

# HKCNP Poverty Forum 2018

## WORKSHOP

'How to equip grassroots children  
from the starting line'

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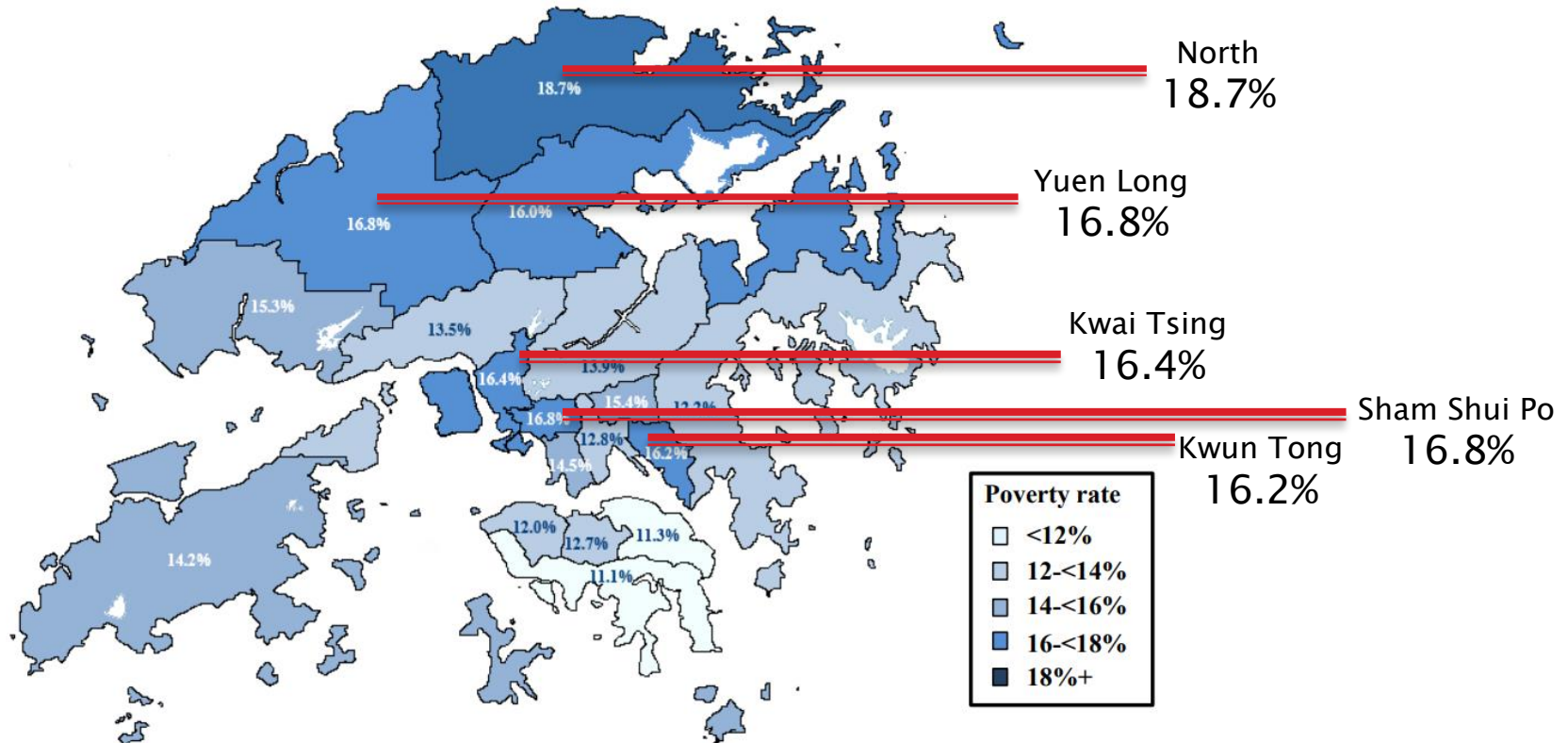


# Hong Kong Poverty Statistics

According to analysis of the poverty situation in Hong Kong in 2016 :

- ▶ Population living in poverty : 995,800人
- ▶ Households in poverty : 412,400
- ▶ Children below 18 y.o. : 172,000人

