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**Report on Impact of Targeted Poverty
Alleviation Strategy in Hong Kong**

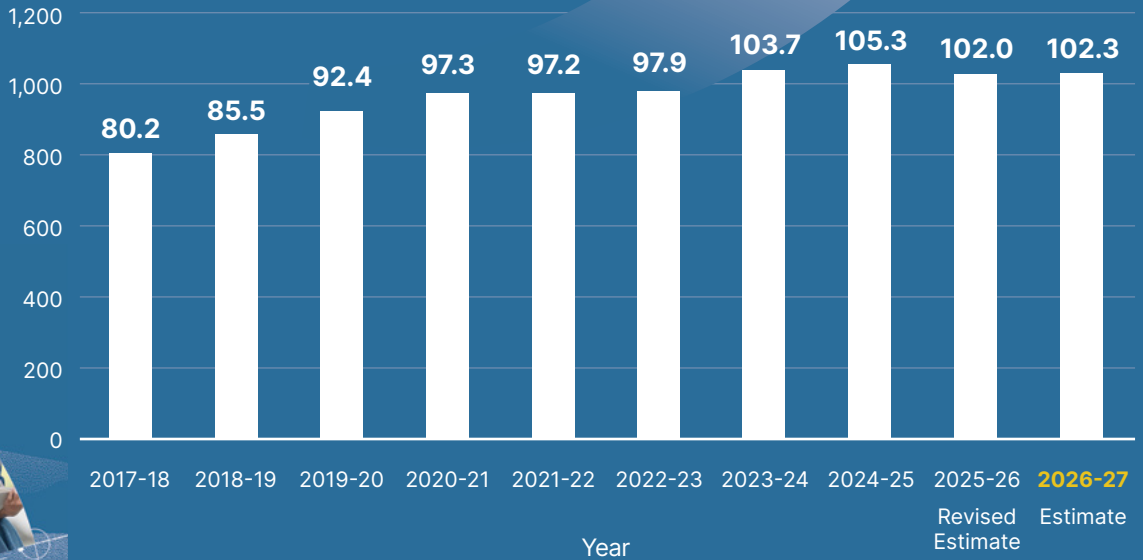
EDUCATION

Increase of **28%** over the past 10 years



In recent years over
\$100 Billion

Financial Provision
(\$Bn)



