



TRANSFORMATION NETWORK



Annual Report
2019

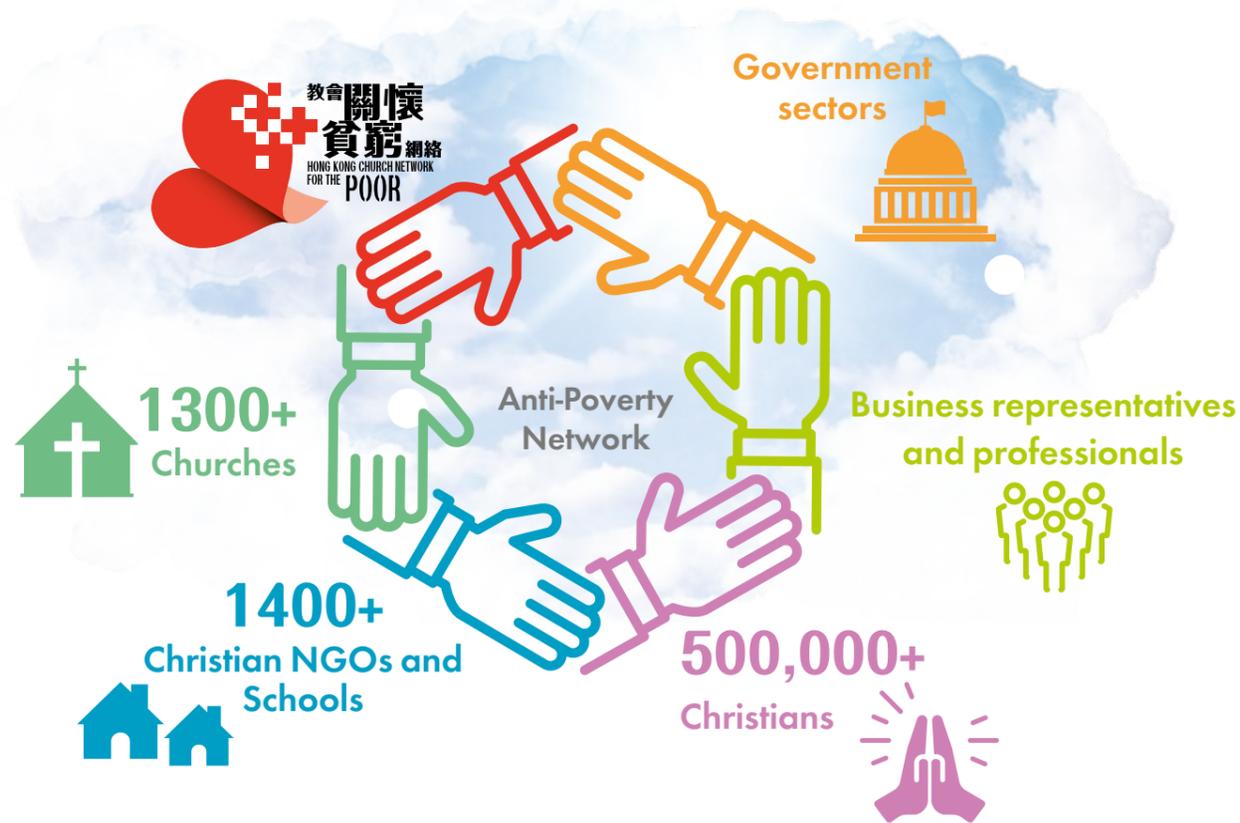
>> About HKCNP

Vision

Our Lord has heard the cry of the underprivileged people in Hong Kong, it's He who calls His people, sends them into communities of the poor: walk humbly with God, act justly and love mercy; speak according to the truth, act from a caring heart to manifest the witness of our church in trinity.

Mission

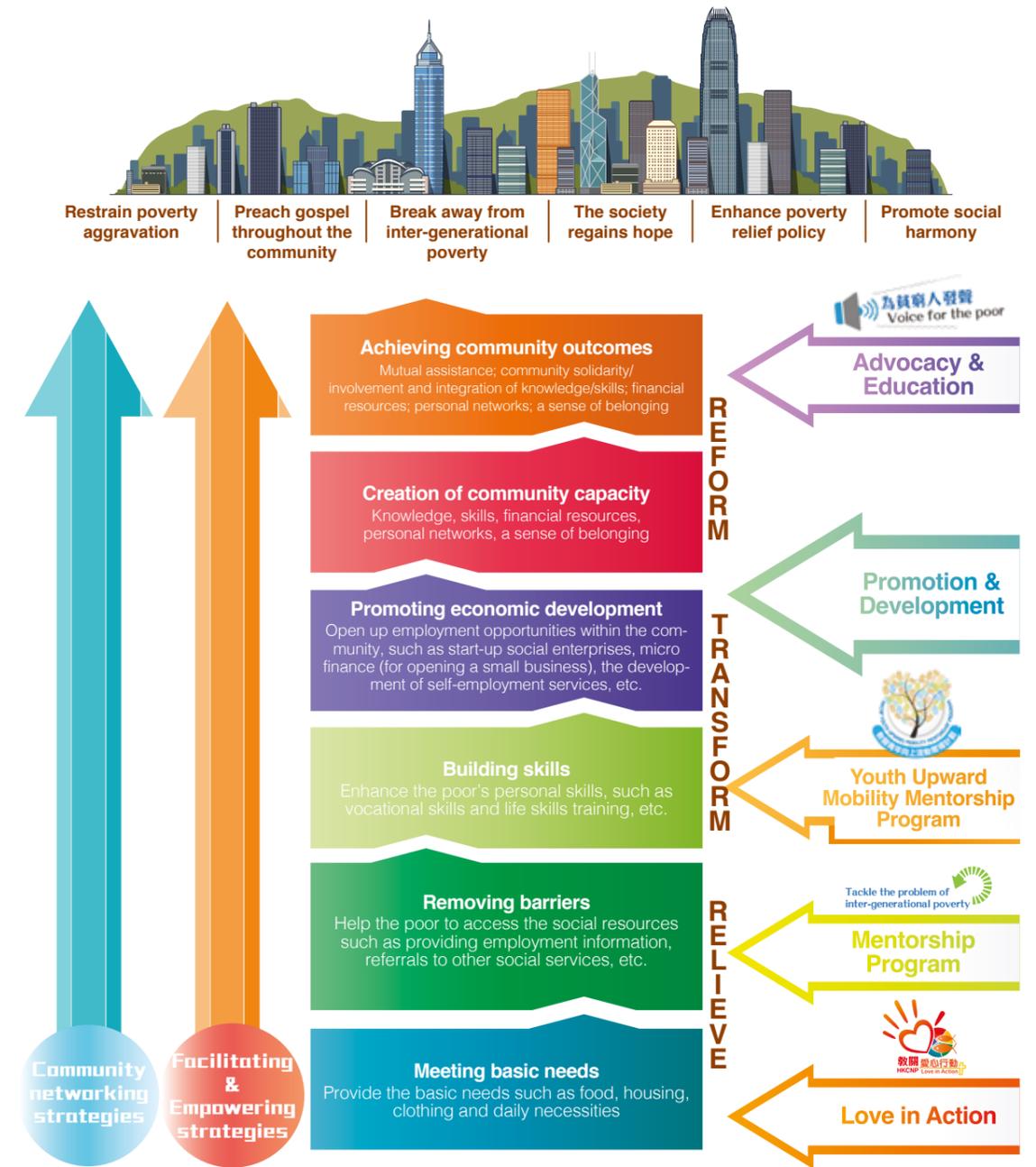
By establishing **network** platforms for its partners in the community, "The Hong Kong Network For The Poor Company Ltd" (HKCNP) collaborates with them to serve the poor and transform communities through relief, transformation and reformation of poverty. In consideration of the structural poverty problem in Hong Kong, we are committed to alleviating territory-wide poverty through providing structural solution. With an emphasis on the process of empowerment and mentorship, HKCNP's services, which combine knowledge and caring, are trusted by its partners for helping them in building the ability to serve the community in order to achieve the objectives of eradicating the wealth gap and stabilizing the society.