# Which districts are the poorest ?



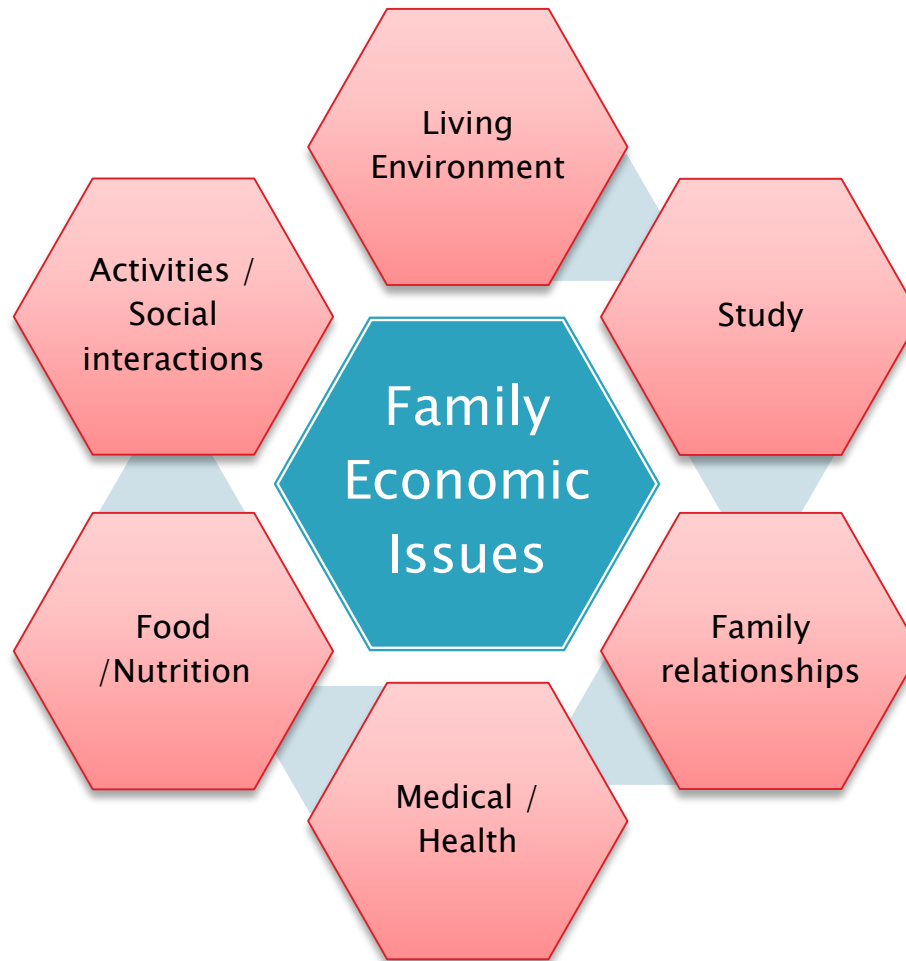
Note: Based on poverty statistics after recurrent cash intervention.  
Source: General Household Survey, Census and Statistics Department.

Analysis of poverty situation in Hong Kong in 2016

# Sham Shui Po (SSP) Poverty Situation

- ▶ SSP current population = approx. 400,000  
Family households = approx. 148,000
- ▶ Median income = \$22,000  
(Hong Kong median income = \$26,500)
- ▶ Population 14 y.o. & below = 49,300 (12.3%)
- ▶ Population between 15–24 y.o. = 40,500 (10.01%)
- ▶ According to Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report 2016 :
  - SSP poverty population = 63,200 (Family households = 25,400)
  - Single parent households = 8.5%  
New immigrant households = 5.8% (both higher than other districts)
  - Families with children & Working poor households are 34.7% and 37.5% respectively
  - Population on CSSA = 21.5% (highest among 18 districts)

# Situation grassroots children face



# Living Environment

- ▶ Subdivided flats, partitioned rooms
- ▶ Gross area of subdivided flats ranges from 7– 13 m<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ Kitchen and washroom usually in the same area; sleeping, eating and studying are usually on the bed
- ▶ Limited space for children directly affects their growth





# Food/Nutrition

- ▶ According to a survey of dietary conditions of grassroots children from the People Service Centre, among 216 children from Sham Shui Po, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Wong Tai Sin, Tuen Mun families, about 17.6% have experienced 'hunger', 'eating one meal less' or 'not eating for the whole day'.
- ▶ Inadequate kitchen, only one burner stove and rice cooker; poor ventilation, can only cook simple meals
- ▶ To save money, usually purchase less or no meat



# Medical/Health

- ▶ Purchase non-prescribed drugs for most illnesses



- ▶ Emergency



專科門診新症輪候時間(周)