HEALTHCARE



Ranked second globally
by the Bloomberg Healthcare
Efficiency Index 2020



82+

One of the regions
with the longest life
expectancies in the world

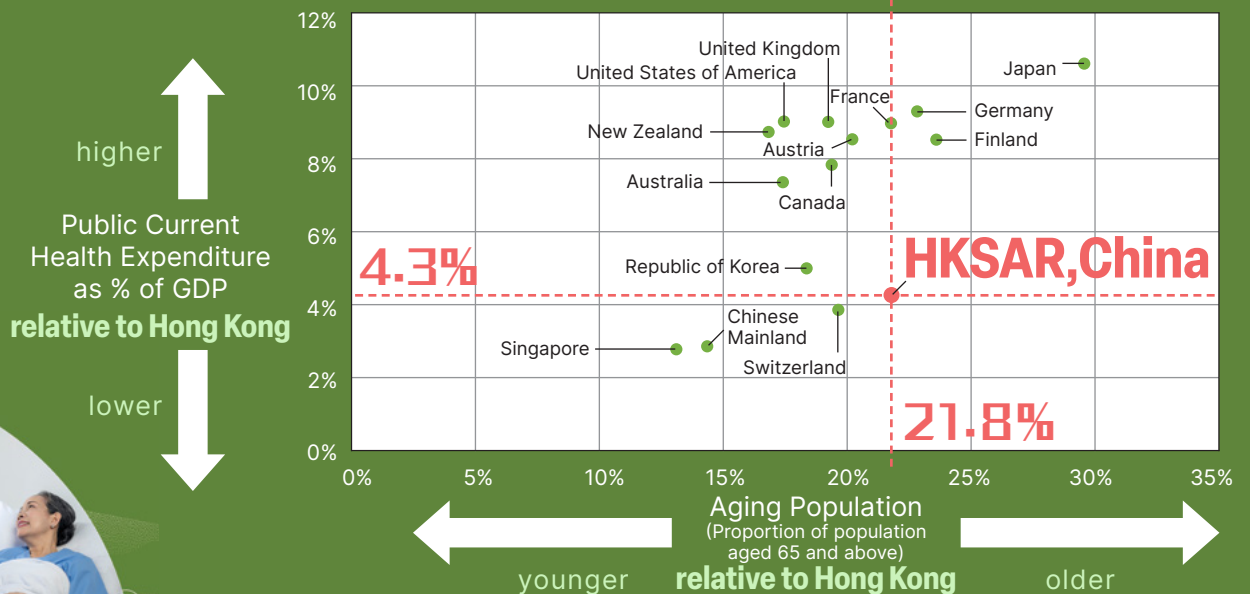


88+



Infant mortality rate 2024: 1.7
(per 1000 registered live births)

One of the regions
with the lowest infant
mortality rates in the world



* Figure for Financial Year 2023-24

HOUSING

To help low-income families achieve upward mobility on the housing ladder, the Government has invested an average of about **\$3.1 million per three-person household over 10 years or more.** (as an illustrative example)

1st year

Assuming the monthly rent of a private domestic flat for a three-person family was:

about **\$13,000**

Total annual rental: about **\$160,000**

Private domestic rental flats

Subsidised Sale Flats

15th year

Savings in purchasing a GSH unit as compared with a private flat: about **\$1.65 million**

Public Rental Housing

5th to 14th years

Average monthly rent of PRH units: **\$2,519**
Monthly rental savings: over **\$10,000**
Total rental savings over 10 years: about **\$1.3 million**

Light Public Housing

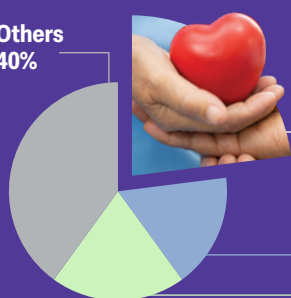
2nd to 4th years

Median monthly rent of LPH: **\$1,300**
Trial Scheme on Special Allowance for Households of LPH: **\$4,500**
Monthly rental savings: **\$4,200**
(Assuming the median rent for SDUs in Hong Kong is \$5,500)
Total rental savings for 3 years: about **\$160,000**



SOCIAL WELFARE

Others
40%



Recurrent Expenditure on Social Welfare in Financial Year 2026-27

\$135.9 Billion

Share of Government Recurrent Expenditure **23%**

Education 17%

Healthcare 20%

The Government has made good use of the resources mentioned above to provide multi-dimensional support in five policy areas under social welfare and employment services: Children, Youth and Family Services; Rehabilitation Services; Services for the Elderly; Cash Assistance; and Training and Employment Services.



Children, Youth and Family Services

Covering more than **624 000** beneficiaries

Training and Employment Services

Covering more than **496 000** beneficiaries

Rehabilitation Services

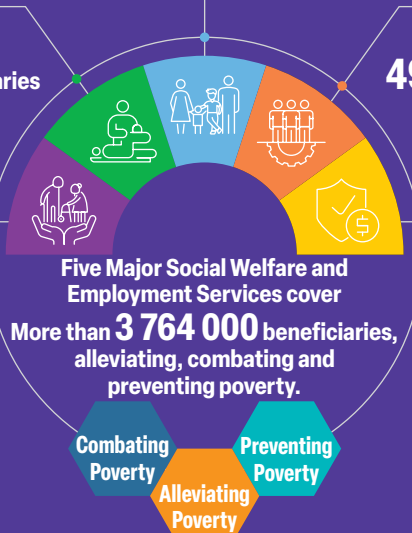
Covering more than **208 000** beneficiaries

Services for the Elderly

Covering more than **634 000** beneficiaries

Cash Assistance

Covering more than **1 802 000** beneficiaries
(Including 1 641 342 beneficiaries under social security measures)



Combating Poverty

Preventing Poverty

Alleviating Poverty

Remarks: There may be overlap among beneficiaries; for instance, elderly individuals who receive the Old Age Living Allowance may also receive Services for the Elderly. In addition, the number of beneficiaries does not equate to the population living in poverty. For example, older adults receiving the Old Age Allowance and using subsidised community and residential care services are not required to undergo a means test.

