

Project Title: **Development of a Multi-assets Model to Poverty in Hong Kong**

Project Summary:

Latest statistics show that the situation of women in poverty has worsened continually in the last two decades. However, unlike other groups of people who are suffering from poverty, women in poverty always draws a little attention in the society. This pilot study prepared the academics and social work practitioners to develop “Multi-assets” Model in integrating the three approaches to women poverty alleviation – enhancing monetary, human capability and social inclusion while building up assets of the disadvantaged.

Through this study, a comprehensive review of the current approaches addressing women poverty in Hong Kong was conducted. A pilot study (mid-term evaluation) on the "Hope Development Accounts" (HDA), the 1st project adopted “Multi-assets model” which aimed at women in poverty to accumulate multi assets (in terms of human capital, social capital and financial capital) through a matched savings scheme in Tin Shui Wai, was carried out. Qualitative interviews with 16 HDA participants were conducted. A clarified and specific multi-assets model that is rigorous in its theoretical conception and principles for practice was generated. A tentative practice framework for developing multi-asset among women in poverty was developed and could be used for further analysis.