專科	最短時間	最長時間
耳鼻喉科	41 (港島西)	86 (九龍東)
眼科	46 (港島西)	149 (九龍東)
婦科	51 (九龍中)	129 (新界西)
內科	77 (新界西)	103 (新界東)
骨科	79 (港島西)	185 (新界東)
兒科	15 (港島西)	34 (新界東)
精神科	45 (港島東)	146 (新界東)
外科	52 (九龍西)	87 (新界東)

資料來源：醫管局 10 月 31 日網上資料





# Study Issues

- ▶ Overly stressed re academic results
- ▶ Children lack encouragement
- ▶ Parents lack knowledge in instructing their children in their homework
- ▶ Parents cannot afford tutoring



# Activities / Social interactions

- ▶ School
- ▶ Home
- ▶ Parks



# Game : Let's Count!


How much does a family of four  
spend each month?



# Case study for 4-person household

Mr. & Mrs. Chan, family of 4, son P.5, daughter P.2. Mrs. Chan works as a housewife, Mr. Chan works as a construction worker. Monthly income: \$15,000.

Expenditure Item	Cost
Rental	5,300.00
Water & electricity bill	500.00
Food (\$150 X 30) (Mr. Chan brings lunch)	4,500.00
Children's lunch fees (\$380 X 2)	760.00
Internet/phone bills	400.00
Tutoring fee for one child	800.00
Insurance fee	500.00
Transportation fee	750.00
Other expenditures	500.00
Monthly Expenditures:	14,010.00

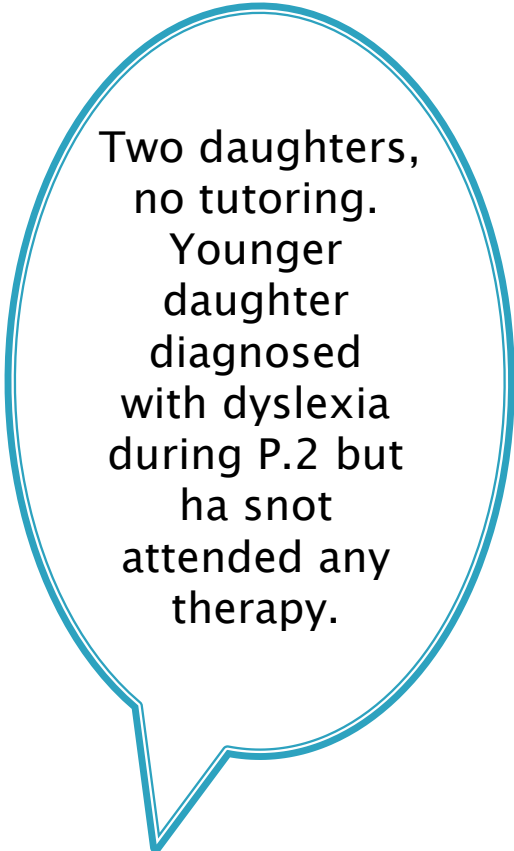


Occasionally sick.  
Relatives' wedding/ funeral. New school year starts.  
Chinese New Year etc.

# Case study for Single Parent Family (3-person household)

Ms Cheung works as a construction worker. Monthly income \$13,000.  
Has two daughters – elder daughter F.2, younger daughter P.5

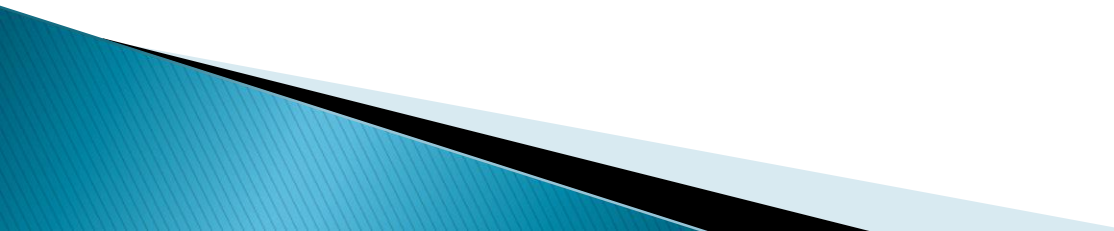
Expenditure Item	Cost
Rental	5,000.00
Water & electricity bill	300.00
Family meals (Ms Cheung brings lunch)	2,000.00
Elder daughter's lunch & transportation fees	1,500.00
Lunch for younger daughter (Community Care Fund sponsor)	0
Transportation fees	800.00
Support for parents	3,000.00
Monthly Expenditures:	12,600.00