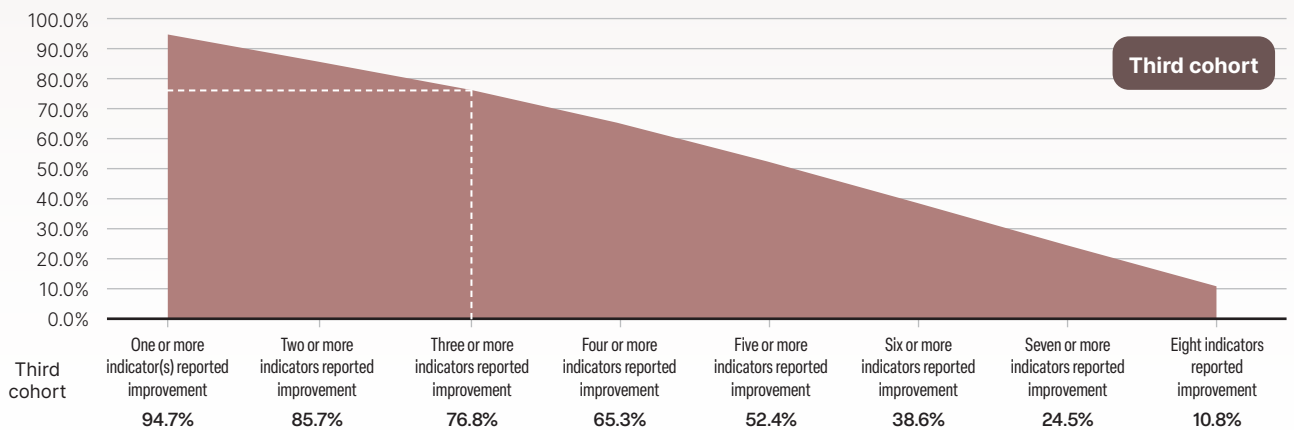
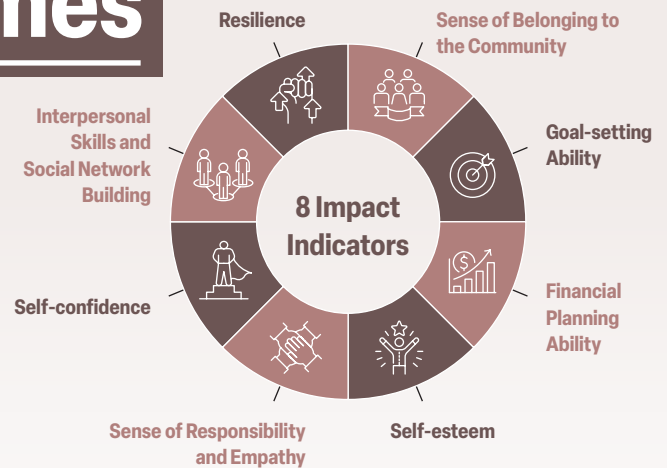
* As at 2025 year-end

Impact of Targeted Poverty Alleviation Schemes

Strive and Rise Programme

Research Result

Mentees in the third cohort recorded continuous enhancement across all eight impact indicators



Wide-spread achievement
Over 90% mentees reported improvement on at least one indicator(s)

First cohort: 93.5%; second cohort: 94.0%;
third cohort: 94.7%

Multidimensional growth
Over 70% mentees reported improvement on at least three indicator(s)

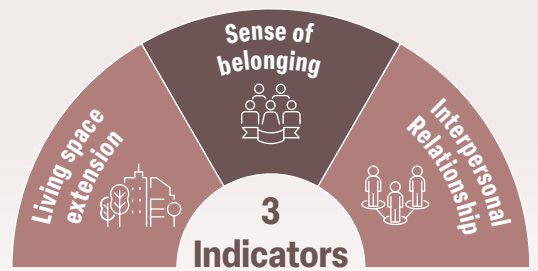
First cohort: 70.4%; second cohort: 73.4%;
third cohort: 76.8%

