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Women Build 2019 Summary

Thank you

We are so grateful to all of our Women Build partners for helping us raise HKD 412,000!

Thank you for taking part in Women Build 2019. Your support enabled us to complete the renovation of a hostel for teenage girls facing crisis pregnancy (Mother's Choice), a shelter for migrant workers and their babies and the homes of low-income elderly women living in Hong Kong.



About Women Build

Habitat's Women Build is an international campaign that, since 1991, has been engaging volunteers around the world to support Habitat projects that empower women, children and the disadvantaged living in poverty across the globe.

For Habitat Hong Kong this was our second annual Women Build. This year we were thrilled to partner with some incredible local NGOs in order to drive a collective movement to create decent living spaces for women in our city!

We celebrated International Women's Day 2019 by organising a month long Women Build campaign. Our key partners included Mother's Choice, PathFinders and Social Service providers.



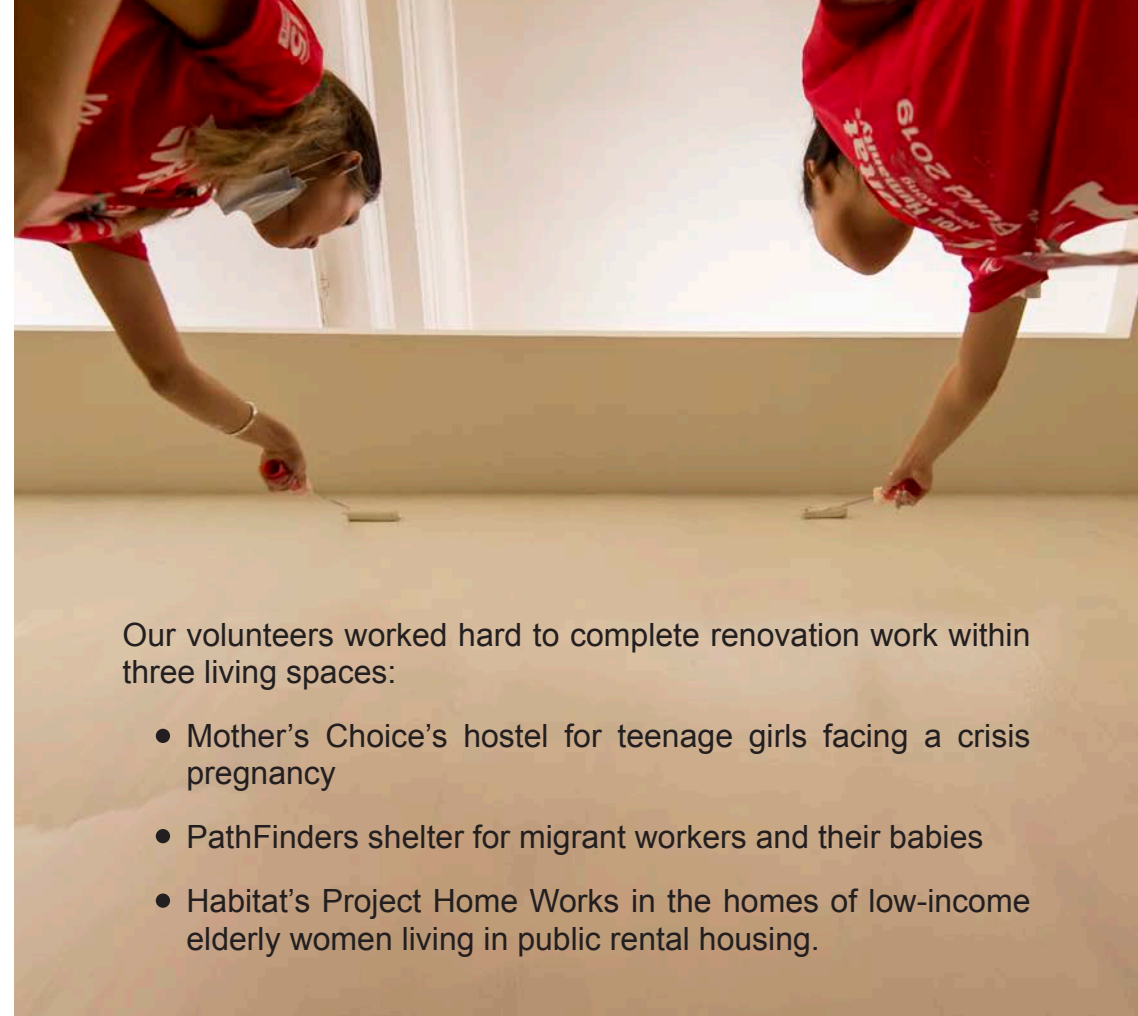
Working hard to empower women

With the help of our phenomenal volunteers we transformed the living spaces of women, teenagers and babies living in vulnerable conditions, through the provision of essential renovation services.

Our volunteers rolled up their sleeves and helped scrape paint, plaster ceilings, apply mould-proofing primer and painted walls to make living spaces cleaner, safer and more homely for vulnerable women and their babies.

Supported by 12 corporate partners, two foundations and numerous individuals, Women Build Hong Kong ran throughout the month of March. More than 130 volunteers, male and female, were engaged in the project, providing an amazing 800 hours of work.