Community Transformation through Gospel <<

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

The missions of Lord Jesus on earth were mentioned in "Gospel of Luke": To bring good news to the poor, free the imprisoned and the suppressed, and to restore the eye sight of the blind. The Lord empowers everyone and equips the residents of a community with the abilities to tackle their own problems and manage their lives, so as to achieve all-round development in the physical, psychological and spiritual domains, and improve various aspects of the community (health, education, work, relationship). By doing so, everyone, no matter the poor or the rich, can have his/her life transformed and live a life fulfilling the Lord's will for creation, while the community becomes a place manifesting the kingdom of the Lord.



The Network of Poverty Relief Networks with Prayers

That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. (John 17:21)



>> Words from the Chairman

Lord Jesus said, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:35-36, 40)

Do good anyway, minor as they may seem. A glass of cold water is enough for quenching thirst. Hong Kong Church Network for the Poor (HKCNP) has been advocating local poverty issues to different sectors of the community and how their compassion may become actions. When we check on our neighbor or share a meal with them, we bless them as if it was Jesus Christ we were serving. In the meantime, HKCNP has been assisting many churches and groups to grow and expand their poverty relief and community service experiences by matching them with suitable partners. As a result, we witness complementary and higher effectiveness in poverty alleviation efforts in local districts.

In order for community groups to gain insight of local district poverty situation, HKCNP conducted a first district-based survey using questionnaires and visits to gather the views and opinion of grass-roots families, who are community service users in Central and Western District. The survey facilitated unified response and suitable service of local community groups to respond to the needs of the poor in the district. For details, please refer to this annual report. Furthermore, we are grateful that more pastors and Christians aspire to learn more ways to participate in poverty relief work. Over one hundred people took part in "Mission Course on Christian's Response to Disparity between the Rich and the Poor" which was held twice a year. Participants actively exchanged views and ways to start or extend ministries. It is hoped that HKCNP can continue to facilitate the cooperation of community groups in the coming year. By integrating social capital, the physical, psychological and spiritual needs of the poor can be fulfilled.



Hong Kong has been through its ups and downs this year and churches, organizations and schools faced unprecedented challenges. May the Lord remember our services for the poor, the grassroots and youngsters in the spirit of sincerity and continue to give us wisdom and strength. Through poverty relief **networking**, HKCNP appreciates concerted efforts of partner churches, organizations, schools, enterprises, volunteer ambassadors, donors and Christian groups which are united to release the Lord's abundant blessings upon the poor. HKCNP would like to express our deepest gratitude to our three founding organizations - Hong Kong Chinese Christian Churches Union, Hong Kong Christian Council and Hong Kong Church Renewal Movement, for their prayers, support and leaderships. In the year to come, may the Lord motivate more people to expand poverty relief **network** so more families may receive the grace of the Lord!

Rev. Li Ping-Kwong, SBS
 (Chairman of HKCNP)

Structure <<



The Board of Directors of HKCNP and the chairmen of the three Founding organizations (Rev. Woo Ming-tim, Rev. So Shing Yit, Eric and Rev. Luk Fai) exchanged views on poverty relief work and the direction of HKCNP while dining together

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Cedar Fund	Child Development Matching Fund
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>> Network for the Poor

In the face of prevailing challenges, HKCNP was grateful to establish poverty relief **network** platform by connecting talents, wisdom, resources and supplies, and services and functions from different districts. By doing so, impact of community works was multiplied and the poor received comprehensive support while peace and hope were brought to the grassroots!

Promoting mentorship program

Child Development Fund Mentorship Program (CDF)

- ☉ Sponsored **8** projects in 2019
- ☉ Total sponsorship amounted to **\$240,000**
- ☉ **400** underprivileged children benefited from CDF Program for three years and beyond their lifetimes

*Number of projects to be launched each year is subject to the plan of the government

Post-Child Development Fund Program (Post-CDF)

- ☉ **83** CDF graduates received continued support for another two years

HKCNP Youth Upward Mobility Mentorship Program (YUM)

- ☉ **32** youngsters aged 18-25 participated in the program in 2019
- ☉ **25** mentors participated in the program the same year
- ☉ There were **130** YUM mentees in total from the four batches of YUM programs

Tackle the problem of inter-generational poverty



HKCNP Love in Action

Thanks to the generous donation made by our partners, the numbers of beneficiaries were as follows:

