



Tai Po Fire Response & Recovery

Progress Report
September 2026

Overview

June 2026 - August 2026

Following the catastrophic fire at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po in late 2025, Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong focused on providing emergency support in close coordination with the government, NGOs, and social workers to help affected families address their most urgent needs.

As part of our three-year Tai Po Fire Response & Recovery programme, our support is now evolving to meet the changing needs of affected residents. While many families are currently living in temporary housing and may remain there for some time before moving into permanent homes, our focus is on supporting their long-term recovery journey. This includes relocation assistance, home set-up services, and renovation works for permanent housing. To help families rebuild their lives with dignity, wellbeing, and resilience, we are strengthening partnerships with different stakeholders to ensure we can deliver seamless support as residents transition from temporary accommodation into safe, stable, and permanent homes.



HOUSING STABILITY & DIRECT SUPPORT

Through comprehensive on-site assistance and logistical coordination, we supported 49 families (136 individuals). Our service delivery focused on setting up furniture and appliances, family relocations, ageing-in-place home modifications, and pest control services to ensure safe and stable living environments.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Demonstrating strong community involvement, 30 volunteers worked alongside our staff and contractors on seven service days, contributing a total of 156 hours to support programme delivery.



DISTRIBUTION OF ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

In the early recovery phase, we played a crucial role in transforming empty units into livable spaces through the delivery and setup of essential furniture and household equipment. As families gradually settled into transitional housing with greater stability, our operational focus shifted toward providing personalised, tailored support throughout the relocation process. To ensure each household could meet their basic living requirements comfortably, our team directly assisted families with the delivery and installation of 289 essential household items between June and August.

FURNITURE ITEMS

Category	Quantity
Cabinets / Shelves	53
Wardrobes	22
Chairs	19
Shoe Racks	13
Sofas	10
Dining Tables	5
Bed Frames	4
Desks	4
Bunk Beds	1
Mattresses	6

OTHER

Category	Quantity
Moving & Relocation	4
Any Modification	2
Pest Control Service	1

HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES & ELECTRICAL ITEMS

Category	Quantity
Fans	14
Steam Cookers	8
Lighting	7
Vacuum Cleaners	7
Dehumidifiers	6
Exhaust Fans	5
Air Purifiers	5
Multifunctional Cookers	4
Irons	4
Air Conditioners	3
Microwave Ovens	2
Induction Cookers	2
Televisions	2
Washing Machines	3
Range Hoods	2
Electric Kettles	2
Refrigerators	2
Digital Clocks	2
Flashing Doorbells	1
Rice Cookers	1
Hair Dryers	1

