



Tai Po Fire Response & Recovery

Progress Report

March 2026

Wang Fuk Court Fire

On 26 November 2025, a catastrophic fire swept through Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po, claiming 168 lives and displacing nearly 2,000 families. We mourn those who were lost and stand in solidarity with the survivors whose lives have been irreversibly changed. This tragedy underscores not only the urgency of immediate relief, but also the critical need for sustained, long-term housing support to help families rebuild their futures with dignity.

Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong is committed to playing a central role in the long-term recovery of affected families. Building on our expertise in post-disaster housing and our deep understanding of the needs of elderly residents in Hong Kong, we are developing a three-year plan to deliver comprehensive housing services. This plan is being shaped in close consultation with transitional housing operators, frontline social workers, and the families themselves to ensure our support is responsive, integrated, and impactful.

From the outset, our response has been highly targeted, guided by real time requests from Transitional Housing Centres, elderly centres, and the social workers assigned to each family. To ensure coordination with major institutional efforts, including those led by the HKSAR Government, we have kept the Housing Bureau informed of our activities. We have also formally registered our response initiatives through the Hong Kong Council of Social Service platform, reinforcing our commitment to a unified and sustained recovery effort.

While planning for long term recovery, we remain focused on addressing immediate needs. Through our service days, families receive essential household items such as beds, bedding, tables, chairs, wardrobes, rice cookers, portable heaters, blankets, and kettles. These items offer not only practical support but also contribute to restoring a sense of safety, comfort, and emotional stability during a time of profound upheaval.

Together, we can make a lasting difference. With the ongoing support of donors, volunteers, and partners, we can help bring hope, stability, and brighter futures to the families of Wang Fuk Court.





Our organization worked closely with The Lutheran Church Hong Kong Synod to provide rapid support through networking, logistics, winter kit distribution, and on-site volunteer coordination at two transitional housing sites. Our efforts were recognized and praised by Deputy Financial Secretary Michael Wong and Secretary for Housing Winnie Ho during their site visits, with gratitude conveyed for our swift and solid response to the community's urgent needs.

To ensure effective collaboration and alignment with broader institutional efforts, we kept the Housing Bureau updated and registered our initiatives on the Hong Kong Council of Social Service platform. We also established partnerships with NGOs offering complementary health and food support, ensuring ongoing coordination and maximizing the impact of recovery efforts for the Tai Po community.



Our Response

Emergency relief and early support

(November 2025)



Immediately activated our network of NGO partners and elderly centres, while engaging new partners including transitional housing operators, to assess urgent needs following the fire.



Coordinated all actions closely with NGO partners and the social workers appointed to the families, to ensure our support was tailored to the needs communicated directly by frontline teams.



Launched a fundraising campaign on the Give.Asia platform and reached out to our donors for support.



Critical aid distribution

We delivered critical items to Sik Sik Yuen Ho Hong Neighbourhood Centre for Senior Citizens, the Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council, and the New Territories PHAB Centre.

300 masks	50 blankets	50 portable chargers	150+ household kits
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We provided 50 household kits to elderly residents at Oi Kwan Care For The Aged Home in Tai Po.

108 bath towels	50 sets of underwear	50 pairs of slippers
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We supported transitional housing sites managed by The Lutheran Church—Hong Kong Synod.

40 winter kits (Portable heater, blankets, and extension cords)	100 packs of cleaning supplies	160 extension cords	100 blankets
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Our Response

Short term support

December 2025 - February 2026

-  Organised multiple large-scale service days with up to 100 volunteers to distribute household kits, blankets, cleaning supplies, and other essential items, as well as arrange deliveries and conduct furniture installation work.
-  Arranged procurement and delivery of electric kettles, rice cookers, furniture, portable heaters, extension cords, bedding, and other household essentials, and prepared and equipped 170 transitional housing units in one site alone, as well as assisted with six sites in total.
-  Implemented a range of our Ageing in Place home modification services in homes that are not adapted to the needs of the elderly or wheelchair users, including anti-slip floor coating, beds, sturdy tables and chairs, etc.
-  Delivered over 140 essential household items to transitional and temporary housing sites across Hong Kong and provided direct support to households relocating into or within transitional housing, supplying and installing essential appliances and furniture according to each family's needs.



