



Tai Po Fire Response & Recovery

Progress Report

June 2026

Overview

Immediate to short-term response

On 26 November 2025, a catastrophic fire at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po claimed 168 lives and displaced nearly 2,000 families, triggering an urgent need for both immediate relief and long-term recovery support. Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong responded rapidly, working with government, NGOs, and social workers to deliver coordinated assistance to affected families.

Our emergency response efforts focused on rapid needs assessments, mobilisation of partners, and distribution of essential supplies. In December 2025, January and February 2026, we distributed more than 8,700 household items including bedding, furniture, appliances, and winter kits to transitional housing sites, where over 170 units in one location alone were equipped and made ready for displaced families. Assistance was tailored to household needs, including additional support for elderly residents.

The response was strengthened by strong community engagement, with over 1,000 volunteers registering to help and 203 mobilised across 15 service days. Volunteers played a critical role in logistics, distribution, and home setup, enabling efficient delivery of support to families in transition. Close collaboration with key partners ensured efficient coordination and maximised impact across the response.

Building on this foundation, we have developed a 3-year recovery plan. Habitat is committed to addressing housing related needs that fall outside the scope of statutory assistance, such as safety adaptations, modest household setup, and stability during transitions, we can support families' dignity, wellbeing, and resilience while long-term rehousing solutions are being implemented.



Meeting with the Housing Bureau

21 April 2026

On 21st April, we engaged in a constructive and forward-looking meeting with the Under Secretary for Housing, Mr Victor Tai. The meeting was attended by Board Chair Jenny Chang, CEO Jo Hayes, Deputy CEO Katherine Rumble, and Programme Manager Emma Lau, reflecting the organisation's strong commitment to collaborating with government stakeholders on Hong Kong's pressing housing challenges.

A key focus of the discussion was Habitat Hong Kong's Tai Po Fire Response & Recovery Programme. The team provided an update on the our immediate and ongoing response following the incident, including progress on fundraising efforts and the delivery of support services to affected families. This exchange enabled alignment on both short-term relief and longer-term recovery planning.

The meeting also provided valuable insights into the Government's Special Sale Programme for affected households. This initiative includes newly available subsidised home ownership units aimed at supporting displaced families in rebuilding their living conditions. Based on current timelines, families are expected to make decisions regarding their future housing arrangements later this year, with anticipated move-in dates ranging from late 2026 to 2029, depending on location and allocation.



We welcomed the opportunity to better understand these policy measures and explore how its programmes can complement government efforts, particularly in supporting vulnerable households through transition and ensuring access to safe and decent living environments.

We were encouraged by the Housing Bureau's clear commitment to improving housing outcomes across the city. We remain aligned with these long-term policy goals and is dedicated to strengthening cross-sector collaboration to maximise impact.

Looking ahead, we will continue to work closely with government departments to support communities in need, contributing to a more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable housing future for Hong Kong.

Our Response

March 2026 - May 2026

Recovery efforts continued focusing on relocation assistance, delivery of essential household items, and home installations to restore safe, functional living conditions.

HOUSING STABILITY & DIRECT SUPPORT



A total of 94 families, representing 248 individuals were received on-site assistance and logistical coordination, including relocation support for 6 families. Additionally, 42 service days were delivered by staff and professional contractors to ensure continuity, safety, and technical support.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & VOUNTEER MOBILISATION



Volunteer engagement remained a vital component of programme delivery. A total of 10 volunteer service sessions were conducted, engaging 56 dedicated volunteers who worked alongside staff and professional contractors.



We delivered essential household items to transitional, temporary, and private housing locations across Hong Kong, with hands-on support provided by our teams and volunteers across multiple districts.

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 • Runway 1331, Kai Tak • Wong Yue Tan (Lok Sin Village), Tai Po • Wah Kwai Estate, Aberdeen • Disciplined Services Quarters, Sheung Shui • Chun Sin Mei Tsuen, Kowloon City • Yan Shing Court, Fanling • Yat Nga Court, Tai Po • Blossom Residence, Kwai Chung 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ka On Building, Kennedy Town • Venice Garden, Tuen Mun • Tai Po Centre • The Concerto, Sham Shui Po • Kwun Tong Garden Estate • Plover Cove Garden, Tai Po • Greenery Garden, Tai Po • Lok Sin Village, Tai Po • Plover Cove Village Area, Tai Po • Kam Fu Building, Tai Po • Kiu Wah Building, Ho Man Tin • Fui Sha Wai, Tai Po • Sun Hing Garden, Tai Po • Winner Centre, Chai Wan • Scenic Peak, Sheung Shui

Distribution of essential household items

Home installation support played a crucial role in transforming empty units into livable homes through the provision and setup of essential furniture and household equipment. Following the short-term support period, families have gradually settled into transitional housing with greater stability.