Source: Research results by university research team in 2026

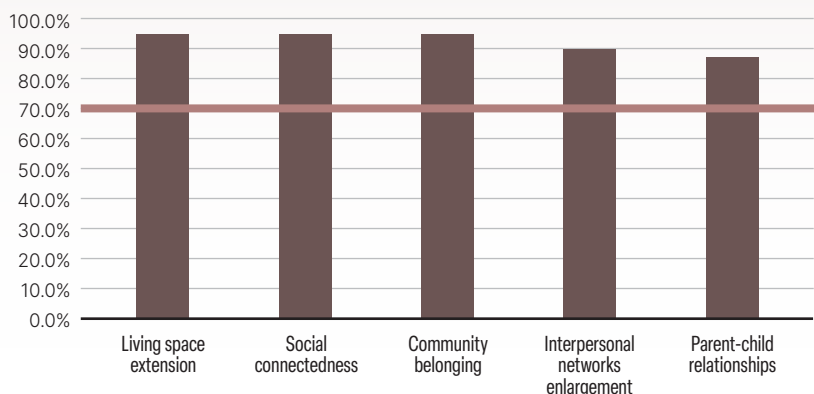
Pilot Programme on Community Living Room

Research Result

Pilot Programme on Community Living Room helps improve the quality of life of SDU households accurately in all aspects

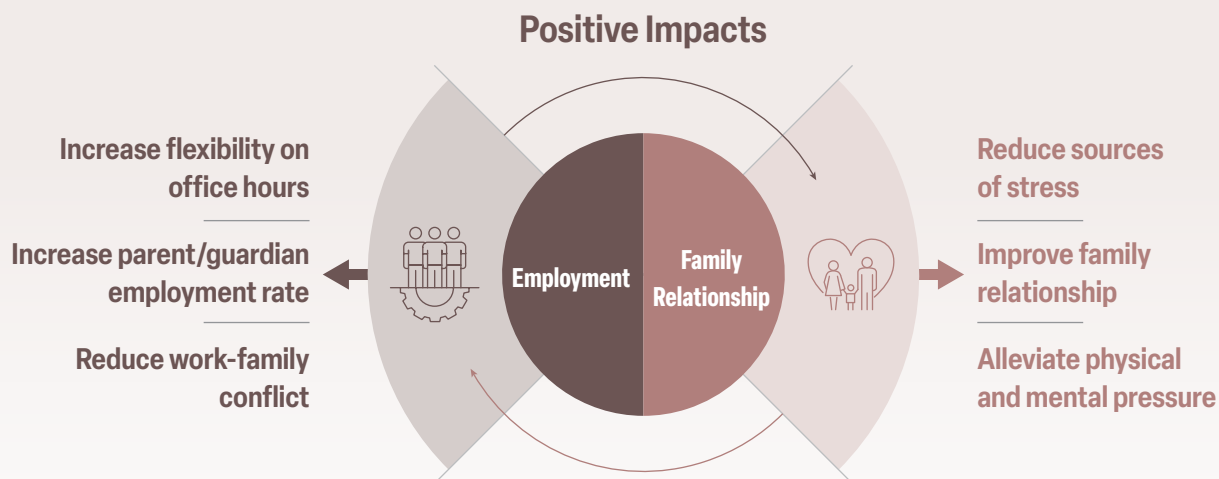


CLR achieved over **70%** improvements in all 3 indicators (Living space extension, sense of belonging, interpersonal relationship)