To date, we have delivered essential household items to a range of transitional, temporary, and private housing locations across Hong Kong. Each family faces unique challenges, and our support has been adapted accordingly.

Transitional and Temporary Housing	Private Housing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ho Yuet Home, Chuk Un • Eminence Tower 1, Hung Shui Kiu • Trackside Villas, Tai Po Kau • Kai Fook Kui, Kai Tak • Tung Yu, Kai Tak • CONCORDIA Tsat Sing Kong, Yeun Long • CONCORDIA Sheung Yue River, Yeun Long • The Step, Yuen Long • Yap Ting Terraced Home, Tseung Kwan O • Yu Ying Lau, Tin Wan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ka On Building, Kennedy Town • Venice Garden, Tuen Mun • Tai Po Centre

Distribution of essential household items

A wide range of essential household items were provided to families in need. In total, 8,778 household items have been distributed as part of the early response.

- 2807 Basic cleaning supplies
- 960 Bed linens
- 779 Chairs
- 701 Quilts / Blankets
- 685 Storage boxes
- 440 Pillows and pillowcases
- 340 Trash bins and bags
- 385 Wardrobes
- 276 Dining tables / Tables
- 271 Hair Dryers
- 246 Heaters
- 228 Rice cookers
- 216 Electric kettles
- 195 Fridges / Refrigerators
- 194 Extension cords
- 192 Televisions
- 191 Single-handle cooking pots / Frying pans / Additional pots
- 179 Shoe racks / Shoe cabinets
- 178 Shelves / racks
- 171 Induction cookers
- 59 Air conditioners
- 29 Bed frames
- 29 Microwave ovens
- 25 Cabinets
- 17 Fans / Exhaust fans
- 14 Washing machines
- 12 Dehumidifiers
- 9 Desks
- 6 Sofas
- 6 Multifunctional cookers
- 5 Air purifiers
- 4 Mattresses
- 3 Curtains
- 3 Lighting
- 2 Safety chairs / Bath chairs
- 2 Anti-slip nano treatments
- 1 Walking frame / stick
- 1 Commode chair
- 1 Pill box
- 1 Iron



NGO Partners

We are sincerely grateful to the many NGOs and dedicated social workers who have worked alongside us to identify the needs of affected families. Their collaboration has made it possible for us to distribute resources efficiently and reach those who need support most.

- Social Welfare Department
- Sik Sik Yuen Ho Hong Neighbourhood Centre for Senior Citizens
- Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council
- New Territories PHAB Centre
- Aberdeen Integrated Family Service Centre
- South Tai Po Integrated Family Service Centre
- Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association
- The Lutheran Church Hong Kong Synod
- Christian Family Service Centre



Volunteer Engagement

We were thrilled to receive an overwhelming level of support from the community, with more than 1,000 individuals signing up to volunteer. Of those, 203 mobilized their time and energy across 15 services days. Their commitment played a vital role in enabling us to deliver emergency relief, coordinate distributions and preparing temporary homes for affected families. We extend our thanks to all volunteers for families throughout this response and in the weeks and month ahead.



November 2025 - February 2026

-  1000+ new volunteers registered
-  203 volunteers mobilised
-  15 service days held

As we plan upcoming services days in the weeks and month ahead, community members who wish to continue supporting our recovery efforts can sign up through our volunteer registration form. Volunteers will receive updates and can sign up for each service day, with spots confirmed on a first come, first served basis. Confirmed volunteers join a WhatsApp group for streamlined coordination.

Sign up as a volunteer



Next Steps



Support family relocations and complete installations as households continue to move between shelters, hotels, family accommodation, and transitional housing units.



Respond to new requests and provide case-by-case assistance to meet specific housing needs, whilst also evolving discussions around medium and long-term support needed.



