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# Mission For Migrant Workers: Hong Kong

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## General Information

Hong Kong hosts an estimated 370,000 migrant domestic workers. Mostly women from the Philippines and Indonesia, these workers are legally required to live in their employer's homes. They are often faced with mistreatment, unacceptable living conditions, low pay, and psychological/physical abuse.

## Hong Kong

A city of over 7 million people, Hong Kong is home to many immigrants. Until 1997, it was a British territory but now is Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, considered part of People's Republic of China, but operating under a more democratic system than the mainland.

## Mission For Migrant Workers

Mission for Migrant Workers provides free counseling, education, and outreach for distressed migrant domestic workers in Hong Kong. Other services provided include temporary shelter, hospital and prison visitation, "Know Your Rights" seminars, self-help group formation, leadership trainings, and more.

## Our tasks in the office

- Case work: writing a detailed chronology of the client's story
- Calculating financial claims owed by the employer
- Writing letters to the immigration/labor departments
- Accompanying clients to labor department hearings

## Outside the office

- Immersing with migrant workers in Central
- Facilitating home safety, first aid, and elderly care training sessions
- Visiting grassroots migrant worker organizations
- Volunteering at major outreach events, like the Give Care to Caregivers