HOME LIVING ESSENTIALS

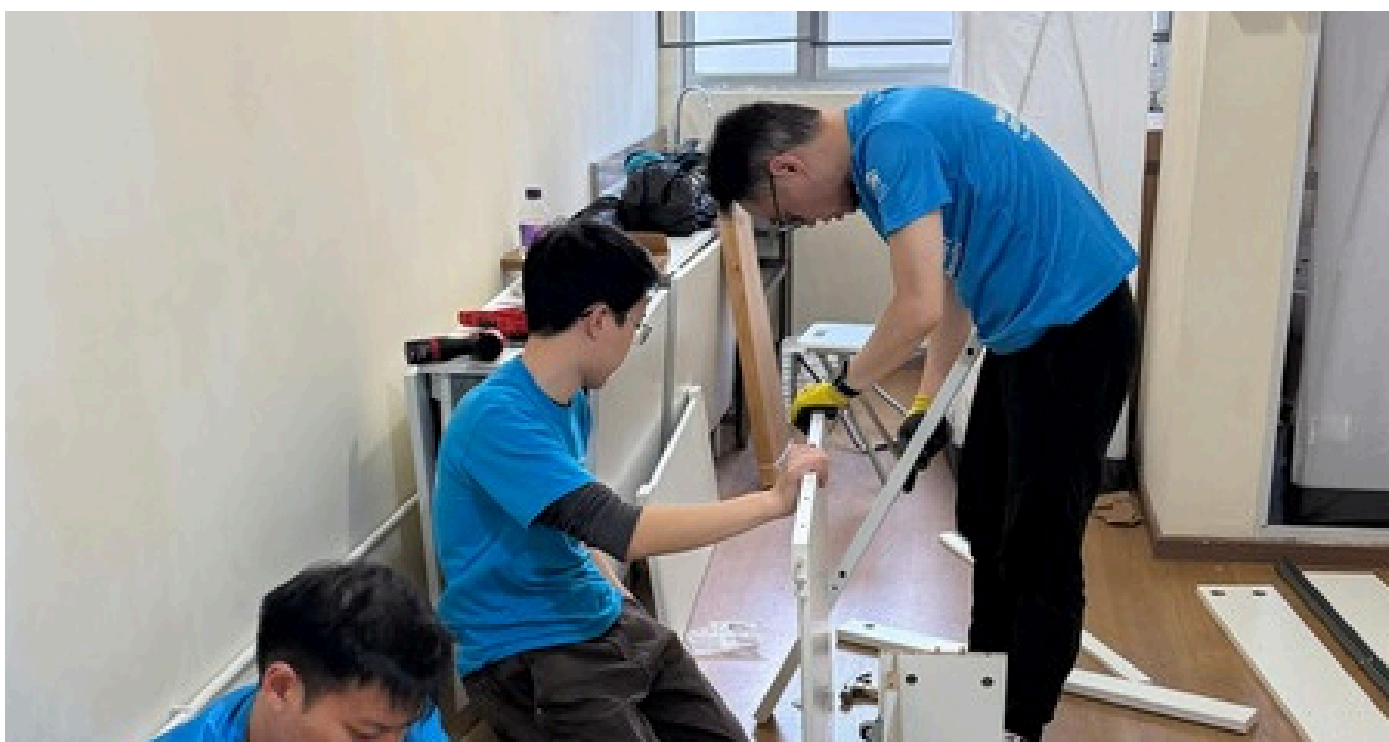
Category	Quantity
Extension Cords	15
Storage Boxes	7
Cookware (Pans/Pots)	5
Curtains	4
Basic Tool Kits	4
Bed Linens	3
Pillows	2
Cleaning Supplies	1
Trash Bins	1

ACCESSIBILITY & AGEING- IN-PLACE MODIFICATIONS

Category	Quantity
Anti-slip Nano Treatment	4
Walking Frames / Walking Sticks	4
Safety Chairs	3
Handrails / Grab Bars	2
Wheelchairs	1
Pill Organisers	1
Deep Cleaning Service	2
Commode Chairs	1
Bed Rails	2

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

Transitional and Temporary Housing	Private Housing
• Tai Po: Lok Sin Village, "Good House", Trackside Villas • Kowloon City: T-Loft@Kai Tak, Kai Fook Kui • Yuen Long: Eminence Tower • Southern: Yu Yue Ying • Eastern: Ming Wah Dai Ha	• Yuen Long: Park Signature • Tai Po: Tai Po Centre • Shatin: Festival City



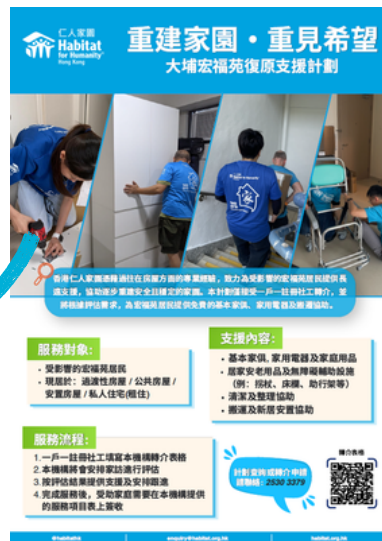
Looking forward

In the coming months, as residents have finalised their acquisition decisions and await permanent housing through either the government's Special Sales Exercise or their own private housing plans, we will continue to maintain close contact with affected households. The team will closely monitor changing needs and provide suitable and practical support throughout the rehousing process, with a growing focus on relocation assistance, new home setup, and settlement services. Through this continued support, we aim to help residents not only rebuild their homes but also navigate the next phase of their housing journey with confidence and stability.

Key highlights

Information posters displayed in rehousing estates

July 2026



We have displayed information leaflets at dedicated rehousing estates, such as Eminence Tower, Hung Shui Kiu, Yue Ying Lau, Trakside Villas and estates in Aberdeen and Tai Po.