Continue working with social workers and heads of transitional housing centres to identify urgent priorities that are housing related and where appropriate, connect families to holistic services beyond the scope of our programming, including medical care and counselling.



Continue mobilising volunteers and contractors to prepare transitional homes with essential furniture, appliances, and adaptation.



Develop and implement a three-year plan to support families in the longer-term.



Families affected by the Tai Po fire will receive tailored housing support in transitional and, where needed, permanent housing. The estimated level of assistance Habitat Hong Kong can provide, with the generous support of our donors, will be tailored to each household's specific needs and may vary:

- Essential housing support: approximately HKD 2,000 per household
- Comprehensive housing support: up to HKD 50,000 per household

Support may be phased over time, recognising that some families may need assistance and multiple touch points with our team for several years before they are able to settle into permanent housing.

Case Study - Mr & Mrs. Lau

After the devastating fire at Wang Tai House, Wang Fuk Court, Mr. and Mrs. Lau, both aged 59, lost their home and nearly all their belongings. The government urgently relocated them to Eminence Tower I at Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen Dedicated Rehousing Estate, far from their familiar neighborhood and support networks.

The sudden move took a toll on Mrs. Lau, who works in Fo Tan and now faced a difficult three-hour daily commute. The stress of relocation and lengthy travel began to impact her health, both physically and mentally, but she had no alternatives.



Amidst these challenges, we immediately helped the Lau family select and order new essential furniture and appliances, dining table, stools, bunk bed, sofa, desk, kitchen and shoe cabinets, wardrobe, TV stand and television, as well as cooking utensils, helping them start over with dignity.



Just as things began to stabilise, they received unexpected news: government rent would soon be collected for their unit, so they found a flat near Mong Kok Station, but moving their heavy new furniture was daunting. Overwhelmed, they couldn't manage alone.

Once again, we mobilised support, sending a team of eight dedicated volunteers and two professional contractors to help. The volunteers worked tirelessly, carrying all heavy furniture and other items into the new Mong Kok home. The team stayed to assemble and arrange the furniture, ensuring the new space was safe, comfortable, and ready for Mr. and Mrs. Lau to settle in.

I am truly grateful to Habitat and the volunteers—without their help, we couldn't moved all the heavy furniture or made this new place a real home.

- Mrs. Lau

Case Study - Mr & Mrs. Wong

Mrs. Wong, aged 72, and her husband lived peacefully in Wang Chi House, Wang Fuk Court, Tai Po. However, their lives were upended by a devastating fire that swept through Wang Fuk Court, leaving them suddenly homeless and stripped of their essential possessions.

Following this tragedy, the government relocated them to Eminence Tower I, within the Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen Dedicated Rehousing Estate (DRE). Their new room was furnished with only the most basic facilities and a handful of small appliances. Amidst an outpouring of donations from various sources, their room quickly filled with supplies. Unfortunately, limited storage space meant that their living area became cramped and cluttered, forcing Mr. and Mrs. Wong to adapt to an uncomfortable and temporary living situation.



Life in the new district brought additional challenges. The colder weather in the North District caused Ms. Wong to fall ill several times since their move. The lack of heating and the crowded environment further impacted their wellbeing.

Recognising their urgent needs, we provided essential items, including heaters, electric heating pads, and bathroom heaters, allowing Mr. and Mrs. Wong to weather the winter comfortably and safely.

But the support didn't stop there. We also helped to improve their living environment for the long term. Professional measurements were taken to optimize their limited space, followed by the installation of new wardrobes, TV cabinets, and kitchen shelves to increase storage and reduce clutter. Existing lights were replaced with brighter ones to improve the feel and function of their home, and foldable tables were swapped out for sturdier tables designed for elderly.



Fortunately, with the help of Habitat, we have regained a warm home.
- Mrs. Wong

Case Study - Mr & Mrs Cheung

Mrs Cheung and Mr Cheung, both aged 80, lost their home in the Tai Po fire and were relocated to Eminence Tower I. Facing unfamiliar surroundings and limited facilities, they received practical support from Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong, helping them to regain safety and comfort.