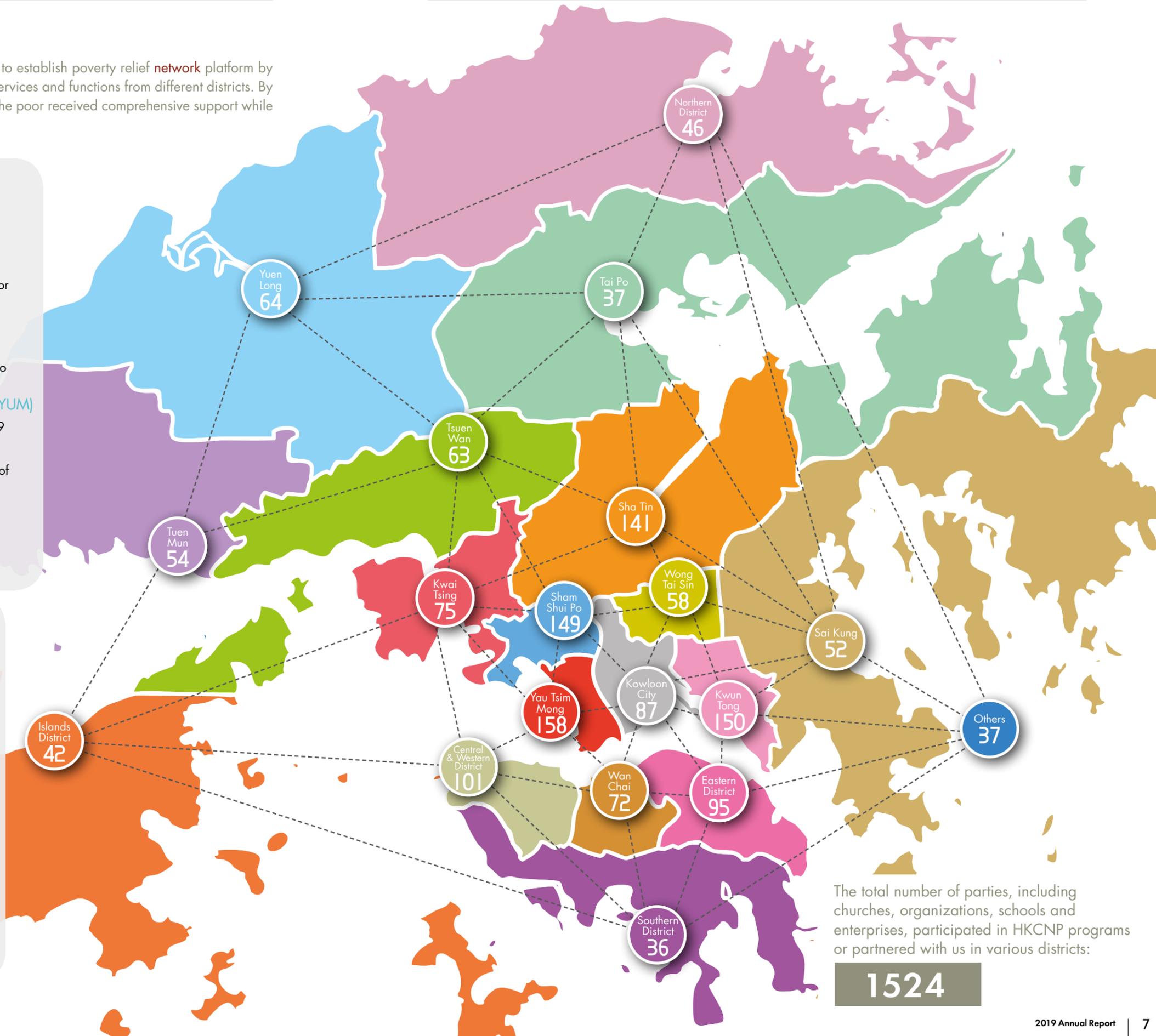
- ☉ Food : **18,724**
- ☉ Service : **1,388**
- ☉ Supplies : **7,539**

Food Banks sponsored by and partnered with HKCNP

- ☉ Number of beneficiaries : **7,408**

PeaceBox Campaign

- ☉ Liaised by HKCNP, **13** partners donated **2,778** PeaceBoxes in total and
- ☉ **53** partners distributed **7,145** PeaceBoxes in total



The total number of parties, including churches, organizations, schools and enterprises, participated in HKCNP programs or partnered with us in various districts:

1524

>> Relief >> Love in Action

"HKCNP Love in Action" connected organizations, individuals and groups to provide free resources such as food, service, supplies or functions to our partners. By taking the resources as a medium and starting point, our partners were empowered to serve the grassroots in the long term by sharing the care, love and gospel of Jesus Christ with them, and to transform lives. Besides, HKCNP encouraged various sectors in the society to participate in the services of Love in Action. By taking care of the grassroots in the community through concrete actions, a socially-inclusive society could be built. In 2020, HKCNP will promote "Love in Action" trademark, which serves as a recognition for the community groups that are active in serving the poor, so as to promote social caring of poverty.

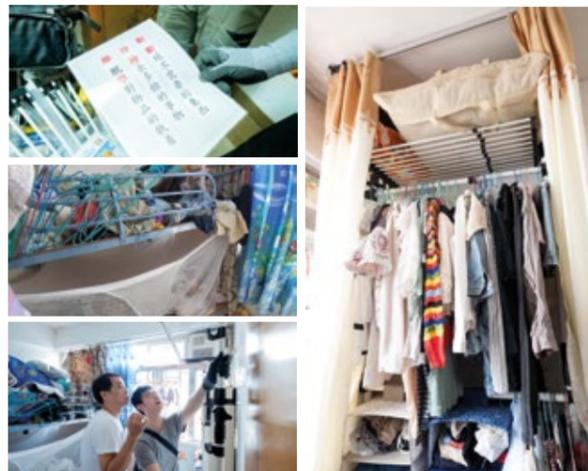


We call upon different sectors to respond to poverty issues together and support "HKCNP partners" to relieve and tackle poverty, and provide pastoral care to the distressed.

Enterprise X Church
"Big Little Things" Project

*Launched by Business For Social Good

Through this Project, our partners from marketplace had a taste of challenges in the everyday life of grassroots and were motivated to formulate and implement feasible proposals to address these daily challenges. Example: NWS Holdings Limited, one of the participating enterprises, visited several sub-divided flat families in Tai Kok Tsui, that our partner C. & M. A. Grace Chapel Pasture Family Service Centre has been serving. They installed "adjustable floor-to-ceiling Clothes Rack" with storage space for these families to maximize flexible space usage and improve living conditions. Racks can be dismantled and reinstalled in their future homes as well. Designers had also made follow up visits to these homes.



Company X Organization X Church
Financial Education Workshops

*Jointly launched by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service and the Hong Kong Association of Banks

Church

Free financial management concepts workshops were offered to low-income families to help them positively manage resources and finance, and help to ease poverty situation of these families. As these workshops were hosted by finance management professionals, more in-depth and professional topics were covered. This also allowed churches to provide more diverse services which help tackle problems of immediate concern to the beneficiaries.

Company

Volunteers from banking industry were able to meet the grassroots in different districts, including elderly, new migrant women and grass-root teenagers. Through group discussions and games, volunteers had a deeper understanding of the challenges the grassroots.

Organization

Understood that the ways that churches used to serve the grassroots were different from those used by other traditional organizations, and learn ways of improvement to their existing services.



Sharing by a beneficiary

The workshop was very useful! I didn't plan ahead and I bought when I saw something that I liked at an acceptable price. I just stored them at home even when they have no use. My husband also criticized me for that. After joining the workshop, I no longer made impulse purchases from supermarket as I knew what I needed to buy even though I didn't have time to make a shopping list!