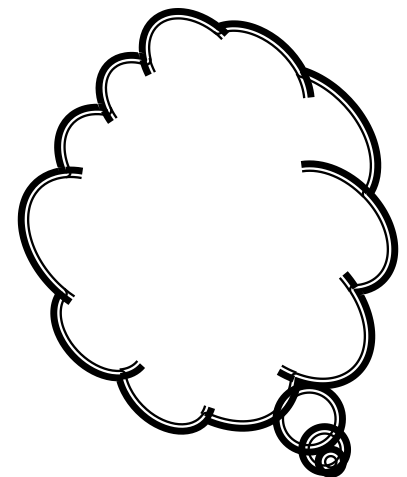
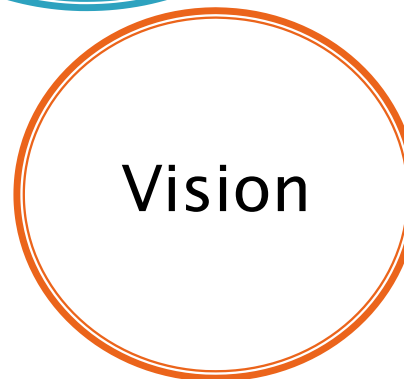
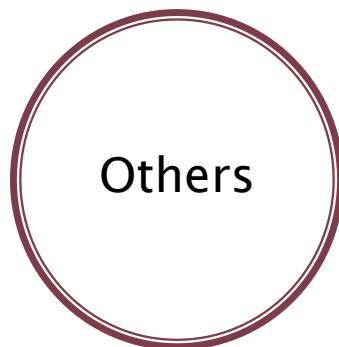
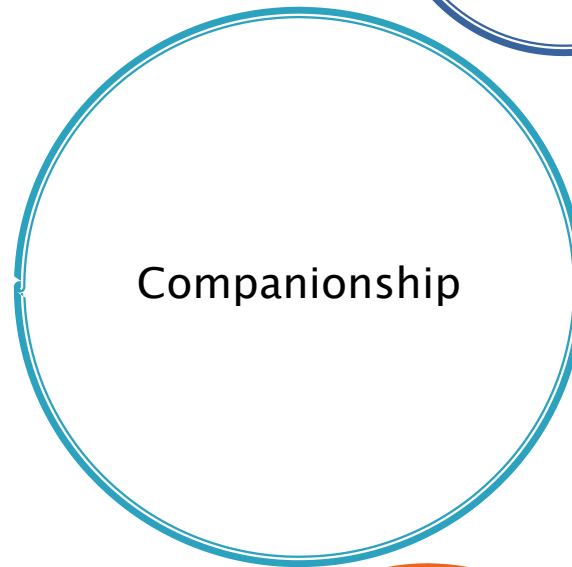
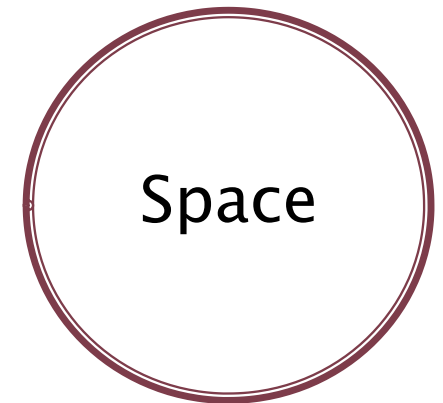
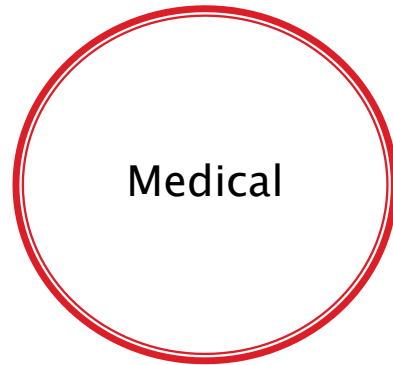
Two daughters,  
no tutoring.  
Younger  
daughter  
diagnosed  
with dyslexia  
during P.2 but  
has not  
attended any  
therapy.



# What we are doing...

- ▶ Academic support : English, Interest Classes
  - ▶ Outings : Bowling, Movie, Ocean Park, etc.
  - ▶ Family Activities : The Peak, Tai O, Museum
  - ▶ SEN Support
  - ▶ Food Aid : Bread, milk powder, meal vouchers
  - ▶ Practical Needs : Schoolbags, sportswear
  - ▶ Caring : Home visitation
  - ▶ Resources referral : Interim Housing Plan
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# Still needed...



# Challenges & Prospects



Q & A