In their initial resettlement, Mrs Cheung, Mr Cheung, and their domestic helper faced cramped conditions, with the maid sleeping on the floor. We provided a bunk bed allowed the them to rest comfortably on the lower bunk and gave the maid her own space above.



Mrs Cheung, who has limited mobility and relies on a wheelchair, often faced difficulties during the night when needing to use the bathroom. To address this, we provided a commode chair, making night-time routines safer and reducing accident risks. Understanding the dangers of slips and falls for elderly residents, we also installed anti-slip flooring in the bathroom to further ensure the couple's safety and confidence when moving around.

In addition to these key supports, we delivered a comprehensive set of furniture to help the Cheungs better organize their living space and improve their comfort. This included a bedframe, wardrobes, bookshelves, TV cabinet, shoe rack, compact dining table, and more. Each piece was chosen to optimize their limited room and make daily living easier and brighter.



The improvements have greatly enhanced Mrs Cheung and Mr Cheung's quality of life. With safer, more accessible living conditions, they now enjoy greater confidence, independence, and comfort in their new home, regaining dignity and hope after a difficult period.

At our age, safety and comfort matter most. Thank you for helping us feel secure at home
- Mrs. Cheung

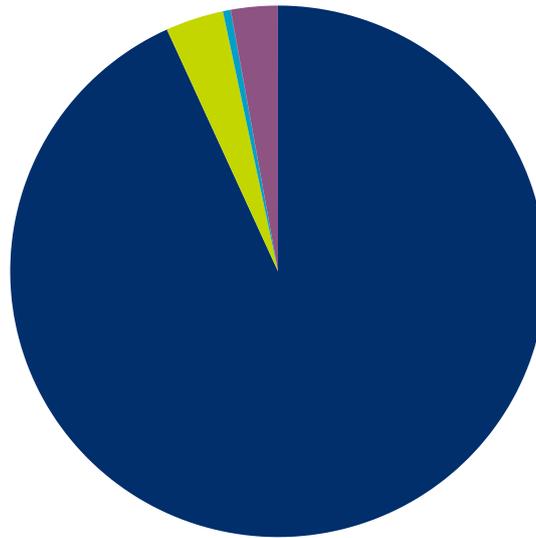
Financial Report

Revenue Raised to date:
HKD 19.3 million

Expenditure

November 2025- February 2026

● Materials ● Labour ● Transportation ● Miscellaneous ● Bags and Volunteer T-shirts ● Bank Charges



Tai Po Fire Response & Recovery	HKD
Materials	2,429,803
Labour (Contractors)	91,480
Transportation	11,745
Construction Other/Miscellaneous	703
Branded Bags and Volunteer T-shirts	73,500
Bank Charges	100
Total	2,607,331

100% of the donations received through the Give.Asia platform have been allocated directly to materials and labour costs. We are deeply grateful to Give.Asia for covering the platforms fees.

Habitat's emergency response to the Tai Po fire was made possible through the generous support of our donors. Your contributions enabled rapid resource mobilisation, coordinated relief efforts, and essential assistance for affected families. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all individuals, corporates, foundations, and schools whose generosity ensured timely and meaningful support during this difficult time.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Corporates (in alphabetical order)

Including many employees who went above and beyond with generous contributions.