**Walk with HKCNP:
 Evangelize China Fellowship Saint Too Canaan Church**



In August 2016, HKCNP visited Minister Luk of "Saint Too Canaan Church." Luk shared about her burden to serve the elderly in the vicinity of Shun Lee Estate, Shun Tin Estate, Shun On Estate and Shun Chi Court ("the Four Shuns"). HKCNP therefore connected "Yan Kwong Social Service Centre" in the district with "Saint Too Canaan Church" to exchange ideas from community services and pastoral members of the church and staff members of the centre. Furthermore, we invited Rev. Danny Lam from "Faith and Grace Christian Church" to preach on poverty relief at "Saint Too Canaan Church", and we introduced ministry of HKCNP. In December the same year, "Saint Too Canaan Church" co-organized with HKCNP the first community activity, to give out gospel bags with donated soaps from "HKCNP Love in Action" to elderly in Shun Tin Estate.



Free supplies and services

HKCNP continued to partner with "Saint Too Canaan Church" and provided free supplies and services, e.g. mooncakes and rice dumpling vouchers (donated through "Love in Action"). One of the most successful resources giveaway campaigns, which advances the long-term relationship between the church and local residents, was the free meal service launched in late 2017. One hundred poor elderly received lovely lunch boxes. The church invited 26 elderly to the first "Joy Group" event the same month, which laid a good foundation for the establishment of a elderly fellowship in the future.

Human resources support

Apart from referring material resources, HKCNP also connects personnel from our partners to support "Saint Too Canaan Church" ministry. For example, in 2019 "Share the love of the Lord in Mid-Autumn Festival" event, HKCNP invited partner "Union Church Hong Kong" to visit elderly from "Saint Too Canaan Church". Three elderly received Jesus as their Savior. Besides, we invited brother Alan from "International Christian Life Hall" who was experienced in serving the elderly, to help provide pastoral care to Saturday "Joy Group" for elderly. More than 20 Evangelism Explosion III trainees came with him in the service, which significantly eased the pressure on front-line fellows of the church.



It is grateful that in 2019, the number of members of the "Joy Group" had increased from 20 to 50, and 3 local residents will be baptized in December. By providing various supports and gradual empowerment, HKCNP guided "Saint Too Canaan Church" which had limited resources and inadequate experience, to grow and fulfill missions to care for needy and their relationship with God. In the past few years, there were testimonies that local residents received Jesus in festive visits and outdoor evangelistic events. Some members of "Joy Group" even became volunteers to bless other fellow members. These examples showed the church developed long-term community services with free resources. Through lunch boxes service, church staff was able to contact and meet the poor, whose lives were transformed with care.



Sharing by Minister Luk

Three years ago, the Lord granted us a vision—"they were distressed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd." With limited resources available, we responded to His call by faith and started our community evangelical ministry for "the Four Shuns". We experienced the Lord was Jehovah-jireh, who provided us with abundant supplies. By the grace of God, 10 elderly from the community believed the Lord and were baptized in two years' time. The work the Lord brought us was beyond our imagination and prayer that he made "Saint Too Canaan Church" a light on the way of the people with impoverished spirits in "the Four Shuns" community and lead them to the eternal life in Jesus Christ.



>> Relief >> PeaceBox Campaign

In 2014, a group of kind-hearted people from churches, the business sector and charities jointly initiated the "PeaceBox Campaign", which encourages various sectors of the society to give away gifts every year during Easter, which is a festival filled with hope.

In the past five years, **45,000** gift boxes containing blessings were turned into large-scale exhibits showing the theme of hope during Easter. The gift boxes were then given away to grass-roots families, elderly living alone and people in need through home visits and functions by more than **20,000** volunteers. The number of participants and the people donating and receiving PeaceBox kept increasing and has exceeded **200,000** so far.

 **Bless the underprivileged**

Through sharing little gifts with individuals and families from grassroots background, they feel loved and cared. At the same time, they were connected with churches and widen their social circles and allow churches to serve them continuously.

 **Bless churches**

By participating in PeaceBox donation, churches were empowered to serve the grassroots in the communities by sharing the love of the Lord. Some churches commenced their community services while others started to support those that serve the community regularly. At the same time, English-speaking churches also participated in the campaign and were a witness of unity.

 **Bless schools**

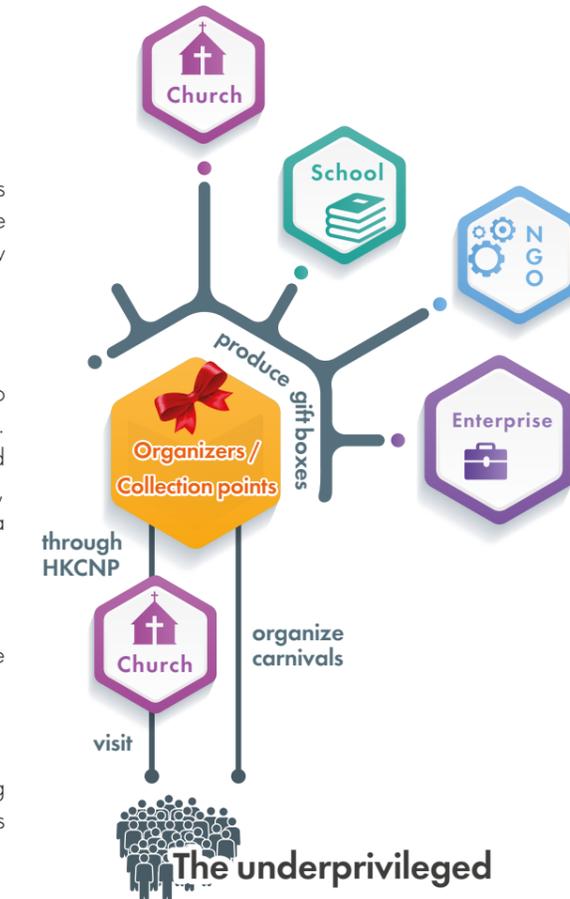
Students showed their care for those with very limited resources in the society by donating PeaceBoxes.

 **Bless enterprises**

Staff members of enterprises showed their care for the poor by donating and distributing PeaceBoxes. Meanwhile, the resources of enterprises were integrated and social capital was transferred to the communities.

 **Bless communities**

By connecting parties like schools, families, churches, enterprises and institutes, communities were served with district resources and a socially-inclusive and caring society could be built.



Evangelical Free Church of China Tung Fook Church

In the process of collecting PeaceBoxes in March, Tung Fook Church specially displayed PeaceBoxes in the showcase window at church entrance and appealed to the congregation to make gift boxes for giving away to the families in need in other communities. The church displayed sample gifts which were suitable for different groups of people to help members consider gifts to prepare.