During March to May, our team shifted its focus to providing personalised support to families, assisting them directly during their relocation process and tailoring services to their individual needs. This included the delivery and installation of 498 essential household items to ensure each family could meet their basic living requirements comfortably. Details are as follows:

LIVING ROOM

Category	Quantity
Air conditioner	12
Air purifier	9
Basic tool kit	3
Bed frame	20
Bed linens	4
Bunk beds	1
Cabinet / Shelves	62
Curtains	3
Chairs	43
Desk	19
Extension cord	17
Hair dryer	2
Iron	10
Lighting (lamps / light fixtures)	4
Mattress	14
Mosquito net	2
Quilt	1

Sofa	9
Storage box	16
Shoe rack	19
Television	25
Vacuum cleaner	8
Wardrobe	52
Washing machine	8

BATHROOM

Category	Quantity
Antislip nano treatment	1
Dehumidifier	18
Fan	17
Handrail / Grab bar	2
Heater	13
Safety chair	1
Thermometer	1
Walking frame / Walking stick	2

KITCHEN

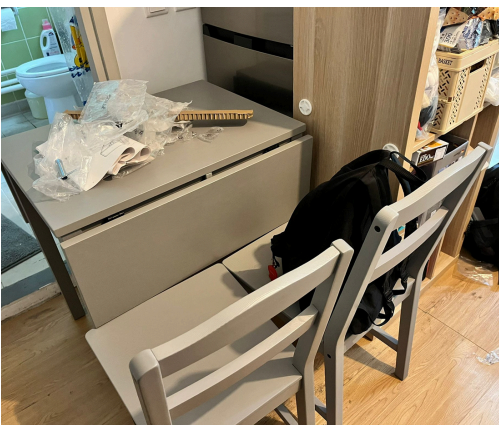
Category	Quantity
Dining table	14
Electric kettle	5
Exhaust fan	1
Induction cooker	5
Microwave oven	11
Multifunctional cooker	17
Range hood	1
Refrigerator	8
Rice cooker	8
Kitchen Pan	1
Steam cooker	6
Trash bin	2
Utensils	1

Case Study 1 - Mr & Mrs. Luk

Mr. and Mrs. Luk, aged 72 and 65, had been living a quiet retirement in Wang Kin House, Wang Fuk Court, until the devastating fire abruptly destroyed their home and overturned the stability they had built over the years. In its aftermath, Mr. Luk's health declined, and the couple was temporarily placed in a nursing home where crowded conditions and constant nighttime noise severely disrupted their sleep and well-being. They were later relocated by the government to Yue Ying Lau in the Southern District, where their new unit offered safety but only the most basic furnishings; as donations accumulated and salvaged belongings were retrieved, their limited living space quickly became cramped and difficult to manage.



Through neighbours in the community, Mr. and Mrs. Luk learned about our organisation and reached out for help. Understanding that their challenges were not only immediate but long-term, our team stepped in to support them in rebuilding a dignified living environment. Professional measurements were conducted to make the best use of their small unit, followed by the installation of a large wardrobe, foldable table and chairs, and a TV cabinet—solutions carefully chosen to maximise storage while preserving mobility and comfort. This tailored home improvement echoed our broader commitment to long-term recovery and age-friendly housing support for elderly fire survivors.



Mr. and Mrs. Luk will reside in Yue Ying Lau for up to two years, this support forms part of Habitat's three-year recovery plan. With long-term support, including assistance with future relocation, Mr. and Mrs. Luk have regained a sense of stability and dignity, and are once again able to feel secure and hopeful about the future.

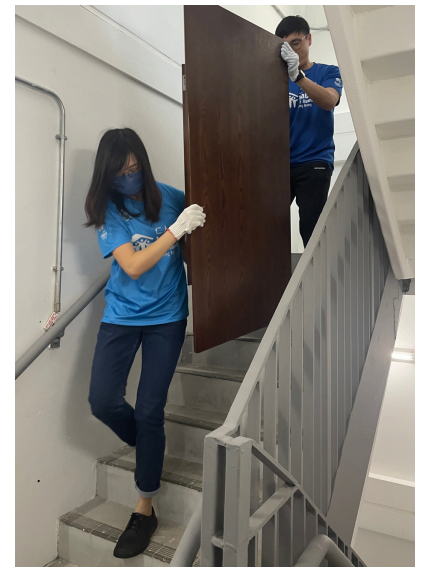
Habitat helped us turn a difficult place into a real home again. Their care and understanding gave us back comfort, dignity, and peace after the fire.

