

Project Title: Rebuilding 'Community' as Globalization-from-Below:
Community-based Development in a Distressed Hong Kong
Neighborhood

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Description:

The research examines community mutual-help and income-generation projects run by a non-profit organization as a case study on how global models of community-based development are adapted to low-income neighborhoods in Hong Kong. Particular attention will be paid to (1) how resources are mobilized through networks of different scales from organizations of diverse orientations, and (2) how trust are cultivated and reciprocity institutionalized among participants in the projects. The aims of the project are: (1) to enrich sociological theories on trust and reciprocity, (2) to improve understanding of community relations in Hong Kong, and (3) to provide an assessment of community-based development as a means to enhance social security in the context of globalization.