Evangelical Free Church of China Kong Fok Church

In June, members of Social Concerns Department of Kong Fok Church visited Hong Kong Christian Shuen Tao Church and brought PeaceBoxes to serve children from grass-root families. Many members also took part in the elderly visits in the Southern District and free meal delivery service in Central and Western District. This was the first time they visited families of grass-roots children and they found that the ladies in those communities learnt about the church for a while through the services it provided for their children and women's fellowship. Some of them were even planning to get baptized and join the church.



These women experienced the joy and support that Christian faith brought them, which helped them overcome the loneliness caused by limited living space and predicaments of unable to build social circles due to language barriers when they first came to Hong Kong. The church was open to serve and walk with residents in the community to transform lives.



Urban Peacemaker School of Missions and Neighbour Blessing Group of Hong Kong Baptist Church

During the PeaceBox campaign carnival at Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park in Sai Ying Pun, we came to know more than 10 grass-roots families through questionnaires. We contacted them and organized activities, like summer drawing classes and camps, to build relationships. Later, we introduced them to churches in the district for follow-up. By organizing tutorial classes to satisfy the academic needs of the grass-roots children, the churches continued to show their care for the families and walk with them.

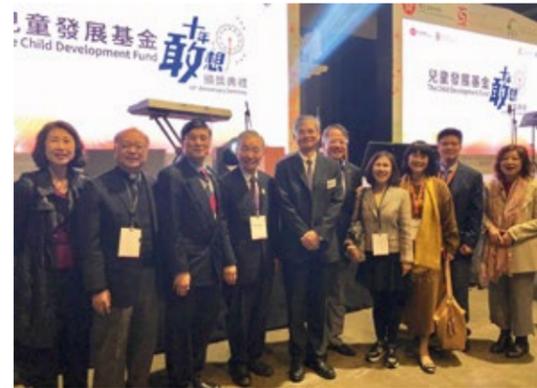
Co-organizers in 2019: Hong Yip Service Company Limited, Saddleback Church Hong Kong, Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong, City University of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong Church Network For The Poor Company Limited and Hong Kong Gospel Festival Limited.



>> Transform >> Child Development Fund Mentorship Program (CDF)

In 2007, HKCNP first launched the "Church Intensive Community Mentoring Pilot Program". The Government adopted the model later in 2008 and has cumulatively allocated \$900 million to establish and implement the "Child Development Fund", which aimed to offer long-term and sustainable help to the next generation. The policy utilized and integrated the resources gained from families, organizations, the society and the Government effectively to provide disadvantaged children with support in long-term development, so as to facilitate their long-term personal development and help them lift themselves out of inter-generational poverty.

HKCNP connected with churches, organizations, schools and government departments to assist youngsters in creating their individual development plans and building social assets, so as to tackle the problem of inter-generational poverty in the long term. Meanwhile, networks were formed and the community was transformed.



Since 2008:

- HKCNP has sponsored **36** partners to participate in **78** projects
- Over **7,000** mentees aged 10-16 have participated in projects through the partners of HKCNP (over 50% of the total number of participants)
- Total sponsorship has amounted to over **\$7,000,000**



Child Development Fund 10th Anniversary Ceremony

Celebrating 10 Years of Dreams for Future was held on 9 March by Labour and Welfare Bureau to show the stakeholders what has been witnessed and how the community has changed over the years. HKCNP has spared no effort to help mentors and operators better serve mentees since it launched the pilot program in 2007. "Long Service Award for Supporting Organizations" and "Supporting Organizations Award" were presented to HKCNP for its dedication to and efforts on serving the youngsters. HKCNP highly appreciates what our partner churches, organizations and schools, which walked with us and blessed the grass-roots children through the mentorship program, have done in the past ten years.



Mentor Day << Transform <<

Wealth disparity remains a serious problem in HK. In order to tackle the root cause of inter-generational poverty, HKCNP actively promoted the benefits of the mentorship program and enhanced mentors' ability to provide service to help grass-roots youngsters to live a life of hope. 2019 "Mentor Day" was held at Evangelical Free Church of China Yan Fook Church on 18 May. **Over 400** people participated and more than half of them were existing or former mentors while about 20% of the participants were interested in learning more about the mentorship program and becoming mentors



Mr. Caspar Tsui Ying-wai, JP, Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare, was invited to officiate the ceremony. Since the Labour and Welfare Bureau was the policy and supervising department of "Child Development Fund", Mr. Tsui shared with the participants the outcome of the scheme over the decade, and encouraged the mentors and "mentor-to-be" there to continue to pass the joy of walking hand-in-hand on. "We told the youngsters that they were not alone, actually our mentors were not alone either." Mr. Tsui said. He also encouraged the participants to join the mentor **network**.

Dr. Charles Yu, an Emotional Intelligence Specialist Consultant and speaker of the event, shared his extensive experience in mentorship, including ten incidents and principles of getting along with others. During which he said that each person may only be able to help a few people, but these few people are willing to help the others, and that is the essence of the mentorship program.



The organizer specially invited four mentees who were in different stages of the program, i.e. one as a new joiner, one just started his third year in the program, one just completed the 3-year-long program and the other one has become a mentor of a child after he graduated from the program as a mentee, so as to let the participants experience each of the stages of the mentorship program.



Mentor Day 2020 is now open for application

Co-organizer: The Urban Peacemaker Evangelistic Fellowship, Christian Action, China Holiness College, HKMLC Queen Maud Secondary School, Evangelical Free Church of China Yan Fook Church and Evangelical Free Church of China Kong Fok Church.

Date: 21 November, 2020 (Sat)

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Venue: Evangelical Free Church of China - Yan Fook Church

To enhance the quality of mentors in serving teenagers, while encouraging people joining the mentorship program as mentors

- There will be thematic Seminars, workshops, cheering sessions, role plays, etc.
- Dr. Charles Yu, Emotional Intelligence Specialist Consultant, is invited to be one of the speakers
- Workshops: speakers will share their experiences and skills with participants. E.g. board games, special education workshop, emotional support workshop and social media workshop.

For enquiries, please contact HKCNP Mr. Ho at 3689 9810.

Register now



>> Transform >> HKCNP Youth Upward Mobility Mentorship Program (YUM)

Vision

Initiated by Dr Philemon Choi Yuen Wan and the late Dr Charles Chan Ching Hai, YUM was launched to bring together the talented with insight from all sectors, such as enterprises and organizations with social responsibilities, and faith groups, to care for youngsters and provide them with opportunities of upward mobility. At the same time, the Program allows fresh human resources converge and benefit businesses. In November 2015, we invited our partners from business sector to join a YUM launching sharing session. They responded positively to our theme on youth and first batch of YUM mentees was recruited in July 2016. Empirical studies were conducted every year to improve the program and ensure the program is corresponding to the actual needs of the youth.