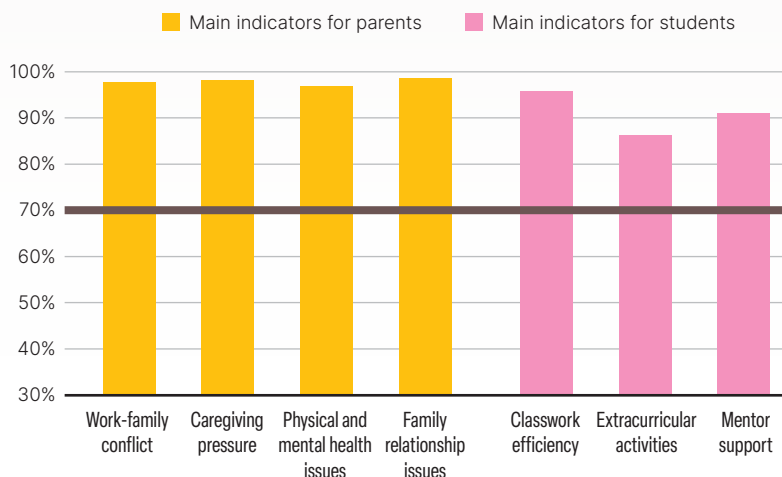
Source: Research results by university research team in 2026

School-based After School Care Service Scheme

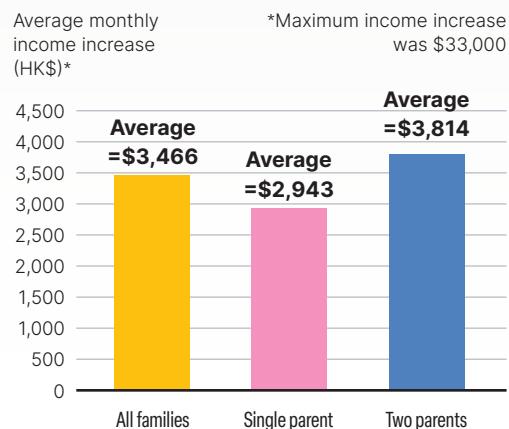


Research Result

Over 70% parents/guardians or students reflected improvements on all indicators



Significant improvement on income for parents/guardians who participated the Scheme



Source: Research results by university research team in 2026

District Services and Community Care Teams – Scheme on Supporting Elderly and Carers



* As at end-March 2026

District Services and Community Care Teams – Scheme on Supporting Elderly and Carers





Analysis of Social Transfer Values

The social transfer values for the four policy areas are compiled to measure the benefits received by households in Hong Kong from recurrent expenditure of the Government in terms of average monthly income received by beneficiary households.

Social transfer values and the number of beneficiary units

Macro policy areas	Beneficiary units ¹	Average social transfer values received per beneficiary unit (monthly) ²	
Public services (provided to all residents)			
Education (2024)	650 000 households		\$12,600 (per household)
		Kindergarten Education Scheme	\$4,500 (per student)
		Aided primary schools	\$7,200 (per student)
		Aided secondary schools	\$8,300 (per student)
		UGC-funded universities	\$23,400 (per student)
		Aided special schools	\$32,800 (per student)
Healthcare (2023)	1 630 000 households		\$5,000 (per household)
		65 or above	\$3,000 (per person)
		Non-elderly	\$1,200 (per person)
Services provided to eligible persons (focus on those most in need)			
Housing (2024)	About 860 000 households ³	Overall subsidised rental housing	\$9,900 (per household)
		Transitional Housing	\$2,500 (per household)
	Over 100 000 households	Light Public Housing	\$4,200 (per household)
		Interim Housing	\$4,900 (per household)
		Public Rental Housing	\$10,100 (per household)
Social Welfare ⁵ (2024)	850 000 households	Subsidised sale flats ⁴	\$7,700 (per household)
		Cash benefits	\$5,800 (per household)
	50 000 places	Non-cash benefits ⁶	
		Residential care services	\$20,200 (per place)
40 000 places	Day and community care and support services ⁷	\$10,400 (per place)	

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest ten thousand.