The leaflet highlights :

- Target Beneficiaries & Eligibility: Affected residents of Wang Fuk Court living in transitional, public or private rental housing, requiring a registered social worker referral.
- Support Services Provided: Free basic furniture, appliances, ageing-in-place modifications and assistive equipment, cleaning, and moving assistance based on assessed needs.
- Dedicated Support Channels: Clear contact points and application procedures specifically assigned for Tai Po recovery assistance.

New collaboration with Mind HK

August 2026

Mind HK is a mental health charity ensuring no one faces mental health challenges alone. Following the Tai Po Wang Fuk Court fire, Mind HK launched the Tai Po Mental Health Support Project to provide trauma-informed psychological support, wellbeing assessments, outreach, and community recovery programmes for affected individuals and families.

We are collaborating with Mind HK to:

- Facilitate cross referrals to reach more vulnerable families.
- Connect eligible families with appropriate support services promptly.
- Encourage residents in need to seek professional psychological support.



Programme impact

November 2025 - August 2026



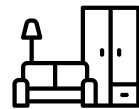
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Families assisted



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Transitional Housing units furnished



13,705

Household items delivered



298

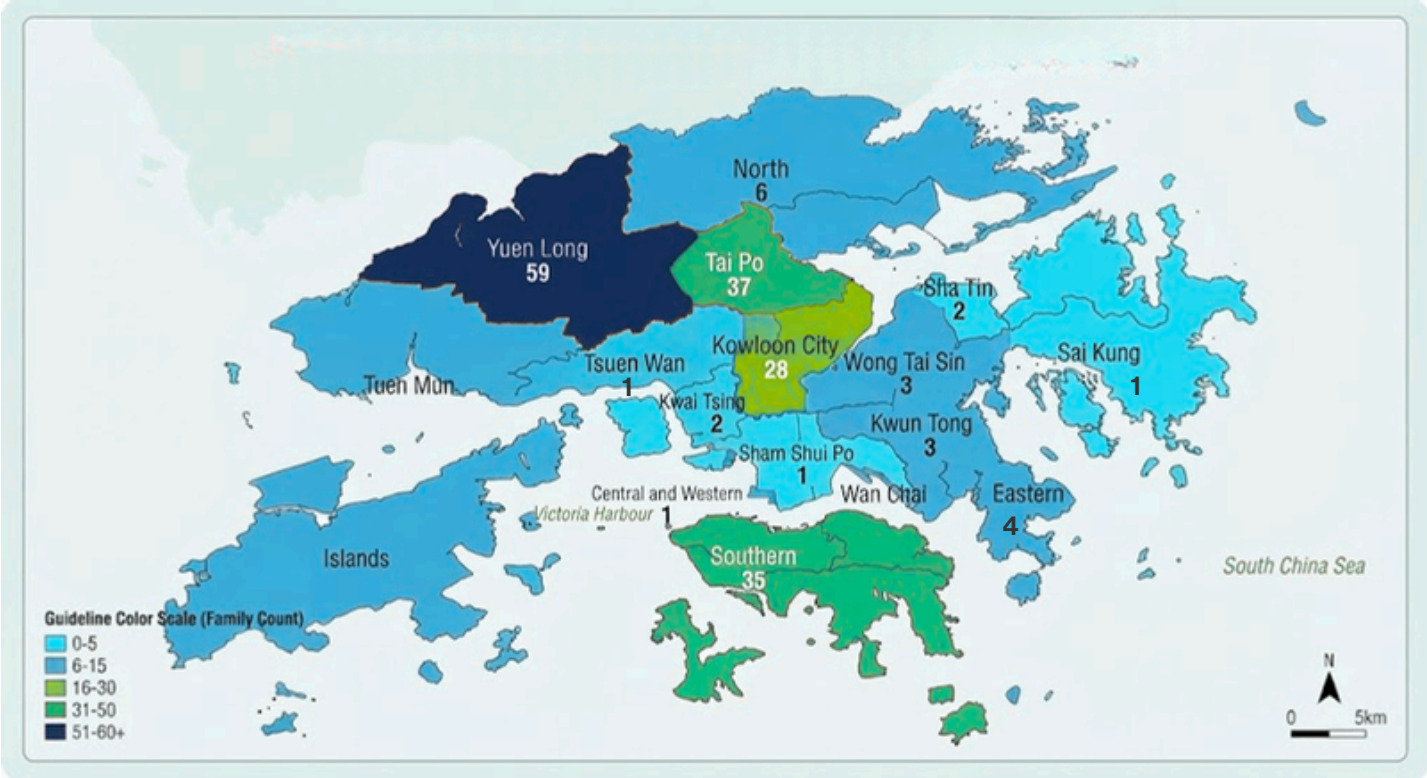