6 major objectives of YUM

- 1 Provide guidance to youths to increase self-understanding, identify personal future direction; and set a plan to achieve
- 2 Transition from schools to workplace; acquire skills and experience from employment as a path for upward mobility
- 3 Continue to receive training and development to prepare for advancement, aimed to break for inter-generational poverty
- 4 Promote the mentorship culture through one-to-one Christian mentoring by experienced adults or group mentoring with peers
- 5 Encourage enterprises to actively participate and give back to the community
- 6 Advocate the government policy about youth upward mobility and supporting the poor



Sponsors:
**Abundant Grace
 Charity Foundation**



Strategic partners:



Three major elements of YUM

to initiate an operable, sustainable and expandable youth upward mobility program



Enterprise

Provide jobs with promotion prospects and comprehensive on-the-job trainings. Mentees are allowed to fully demonstrate their potentials and grow in their professional skills.



**Mentorship culture
 advocated by HKCNP**

Professionals are systematically trained and supported to be mentors in the program to walk with the mentees. Through monthly Mentor Peer Group gatherings and regular contacts, mentors deliver healthy workplace attitudes to mentees and help them nurture positive attitude and self-confidence to better adapt to workplace culture and improve job retention rate.



**Continued
 education course**

Enterprises sponsor mentees for job related studies to nurture a sense of continued learning and self-enhancement, and that will increase their competitiveness.

Target: Unemployed youngsters aged 18 to 25

2019 YUM Core Team: Ms. Agnes Tse(Leader), Rev. KF Cheng, Dr. Simon Lai, Mr. Alan Lee, Mr. Edmond Lee, Mr. Vincent Luk, Mr. Oliver Pang



Sharing

**Batch 2
 Mentee**

Mentee Yuen

Time flies. It has been two years since I joined the YUM family as a mentee. I am so grateful that our mentors have walked closely with us even in difficult times. I remembered I did not know how to continue my studies as my HKDSE examinations were not good. Should I continue my study? No! I was not really interested in studying. Even if I decided to continue, I might still drop it half way. Instead of grumbling, I tried to find another way out by seeking a job... However, who would hire someone with hopeless academic results? Even if I tried hard, I might not get anything... Therefore, I decided to join the YUM program resolutely. I met many mentors who were willing to listen to me and I talked to them about all my thoughts. I was very grateful to them. They also organized quite a few activities for mentees to get to know each other...

I deeply appreciated all the encouragement and support mentors had given me...It has been one and a half year since I started my job. I started with no related experience but have gradually acquired more job knowledge and built good relationship with my colleagues and the elderly. I have learnt that there is always something new every day for me to learn, whether in daily life or at work...

How time slips away, I have been part of the YUM family for two years and built relationships with mentors, mentees, colleagues, the elderly and their family members. Last but not least, I wish all mentees and mentors good health and all the best of luck in everything. Keep up the good work. Thanks for everything!



**Batch 2
 Mentor**

Ms. Tang



Sharing

It is such a privilege to meet all of you in our life journey and we as mentors have gained much. My child was born on the day of a monthly meeting last year and they filmed a short video with their best wishes for me and my baby, which was very touching. Thank you.

At the end of the program, I wish all mentees well in their future endeavors in studies or work and life direction. Keep smiling.

Graduation of Batch 2 in 2017

Batch 2 of YUM program commenced in July 2017 and we recruited **37** youngsters to join our partner enterprises—Hong Kong Broadband Network, Maxim's Group (Chinese Cuisine), Hong Yip Service Company Limited, Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service and Marriott International.

Apart from fulfilling work requirements, YUM mentees spent great efforts to upgrade their work skills in one and a half to two years. Four partner churches, namely Bethany Grace Church, Christian & Missionary Alliance Mei Foo Church, Shatin Methodist Church and Evangelical Free Church of China Tin Chuen Church served with us through regular meetings and Mentor Peer Groups. Our partner enterprises greatly supported this program. **25** of the mentees, i.e. two-thirds of the total number of mentees, completed the program and were heading for the next targets. We appreciated their efforts and were glad to witness their growth. Also, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone for their support all along the way.

>> Transform >> Post-Child Development Fund Program (Post-CDF)

In 2007, HKCNP first launched the "Church Intensive Community Mentoring Pilot Program." The Government adopted the model later in 2008 and established and implemented the "Child Development Fund" (CDF), which aimed to provide underprivileged children with three-year-long support. By extending the life building project for mentees to fully cover the secondary school period, HKCNP assisted mentees in preparing themselves for attending HKDSE examination and pursuing higher education. Since 2018, HKCNP has connected local partner churches in four districts and implemented "Post-Child Development Fund Program" with Jabez Community Centre of Christian & Missionary Alliance Sun Kei Church, Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service, The Urban Peacemaker Evangelistic Fellowship and Christian Action to provide support for mentees under CDF program for another two years.



Post-CDF is a 2-year program and it perpetuates and reinforces the three components of CDF program, i.e. "personal development plans," "targeted savings" and "mentorship programme".



Assist local secondary school students in learning about the career prospect of various industries and how to distinguish themselves in the industries they are interested in, before furthering their studies through industry exploration seminars, short-term enterprise internships and sharing sessions.



Enhance local secondary school students' knowledge on what they need to equip before joining the workforce and boost the employability of the grassroots youth by working with business sector and schools. Enhance their understanding of all walks of life through site visits to workplaces, so as to find out the requirement of different occupations.



Provide support to mentees by connecting them with mentors who walk with them while they encounter the challenges and difficulties in pursuing higher education or joining the workforce and growing through the milestones in life.

83 youngsters who completed the 3-year CDF program have been recruited, about 60 of them are high school students

Post-CDF Program	Participating organization	Target mentee under Post-CDF Program	District of implementation	Number of mentee
Batch 1	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	F.3 - F.6 students	Yau Tsim Mong / Kowloon City	14
	The Urban Peacemaker Evangelistic Fellowship	F.2 - F.5 students	Tsuen Wan / Tsing Yi / Kwai Chung	22
	Christian Action	F.3 - F.6 students	Kwun Tong	15
Batch 2	Jabez Community Centre of Christian & Missionary Alliance Kei Shek Church	F.4 - F.6 students	Tseung Kwan O / Choi Hung	32



Post-CDF Program mentee Keung (alias)

I joined CDF Program when I was in school hoping that it could broaden my horizons. My mentor was a zealous man from the financial sector. I learnt a lot of philosophies of life and interpersonal skills from him. With the building up of relationship, my mentor became a reliable adult friend of mine whom I could talk to. For me, getting along with my mentor was the most impressive part of CDF Program. My mentor has sparked light in my life.