2. Figures are rounded to the nearest hundred.

3. The number of households benefiting from LPH is as of October 2025.

4. Owing to data limitations, only the social transfer value for buyers who purchased new SSF in 2024 is provided.























5. The Old Age Allowance and the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities are not included.

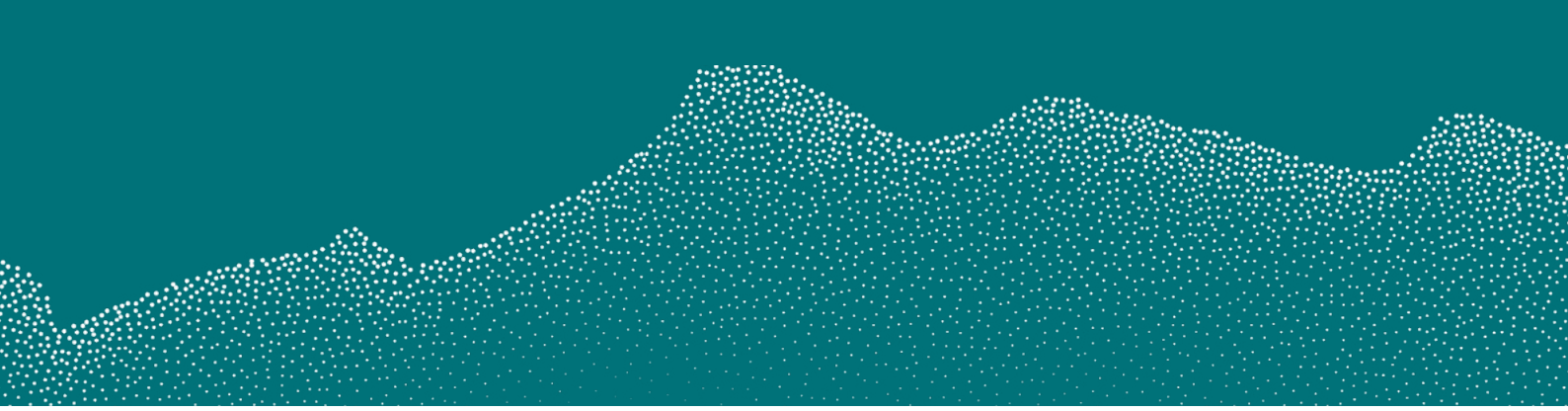
6. The cost of other non-cash supporting services was approximately \$1.6 billion per month, including integrated home care services, family and child protective services, outreach social work services, integrated family service centres, integrated children and youth services centres and medical social services.




7. Owing to data limitations, this category covers only the day and community care and support services for which beneficiary units are available in the administrative records.

Possible Combinations of Social Transfer Values and Illustrative Examples of Beneficiary Households

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Household type	Corresponding illustrative examples of beneficiary households	Average monthly social transfer values ¹
Family with children in school	A couple lives in private housing and has a child studying in an aided primary school ² 	 Education: \$7,200 Family total: \$7,200
	A couple lives in PRH and has a child studying in an aided secondary school 	 Healthcare: $1,200 \times 3 = \$3,600$  Education: \$8,300  Housing: \$10,100 Family total: \$22,000
	A couple lives in PRH and has a child studying in a UGC-funded university 	 Healthcare: $1,200 \times 3 = \$3,600$  Education: \$23,400  Housing: \$10,100 Family total: \$37,100
	A couple lives in PRH and has a child studying in an aided special school. The family receives the Working Family Allowance ³ 	 Healthcare: $1,200 \times 3 = \$3,600$  Education: \$32,800  Housing: \$10,100  Social Welfare (cash): \$3,200 Family total: \$49,700
Elderly doubletons	Two elders live in private housing and receive OALA 	 Healthcare: $3,000 \times 2 = \$6,000$  Social Welfare (cash): $4,200 \times 2 = \$8,400$ Family total: \$14,400
	Two elders live in PRH and receive OALA 	 Healthcare: $3,000 \times 2 = \$6,000$  Social Welfare (cash): $4,200 \times 2 = \$8,400$  Housing: \$10,100 Family total: \$24,500



