, subject to income and asset means test b. \$1,000 for those aged 70 or above (no specific requirement)	
D. Education		
1. Age 3-5	Pre-primary Education Voucher Scheme (學前教育學券計劃) To subsidise local residents to study in kindergartens (up to \$48,000 per year)	
2. Age 6-14	a. Free education b. Student Travel Subsidy Scheme c. School-based After-School Learning and Support Programmes (校本課後學習及支援計劃)	
3. Age 15-18 (senior secondary students)	a. Free education b. Remission of school fees and public examination fees, and textbook assistance scheme for senior secondary students	
4. Age 18-24	Grants and loans for post-secondary students	
5. Age 18-65	Continuing Education Fund (持續進修基金)	
E. Labour Services		
1. Age 15-24	a. Youth Pre-employment Training Programme (展翅計劃青年職前綜合培訓) (15-19) b. Youth Work Experience and Training Scheme (青少年見習就業計劃) (15-24) c. Training and retraining by Employees Retraining Board (僱員再培訓局) (15 or above)	

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2. Age 24-60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Work Trial Scheme (工作試驗計劃) b. Employment Programme for the Middle-aged (中年就業計劃) (40 or above) c. Transport Support Scheme (pilot) (交通費支援計劃) d. Social Enterprise by Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (社區投資共享基金) e. Employment services like information services and assistance by the Labour Department f. District Partnership Programme (社區協作計劃) run by District Office 	
3. Cleaners, security guards	Wage Protection Movement (工資保障運動) executed by the Labour Department	