

*Child Welfare Development and Social Inclusion  
of At-Risk Children: Progress Report*

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## Objectives

- To **support organizational and community capacity** for leadership in advocacy among child welfare NGOs in Hong Kong
- To **develop 'best practice'** materials for building capacity in advocacy among child welfare NGOs in Hong Kong drawing on practices of local, regional and international
- To **create a sustainable foundation platform** that will enable cross-sector collaborations in the promotion of child welfare and child protection in Hong Kong.
- To **promote inclusion** of and **social justice** for children in Hong Kong within local communities, educational institutions and governmental policy makers
- To **produce** and disseminate a **manifesto** concerning current child welfare trends in Hong Kong and best practice models drawing on international models when applicable.

Progress: Phase 1 (Oct  
2015 – Aug 2016)

Date	Name/ Task	Notes
<b>1. STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT WITH SELECTED CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS WORKING WITH DIVERSE AT-RISK CHILDREN</b>		
19 Nov 2014	Mother's Choice	Project team members have engaged in informal conversations about the new project and have received positive feedback from a number of key partners including Pathfinders, two additional organizations previously not identified as key partners, Mother's Choice and New Home Association.
30 Nov 2014	Children's Summit	
30 Mar 2015	Symposium on Child and Development and Creating Capabilities	
13-14 Nov 2015	The Third Children's Issues Forum	

<b>2. IN-DEPTH CASE STUDIES OF LOCAL POLICY ADVOCACY STRATEGIES IN CHILD WELFARE AND PROTECTION</b>		
Completed	Research	- Literature review of academic scholarship related to advocacy completed - Data collection/ monitoring instruments, ethical application completed
21 Nov 2014	Hong Kong Unison	- Advocacy for ethnic minority rights; ethnic minority children
10 Sept 2015	Against Child Abuse	- Advocacy for child protection and awareness
25 Aug 2015	Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children (HKSPC)	- Advocacy for child care
21 Sept 2015	Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children (HKSPC)	- Second meeting with HKSPC
25 Nov 2015	Society for Community Organization (SoCo)	- Advocacy for children in poverty
26 Nov 2015	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	- Advocacy for child protection and children's rights
Jan 2016 (scheduled)	Playright	- Advocacy for the right to play for children
Feb 2016 (scheduled)	The Boys' and Girls' Club Association of Hong Kong	- Advocacy for children's rights
	Pathfinders	- Advocacy for migrant mothers and their children
	New Home Association	- Advocacy for ethnic minority children's rights

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<b>3. DEVELOPMENT OF PILOT TRAINING MATERIALS WITH WORKING GROUP COMPRISED OF INVITED ORGANIZATIONS AND SELECTED ALLIED PROFESSIONALS</b>		
Upcoming	Developing training materials	- Research and consolidation - On-going communication with key civil society organization partners
<b>4. DELIVERY OF PILOT TRAINING WORKSHOPS</b>		
Scheduled May, June 2016	Pilot training workshops	- Workshops to be conducted on advocacy strategies, child welfare development in Hong Kong in diverse cross-sector platform
<b>5. WORKSHOP ON BEST PRACTICES IN POLICY ADVOCACY FOR CHILD WELFARE AND PROTECTION WITH LOCAL AND (VIRTUAL) INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION</b>		
Completed	Consultative meetings with international child welfare academics	- Consultative meetings held with international child welfare academics from South Korea, Australia, and New Zealand
Upcoming	Consultative meetings with international child welfare academics	- Consultative meetings will be held with international child welfare academics from South Africa, the Netherlands, and Indonesia

Phase 2 (Sept 2016 – Aug  
2017)

- The second phase of the project is primarily dedicated to consolidating materials, and to deliver one child welfare advocacy symposium that will involve professionals from diverse backgrounds in relation to child welfare and children's rights. The final report and public dissemination of training materials will be completed within the second phase of the study.

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<b>6. DELIVERY OF CHILD WELFARE ADVOCACY SYMPOSIUM</b>		
Scheduled Mar 2017	Child welfare advocacy symposium	- Child welfare symposium to be conducted on advocacy strategies, child welfare development in Hong Kong in diverse cross-sector platform
<b>7. PREPARATION AND DISSEMINATION ON FINAL REPORT AND CHILD WELFARE ADVOCACY STRATEGIES IN HONG KONG</b>		
Scheduled Jun 2017	Final Report & Training material	Dissemination of final report and advocacy training materials

## Expected Outcomes I

- Child welfare NGOs will benefit from:
  - Development of multiagency and **cross-sector collaborations** in child welfare and protection in Hong Kong
  - **Training workshops** on culturally relevant 'best practices' in policy advocacy
- Public
  - Increased **awareness** on children's rights, inclusion, and child welfare development in Hong Kong
  - A **report (manifesto)** that consolidates all advocacy and training materials will be produced and disseminated
- Allied professionals will benefit from:
  - Improved **access to knowledge** and **participation** opportunities in multi-agency and cross-sector collaborations

## Thank you!

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