Volunteers engaged



2,014

Volunteering hours served

Temporary locations of the 183 families receiving our direct housing support



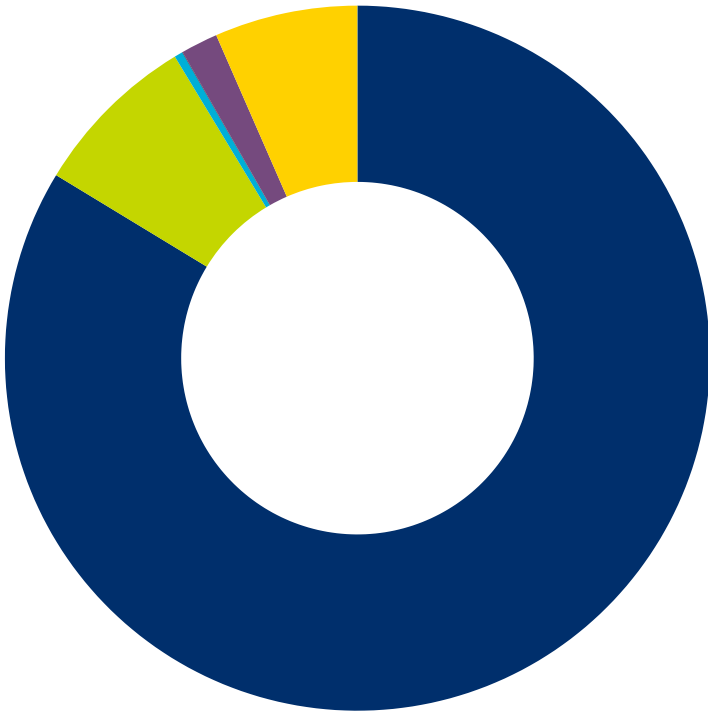
Programme Financials

November 2025 - August 2026

Revenue raised: HKD 23 million

Expenditure: HKD 4.3 millon

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	\$3,615,673	83.69%
Labour	\$330,410	7.65%
Transportation	\$16,678	0.39%
Miscellaneous	\$787	0.02%
Bags and Volunteer T Shirts	\$73,500	1.70%
Programme Staff Salaries	\$283,205	6.55%
Bank Charges	\$233	0.01%
Total	\$4,320,486	100%

Rebuilding with hope and love

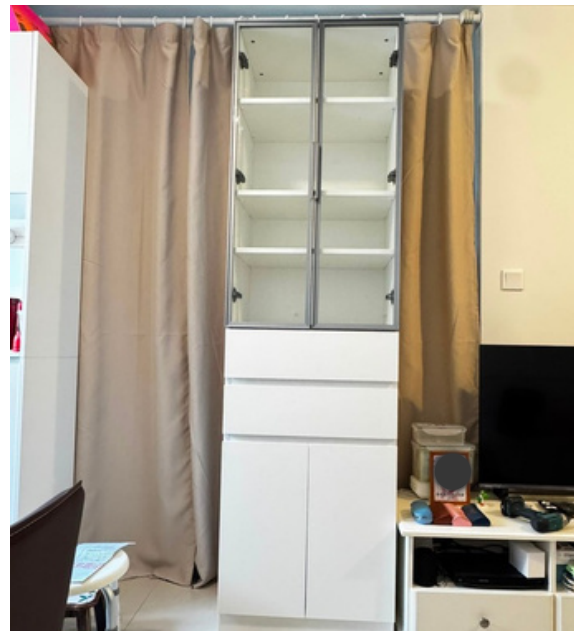
Mr. Yik, 76, and his wife, Mrs. Yik, 68, who is also his primary caregiver, were among the residents affected by the incident and were forced to relocate far from their long-established community. They were rehoused in a temporary unit at Eminence Tower in Hung Shui Kiu.



Although grateful that the new unit offered more space than their previous Transitional Housing unitS, the couple faced the challenge of settling into a largely unfurnished flat with only basic flooring and minimal fixtures. With permission to return to their undamaged flat at Wang Fuk Court, they were able to recover essential items and treasured belongings. These visits also gave them a valuable opportunity to say goodbye to the home where they had spent 40 years raising their two daughters and creating a lifetime of family memories.