Habitat Hong Kong Ambassador, Emily Lam Ho, supported the campaign as our inaugural volunteer on 2 March. Emily and her fellow volunteers were featured in Tatler, East Week, Sing Tao Daily and We People magazine, increasing the profile of the campaign and raising much-needed awareness of Hong Kong women's housing challenges.



Our volunteers worked hard to complete renovation work within three living spaces:

- Mother's Choice's hostel for teenage girls facing a crisis pregnancy
- PathFinders shelter for migrant workers and their babies
- Habitat's Project Home Works in the homes of low-income elderly women living in public rental housing.



Programme highlights



Volunteers engaged

134



Partners

3



Volunteer hours

800+

How we helped

Habitat Hong Kong's Project Home Works provides essential home repairs and renovation for low-income families and people with disabilities. These vulnerable families usually live in public housing estates and are solely reliant upon government social assistance.

Through this programme, we help to improve the living conditions for 200 families a year, contributing to improved health and wellbeing. Between 2016 and 2018, 75% of our Project Home Works beneficiaries were female and their average age was 79 years old.

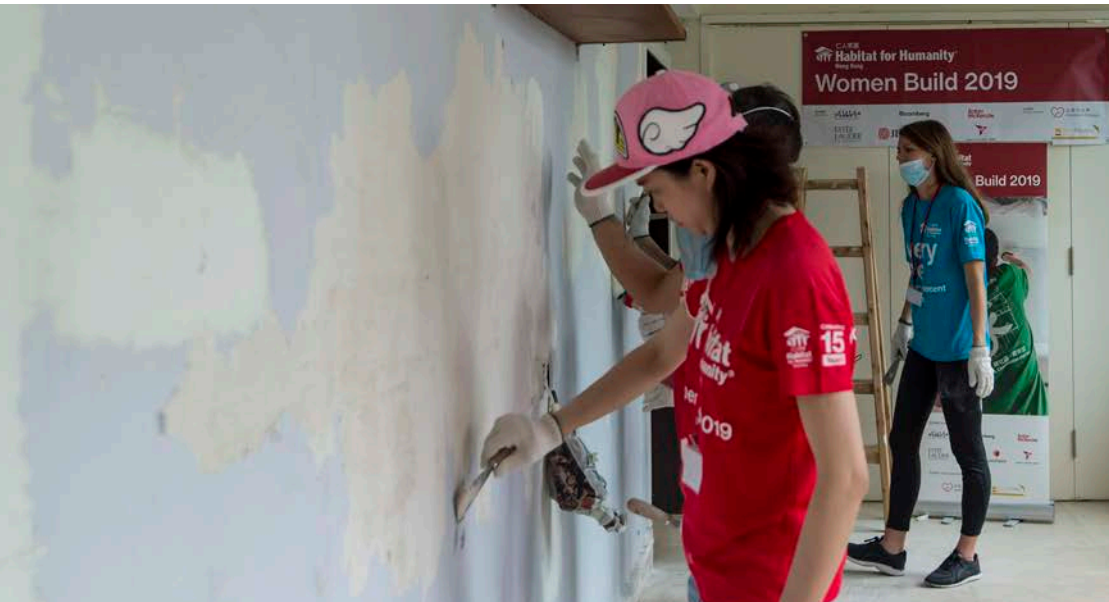
Whilst Project Home Works takes place throughout the year, for Women Build 2019 we were delighted to focus on female residents by providing renovation services in their homes.

“Helping low-income families to live with dignity in decent homes is a driving principle of Habitat Hong Kong's work. For this year's Women Build we were honoured to help elderly women living in public housing estates with simple but vital renovation services.

Events such as these provide not only a safer, more secure home for the home partners, but also show them that they are remembered, respected and valued.”



Jo Hayes
CEO, Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong





Every year, there are at least 6,880 crisis pregnancies in Hong Kong, the majority of which are single girls under the age of 25. Mother's Choice serves to support the mothers and babies in such crisis circumstances with the provision of a hostel and holistic programmes including counselling and skills training.

“At Mother's Choice our vision is to see every child in a loving family and we believe this seemingly impossible goal can be accomplished when we join hands with our community to give hope and change life stories. The recent partnership with Habitat for Humanity is a glowing example of this.

Thanks to all the hard work of Habitat for Humanity volunteers, our hostel will continue to be filled with love, warmth and acceptance to all girls who call Mother's Choice home.”



PathFinders helps pregnant, migrant women (usually current or former foreign domestic workers) in distress, and their Hong Kong-born children. Once their employment is terminated, often unlawfully, these pregnant women immediately become homeless. PathFinder's emergency shelter offers the babies and mums a safe place to stay while they are supported to find a permanent, positive solution.

“Thank you so much again for supporting Habitat for Humanity and PathFinders, and for providing their babies and mothers with a nurturing, comfortable and safe place to live while they figure out their future plans.” Catherine Gurtin, CEO Pathfinders.

Transforming homes, transforming lives

We would like to say a big Thank You to our Women Build 2019 volunteers and key partners. With your support we were able to transform the living spaces of vulnerable women, teenagers and babies to make them cleaner, safer and much more comfortable.

For many of these women and children, knowing that others are keen to help and support them goes a long way to helping them feel more positive and optimistic.

By creating a home away from home or a safe living space, we have helped empower these women and have helped build a real sense of hope for the future.



**Thank you for supporting
Habitat Hong Kong's Women Build 2019**