After graduating from CDF Program, I participated in Post-CDF Program and met a mentor who was good at "planning." We were not close at the beginning. However, after joining the activities organized by mentors, we got closer and mutual trust was gradually built. My mentor also encouraged me to improve my habits. I therefore started to pay serious attention to my problem of "procrastination on my studies" and proactively allocate my time and prepare for the public examination. I hope that my mentor can continue to walk with me when I choose my career path in the future. I am grateful to be connected to this mentor who enlightened my life through Post-CDF Program.

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HKCNP 10.10.10 Anti-Poverty Campaign << Reform <<

In unity we serve the underprivileged
 and witness the love of Christ



In 1992, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution, in which it declared 17 October as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty and invited all States to devote the Day to commemorate people living in poverty, fight against destitution collaboratively and tackle deficiency through concrete actions. HKCNP responded to the appeal by launching "HKCNP 10.10.10 Anti-Poverty Campaign" since 2012 to encourage groups to make concerted efforts to have everyone's human rights respected, enhance the abilities of the poor and the disadvantaged to defend themselves from disasters, pay attention to the needs of the poor and voice out for them by experiencing the work on poverty relief and taking actions to care for the poor.



E.C.F. Kowloon Canaan Church

This year our church took part in "Child Development Fund Mentoring Program" and testimonies were shared in one Sunday service in October. Besides, our church will encourage poverty-related ministry by organizing poverty caring courses again next year. We would like to thank HKCNP for its support all along the way.

Our contribution in poverty relief work was nothing to brag about and it was too insignificant to be regarded part of the anti-poverty movement. We just took part in social services, such as helping new migrant women learn English, helping youth growing up through The Boys' Brigade Hong Kong, walking with youngsters through the three-year mentorship program, having meals with local residents during "Canaan-style Meal" and organizing festive visits.

Church must follow Lord Jesus who came in flesh as man to find sinners of the world and reconciled men to God. The church is Jesus' representative on the earth. We should walk with people and let His love change the world to turn to Him!



First Assembly of God Church



The "Social Caring Sunday" of First Assembly of God Church this year was held on 13 October. Committee members and officers of our Social Service Department gave an annual work report and shared how they, as Christians, responded to the needs of the poor. We introduced the HKCNP "Simple Living Handbook" to church groups two weeks before the Social Caring Sunday to encourage our members to satisfy needs with simple living style and donate money saved to those in need in the society.

First Assembly of God Church organizes various poverty relief activities every year using the poverty relief fund, including School Term Commencement Blessing Campaign, New Year Gift Bag Campaign, Mid-Autumn Festival visit and Dragon Boat Festival visit, which target needy families, elderly and students from our Yau Tong Study Room. We are committed to assisting and caring for disadvantaged groups, preaching gospel and serving people with the love of Christ to live out our faith.



>> Reform >> **10.17 Fast-a-meal Against Poverty Movement Art & Video Competition**

Three major elements of the movement:

- 1** Poverty relief talk: To provide students with insight into the current poverty problem and poverty relief work in Hong Kong, so they can learn ways to share resources with others, care for the society and play a contributing role for the anti-poverty movement.
- 2** Community visit and district service: to connect church groups and organizations to cope with the need and organize various social services, such as visits, meal distribution, home cleaning services for the elderly, life booklet production and PeaceBox collection. Apart from taking forward the concept of helping the grassroots, district resources can be gathered and communities are blessed.
- 3** Arts Contest: To raise the artistic creativity of the participants and arouse their awareness on the poverty problem in Hong Kong through organizing the above-mentioned talks and activities, inviting people to create art works and taking part in the Art & Video Competition. The winning entries will be exhibited in different districts to voice for the poor.



10.17 Fast-a-meal Anti-Poverty Campaign << Reform <<

In order to echo the United Nations' appeal for International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on 17 October and arouse local public awareness, review and support of the wealth gap caused by discriminations and wealth centralization, and the problem of inter-generational poverty. HKCNP launched the 10.17 Fast-a-meal Anti-Poverty Campaign. By enhancing the anti-poverty awareness of enterprises, organizations and professional Christian fellowships through various activities, the problem of inter-generational poverty can be eliminated. In 2019, **39** enterprises and fellowships for professionals participated in the movement through the following activities.



Enhance the awareness of poverty problem in Hong Kong and voice for the poor

Deepen cooperation with partner enterprises and transform communities through actions

Promote social caring to the public and turn their compassion into actions

Connect enterprises and partner churches for social services in local districts and tackle deficiency through concrete actions



Activity



Fast-a-meal

Encourage their employees to fast a meal in October or organize seminars to arouse the concern in local poverty situation



Employee donation

Encourage employees to participate in Fast-a-meal Campaign and donate the money for lunch to HKCNP for "Love in Action" or any charitable organizations/events



District caring service

Promote the social services provided by HKCNP partner churches or other poverty relief organizations among the employees



Poverty relief information

Spend 15 minutes on reading news or watching programmes of digital media about local poverty relief services/projects

Sharing

Community visit - a F.5 student

I'm glad that I can take part in this visit to singleton elderly and I have benefited a great deal from it. I visited two singleton seniors whose children seldomly care for them due to their family commitments or work. At first, I worried that they might not be in a good mood and refuse to communicate with me due to their loneliness. However, this was not the case. They were so passionate and bright, and asked me about my studies like my family members, which made me feel warm. During the visits, I found that they need to attend follow-up consultations regularly and take 10-20 pills on time every day, but they were not frustrated. I think we should learn from them that even they live alone and needed regular medication, they were not depressed.



Sharing

Nathan Hotel

We are glad to cooperate with HKCNP to organize a Christmas party for children to celebrate Christmas. Nathan Hotel hopes that we can make an effort to society to bring joy & warm to those grass-root children.



>> Reform >> **Research of the Livelihood of the Grassroots in Central and Western District**

Situated at the northwestern of Hong Kong Island, Central and Western District is the economic centre of Hong Kong. This district symbolizes wealth and advancement, but actually the problem of poverty also exists. HKCNP therefore conducted a study in 2019 to learn about the practical situation and needs of the grassroots living in Central and Western District. By doing so, connection and cooperation between local groups can be enhanced while concrete service plans can be developed to cope with the need, so as to help the poor tackle poverty.



Full report

Form:

16 churches, 14 NGOs and 1 school took part in conducting the study / were interviewed.

Qualitative:

In-depth talks with grass-roots family representatives and youngsters; focus groups comprising of : ministry workers from different churches or NGOs (2 groups), Christians who participated in serving the poor ministries (2 groups) and members of local community (District Councillors, social welfare agencies, resident associations, mutual-aid committees, district leaders, etc.) (1 group). There were 6-8 people in each group.

Quantitative:

Volunteers from participating groups conducted interviews and contacted grass-roots families and issued questionnaires through partner churches and social welfare agencies in the district.