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- CBI
- Central Healing
- DFS
- Estee Lauder
- Euroclear
- Formia
- FWD Group Management
- Give2asia Foundation
- Goodman
- Herbert Smith Freehills
- Hong Kong Girl Guides Association
- I Never Use Foundation Breakfast Club
- JLL
- LAAB Limited
- Lion Rock
- M&G
- Morgan Stanley
- Ogier
- Oxbow Capital Management
- Pacific Air
- Peninsula
- Rosewood Foundation
- Sassy Media Group
- Simpson Thacher & Bartlett
- The Hive
- Thomas Miller
- Techtronics Industries
- Watson Farley & Williams LLP
- ZS Hospitality Group

Foundations

- American Women's Association
- The Robert N.Ho. Foundation

Schools

- Canadian International School of Hong Kong
- Kiangsu-Chekiang College International Section

Habitat also extend our sincere gratitude to our media partners, community organisations, and corporate collaborators for supporting our response efforts. Your professional services, in-kind contributions, logistical assistance, and help in raising public awareness greatly strengthened our capacity and contributed to a well-coordinated, impactful response for families affected by the Tai Po fire.

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Media & Publicity Support

Our partners ensured timely communication and broad public outreach, helping mobilise community support through interviews, news coverage, and social media campaigns.

- Achi Acho Design
- Concalo Lobo Pinheiro
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- Jessica Magazine HK
- Laura's Personal Channel
- News Daily Asia
- Prestige HK
- RTHK Radio 3
- The Lion Rock Press

Community & Corporate Partners

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- Central Business Information Limited
- Crossroads Foundation Hong Kong
- Easy Bath
- Give.Asia
- GoGoX
- Mr Ma @ PDD
- Ocean Park Marriott Hotel
- Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School
- Rocky @ Wing Tai
- Techtronic Industries Company Limited

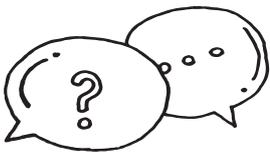
Stakeholders' Comments



"I believe deeply in transparency and in keeping our donors and volunteers closely connected to the work their support makes possible, which is why I've been sending regular email updates to share our progress, challenges, and moments of impact. Expressing gratitude is equally important, and as I've reached out with thanks over the past months, I've been truly moved by the thoughtful messages that have come back. Here is just a small selection of the responses I've received. Thank you to every single person who has supported and continues to support our work."

Jo Hayes, CEO Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong

Thank you so much for your heartfelt message and the detailed update. It's incredibly moving to see the impact that Habitat for Humanity and your partners are making in the wake of such a tragic event. We are honored to support this important work, and truly inspired by the dedication of your team and volunteers. Please keep us updated — we're grateful to be part of this journey toward rebuilding lives with dignity and hope.



Thank you for the detailed update on the impactful work Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong is doing in response to the Tai Po fire. It's truly heartening to see how quickly and effectively resources are being mobilized to support those affected. The efforts to deliver essential items and prepare transitional housing are commendable.

We understood that this is a long journey to assist [the families] back on track to a dignified daily life in the city, we are grateful that Habitat is moving forward with a longer term plan.

Thank you so much for the heartfelt message and the comprehensive update on Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong's response to the Tai Po fire. We are deeply moved by the tragic events and the resilience shown by everyone involved, especially the brave firefighters and the dedicated team at Habitat. We truly appreciate the incredible efforts made by your team to provide immediate relief and support for the affected families. Your dedication to long-term recovery and coordination efforts is commendable. Aligning with government efforts, strengthening NGO collaboration, and continuing to engage volunteers are all crucial steps in ensuring that the affected families can rebuild their lives with dignity and hope. We are honored to be a valued donor and are grateful for the opportunity to support such meaningful work. Please keep us updated on the progress and let us know if there is anything else we can do to assist. We are more than willing to provide additional volunteer support whenever needed. Together, we are rebuilding hope and creating a brighter future for those affected by this tragedy.

I am very grateful to you for your thank you message and the update with regards to the Fire at Tai Po. I am very grateful to you and your organisation for your generosity and kind assistance towards the residents affected by the Fire at Tai Po as well as to the needy people. Your inspiration and empowerment will inspire me to contribute more whether to local or overseas. We understood that this is a long journey to assist [the families] back on track to a dignified daily life in the city, we are grateful that Habitat is moving forward with a longer term plan.

“Thank you for everything you do for our home.”❤️



“Thank you for the update. It's great to see the progress and how the funds are being put to good use for the affected families.”



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