- Mr & Mrs. Luk

Case Study 2 - Mrs. Chung

Mrs. Chung, 72, had lived with her son and daughter in Wang Fuk Court, Tai Po for over 40 years. As they prepared to welcome relatives for the Chinese New Year after estate maintenance, a devastating fire destroyed their home, belongings, and sense of stability.

Following the fire, the family was relocated to transitional housing at Concordia Sheung Yue River in Fanling. While it provided temporary shelter, the location was far from their long-established Tai Po community, creating daily challenges such as long commutes and social disconnection. With rental assistance, they chose to return closer to home and secured a flat in Tai Po Centre. However, facing yet another move, Mrs. Chung felt overwhelmed and unsure how to begin the transition.



Responding to the needs of families affected by the Tai Po fire, Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong mobilised volunteers to provide hands-on moving assistance and essential household support. With the help of eight dedicated volunteers and contractors, the team carefully packed, transported, and retrieved remaining belongings, and provided essential items such as a television and mattress to help make the new flat livable. Beyond practical assistance, our team and volunteers offered patience, reassurance, and emotional support, recognising the mental and emotional strain caused by loss and repeated displacement. Together, these efforts upheld dignity and helped restore a sense of stability during a time of upheaval.

Returning to Tai Po was more than a move for us—it meant coming back to familiarity, community, and hope. With Habitat’s support, our new flat finally feels like home again.

- Mrs. Chung

Financial Report

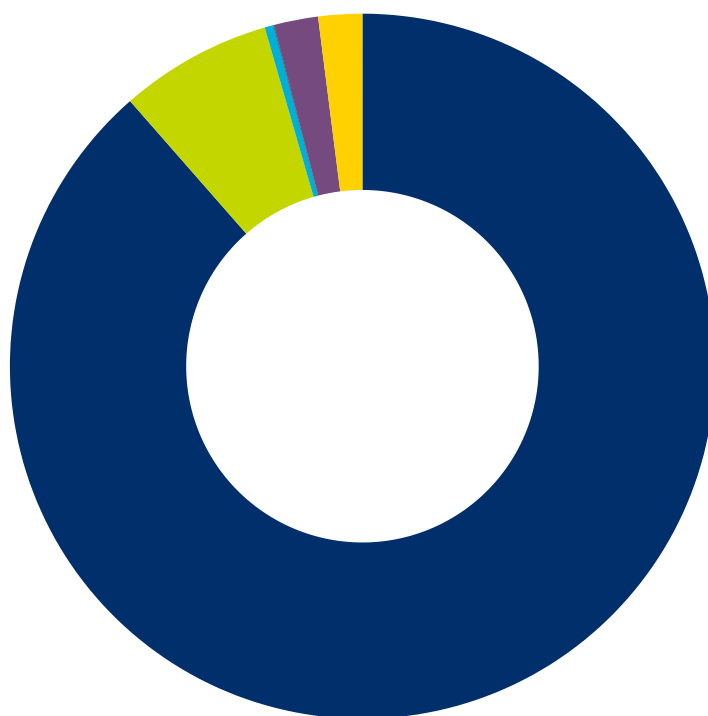
Revenue raised as at 31 May 2026 :

HKD 21 million

Expenditure: HKD 3.6 million

as at 31 May 2026

● *Materials* ● *Labour* ● *Transportation* ● *Miscellaneous* ● *Bags and Volunteer T-shirts* ● *Bank Charges* ● *Programme Staff Salaries*



Tai Po Fire Response & Recovery	Amount in HKD	Cost Breakdown in %
Materials	\$3,215,826	88.5%
Labour	\$253,640	7%
Transportation	\$14,979	0.4%
Miscellaneous	\$787	0.1%
Bags and Volunteer T Shirts	\$73,500	2%
Programme Staff Salaries	\$72,927	2%
Bank Charges	\$170	0.0%
Total	\$3,631,829	100%

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

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We also extend our sincere gratitude to our foundation/nonprofit, media partners collaborators for supporting our response efforts. Their 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
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- RTHK Radio 3
- The Lion Rock Press
- South China Morning Post

Community & Corporate Partners

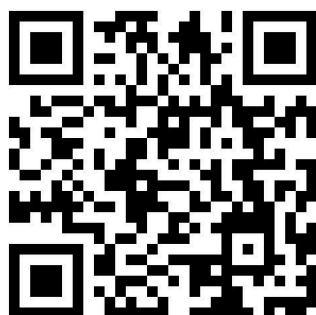
Our partners supplied vital in-kind resources, logistics, and service support that enabled smooth coordination of relief activities.

- Central Business Information Limited
- Crossroads Foundation Hong Kong
- Easy Bath
- Give.Asia*
- GoGoX
- I Never Use Foundation Breakfast Club
- Mr Ma @ PDD
- Ocean Park Marriott Hotel
- Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School
- Rocky @ Wing Tai
- Techtronic Industries

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