Core team members:

- Convener: Pastor Lau Lai King
- Network: Rev. Choi Chung Ching
Central and Western District Pastoral Network Chairman
- Consultant: Prof. Paul Yip Siu-fai
Associate Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, HKU
- Researcher: Dr. Vincent Lee Wan Ping
- Co-organizer: Dr. Catherine Kwong
Urban Peacemaker School of Missions



Sharing session and press release

We conducted a sharing session and a press release on 27th September and 3rd December respectively. Pastors from Central and Western District, representatives from organizations and school teachers were invited to join these events. Apart from publishing the study results, the team also invited representatives from organizations and grass-roots community to share. During the events, participants were encouraged to ask questions, share and exchange views. HKCNP suggested a range of follow-up work, including community guided tours, cooperation between churches and organizations, which a lot of the participating churches supported.

In 2020, HKCNP will work with HK Christian Doctor Network to train the medical students of The University of Hong Kong using community surveys, so as to facilitate cooperation between churches and district groups to effectively respond to the needs in the communities.



Education and Advocacy << Reform <<

Mission Course on Christian's Response to Disparity between the Rich and the Poor

Co-organized with Hong Kong Aviation Christian Union

- Speaker: Rev. Paul Chan (Executive Director of Banking Evangelistic Fellowship)
- More than 50 ministers and Christians participated in the course



The speaker Rev. Chan warned the participants against becoming rich but in fact in poverty, or possessing material resources bought with money but neglected building up one's faith and ethics. He encouraged "voluntary poverty" because when people were willing to give up everything they have for the poor, they laid up for themselves treasures in heaven; to pursue godliness by taking care of the orphans and widows in their affliction.

Co-organized with The Good News Network

- Pastor Erica Chan (Senior Pastor of Hong Kong Christian Shuen Tao Church)
- More than 140 pastors, ministers and Christians participated in the course
- Group discussions were held, focusing on: SEN children, grass-roots youth, grass-roots elderly, new migrant women, and junkmen.



Pastor Erica Chan emphasized that churches are not playing the roles of organizations or government, they are just filling up gaps between services. At the end of the day, gospel should be brought to the community to build lives. We have a structural poverty problem in HK, conditions of people in the community may not improve much. But as people receive gospel and their inner lives are changed, they have new strength to face situations in life.



When Helping Hurts Study

In the second quarter of 2019, HKCNP and Saddleback Church partnered together to organize three sessions of When Helping Hurts book study to discuss "God-centered" and "love-oriented" poverty relief services, with a focus of rebuilding individual lives. Participants reflected on the meaning and origin of poverty — when the relationship between God and creation breaks, there is a knock-on effect that substances, emotions, human beings and the earth will fall into solitude and hopelessness. Participants also discussed ways to help the poor more effectively and meaningfully. In 2020, HKCNP will organize another WHH book study session jointly with St. Andrew's Church. All who are interested in building their lives and serve with impact are welcomed to join us.



Register now

Lent Prayer Booklet - Pray for the Poor

In order to encourage Christians to intercede for local churches' poverty services, since 2018, HKCNP has started to gather prayer requests from partner churches and compiled Lent prayer booklets. When we commemorate Jesus Christ who suffered and sacrificed for the salvation of man during Lent, we encourage Christians to pray for families who lack food and are regularly in needs, and the churches which serve them. This ministry is supported by quite a few of our partners who pray with us.



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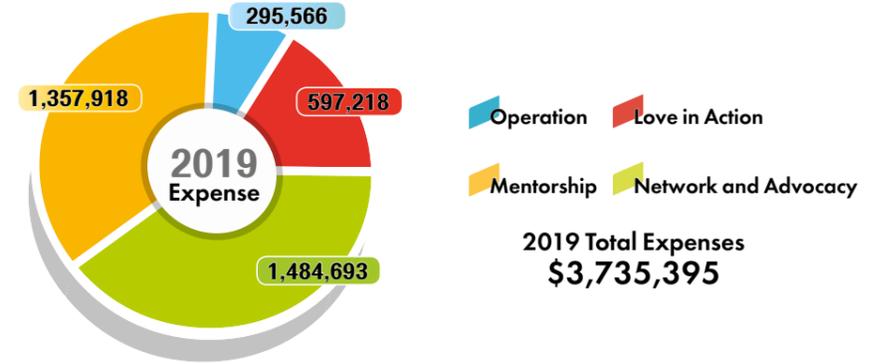
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Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

[2 Cor 9:10-11]



Support Poverty Alleviation Movement <<



If you are interested in learning more about our ministry, poverty information in Hong Kong and our latest updates, please visit our website and Facebook page.

Become our partner and join the network of poverty relief

We sincerely invite churches, organizations, schools or enterprises to join us as a partner to transform communities together by:

- Recognizing the mission and work of HKCNP and motivating your team to participate in poverty caring ministry
- Actively participating in the education and advocacy of poverty relief so as to foster social justice and influence social policy
- Staying up to date with our latest news and ministries, actively inviting other partners to participate in services
- Joining poverty relief network, sharing the resources of HKCNP and enhancing poverty relief work which brings community transformation.

Register as our partner
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Register as "HKCNP Ambassador" or join our "Internship Program" if you have the aspirations of relieving poverty, following the lead of God and voicing out for the poor by promoting the anti-poverty movement of HKCNP in your church or organization, and assisting us in events.

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Register as our intern
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Sharings from summer interns

I have very limited understanding of local poverty issues and only learn from related literature and figures in classes and from books. I don't have much chance to meet the grassroots and understand difficulties they face and their needs. I interviewed the person-in-charge of activities and briefly chatted with beneficiaries during hot meal servings and children services. I found that many elderly and new arrivals live in poor conditions and could not afford their basic needs. They felt embarrassed to ask for help. Luckily, many kind-hearted people have devoted their efforts to the underprivileged and regularly organize activities like home visits, free supplies distributions and English courses to support the needy and make good use of district resources to improve the life quality of the grassroots.



— Natalie (University student intern)

Apart from learning more about the situation of the grassroots, I also learnt more about myself. I found my interests in conducting interviews and investigation-related works. For instance, I interviewed grassroots living in Central and Western District because I really wanted to know their stories and experiences before showing my care for them. And that allows them to express their worries and pain. I remember that at the end of one of the interviews, to my surprise, the interviewee expressed his gratitude to me. He told me that he felt better after expressing all his pain just now. Though the grassroots suffered much in their lives, actions as simple as listening to their stories and experiences can already comfort them.

— Alvah (University student intern)

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

Matthew 25:40

Please support the asset-based community transformation movement, in which the people of a community grow in their ability to solve their own problems and take control of their lives, resulting in growth of the whole person and improvement of the various aspects of their community. Thus, the individuals and the community become all that God intends them to be.

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