POVERTY FACTS AND FIGURES

Poverty Line is HK$4,400 per month for a single person.

1 in 5 people live under the poverty line.
1 in 3 seniors.
1 in 4 children.

Minimum wage is HK$37.5 per hour.

805,000+ working poor.

HK ranks first in income inequality among developed economies.

209,700 people live in sub-divided units, coffins, cage homes & rooftops.

28% sub-divided units have no kitchen.

1,500+ street sleepers.

Over 3 million people live in public housing.

45% of the population live in public housing.

Low-income families spend 31% of their income on food.

Daily food expenditure for low-income families = HK$58 per person.

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