The temporary plastic cabinets are not enough to store our clothes. I also want to display our family photos. Even if we are only staying here for a short time, I want this place to feel like home.

As the couple gradually adjusted to their new surroundings, new challenges emerged. Mrs. Yik became increasingly concerned about her husband's declining hearing and his frequent forgetfulness in taking prescribed medication. The demands of caregiving were growing, both physically and emotionally. In response, Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong provided practical assistive devices, including a flashing doorbell to accommodate Mr. Yik's hearing difficulties and a medication organizer to support his daily medication management. These simple but meaningful solutions helped enhance safety, reduce caregiving stress, and promote greater independence at home.



The support provided to the Yik family reflects Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong's commitment to walking alongside vulnerable families throughout their recovery journey. By responding to their evolving needs, we help rebuild more than just living spaces. We help restore comfort, dignity, and a sense of belonging, empowering families to create a place they can once again call home.

Finding healing through volunteering

When Michelle Kwok watched the news of thousands of residents suddenly left homeless by the disaster, she felt an urgent compulsion to step onto the frontlines and take direct, hands-on action.

Families needed someone on the ground to physically help them settle and accompany them through such an unimaginable loss.

Michelle joined our Tai Po Response and Recovery Programme. Throwing herself into the demanding manual labor, she worked side-by-side with other volunteers to lift heavy crates, haul appliances, and assemble beds, furniture, and household essentials, helping displaced residents move into temporary housing with dignity.



Michelle was deeply inspired by Habitat's efficient, compassionate disaster response, which transformed overwhelming tragedy into structured, meaningful teamwork.



Though the grueling physical work left her exhausted, the immersive experience acted as a powerful anchor. Interacting directly with those in need and collaborating with fellow volunteers helped ease her own grief, replacing sorrow with an active sense of purpose.

Michelle's commitment continued as families transitioned to rehoused communities in Hung Shui Kiu through Habitat's ongoing efforts. Over time, her familiar and welcoming face became a source of comfort, met with warm smiles of gratitude that served as her greatest reward. Through this journey with Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong, she ultimately discovered that true healing is not a solitary path, but a shared one.

Messages from our beneficiaries



经过家福苑世纪火灾，是一件很不幸的事，
使我体会到香港人的情和爱。
我要感谢香港各大捐赠机构，帮助灾民太多太多。
印象特别深的是“仁人家园”特别要感谢林生，
因为我只有和他沟通，经过他，仁人家园帮了我所要的需
求，而且行动态度非常满意，林生很热心，我作为灾民，
激动又感动，感恩有您“仁人家园”。

潘太 潘生， 2026.7.30.

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Experiencing the fire at Wang Fuk Court was tragic, but it showed me the warmth of Hong Kong people. Thanks to all donor groups helping victims. Special thanks to Habitat team whose attentive care fulfilled my needs.

— Mr. and Mrs. Poon

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As a Wang Fuk Court fire victim, I felt helpless at first. Fortunately, Habitat for Humanity provided support in all areas, bringing stability back to my life. I sincerely thank Habitat for Humanity for helping us so much!

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本人是家福苑
灾民，初期極之樣
惶，後期幸得仁人家園
各方面助資助，覺得生
活上安定很多，因此畢
生感謝仁人家園對我
們的幫助，感謝萬分，
杜花明

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萬分感激各位善長對我們宏福人的深切關懷與無私奉獻。在經歷這段傷痛和迷茫的日子裡，這份熱心的援助給予了我們撐下去的力量。在此向各位致以謝意，願你們身體健康，事事順心！

宏福苑 孔生上

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Deeply grateful to all donors for supporting us residents of Wang Fuk Court through these painful days. Your generosity gave us strength. Wishing you good health and success!

— Mr. Tang

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After the Wang Fuk Court fire, we felt helpless and lost. Thank God for Habitat for Humanity's kind staff, who helped clear our belongings and gave us warmth and hope. We can now slowly rebuild our lives.

— Apple Tong

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宏福苑火災後，我們感到困難和無助，腦海一片空白。感謝上天讓我們遇上仁人家園善良的義工們，他們樂意幫助我們搬東西，給我們帶來正能量、精神支持和溫暖，讓冰冷的心融化了。心裡不再憂愁，我們會重新慢慢安定下來。😊

Thank you! ♥️



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Apple Tong



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