Household type	Corresponding illustrative examples of beneficiary households	Average monthly social transfer values ¹	
Elderly doubletons	Two elders receive OALA; one of them lives in PRH and the other lives in a residential care home 	Elderly living in PRH: + Healthcare: \$3,000 💰 Social Welfare (cash): \$4,200 🏠 Housing: \$10,100 Total: \$17,300	Elderly living in a residential care home: + Healthcare: \$3,000 ♥ Social Welfare (non-cash): \$20,200 💰 Social Welfare (cash): \$4,200 Total: \$27,400
Family total: \$44,700			
	Two elders live in PRH and receive CSSA ⁴ ; both use day and community care and support services 	+ Healthcare: $3,000 \times 2 = \$6,000$ ♥ Social Welfare (non-cash): $10,400 \times 2 = \$20,800$ 💰 Social Welfare (cash): \$11,000 🏠 Housing: \$10,100	
Family total: \$47,900			
Family with other needs	An elderly lives in PRH and uses day and community care and support services; and an adult son/daughter lives in a residential care home for persons with disabilities and receives the normal disability allowance 	Elderly living in PRH: + Healthcare: \$3,000 ♥ Social Welfare (non-cash): \$10,400 💰 Social Welfare (cash): \$4,200 🏠 Housing: \$10,100 Total: \$27,700	Adult son/daughter living in a residential care home for persons with disabilities: + Healthcare: \$1,200 ♥ Social Welfare (non-cash): \$20,200 💰 Social Welfare (cash): \$2,100 Total: \$23,500
Family total: \$51,200			

1. The average monthly total social transfer values are compiled based on the figures rounded to the nearest hundred.
 2. This family does not use public medical services.
 3. Assumes that the family is receiving the full-rate higher allowance and full-rate child allowance under the Working Family Allowance.
 4. Assumes that the family is receiving the CSSA standard rate for the category of able-bodied/50% disabled, as well as the annual long-term supplement, monthly community living supplement and rent allowance.

Sharing of Beneficiaries of the Four Major Policy Areas or Project Stakeholders

Education Free Lunch at Schools



This programme provides students with balanced nutrition and reflects the Government's care for them. Quite a number of parents expressed gratitude as these 'timely' meals eased much of their stress.

A primary school teacher



Healthcare Chronic Disease Co-Care Pilot Scheme



Undergoing the 'three highs' screening under the Chronic Disease Co-Care Pilot Scheme, I find it very reassuring. We ordinary citizens don't need to worry about falling ill and not knowing where to seek medical care.

Ms Yau



Housing Light Public Housing



After they moved into Light Public Housing (LPH) at Yau Pok Road in Yuen Long, the rent decreased by more than half, and their living space doubled. They have experienced a significant improvement in their living environment and quality of life since moving into LPH.

Ms Du



Social Welfare Respite Service



I was hospitalised for medical treatment and could not take care of my daughter. The Designated Hotline for Carer Support arranged residential respite service for my daughter. Their assistance eased my stress as a carer.

Mr Yeung



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Sharing of Beneficiaries of Targeted Poverty Alleviation Schemes

■ Strive and Rise Programme



Participating in the Programme has allowed me to experience so many new things. It has truly been a precious turning point in my life journey.

Student Pan



■ Pilot Programme on Community Living Room



The CLR has extended our living space and effectively given us a “home away from home”. I often chat and share food with neighbours here; some of them have even taught me how to cook new dishes. We get along as if we have known each other for a long time.

Ms Pang



■ School-based After School Care Service Scheme



I am a single mother, and the sole carer for both my 10-year old son, who has ADHD, and my nine-year-old daughter, who has learning difficulties and attention deficit issues. To support my family, I work at a convenience store.

The Scheme has been very effective in reducing the pressure of taking care of children, enabling me to take care of my children after work when their homework has already been completed. I have time to play with them at home now, and we have closer parent-child relationships. As a result, my emotions are more stable, I feel a sense of relief, and I am able to focus on work better.

Ms Chan



■ District Services and Community Care Teams – Scheme on Supporting Elderly and Carers



The Care Team reached out to us and began to make regular visits, as well as introducing us to various social welfare services. They helped me register as a member of a district elderly centre and apply for the Integrated Home Care Services (which includes cleaning and meal delivery), and also helped arrange for an Emergency Alarm System to be installed in my flat with subsidy support.

Ms Lau



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