Enrich HK & HelperChoice 2023 Survey: Insights into the Financial Health and Well-being of Migrant Domestic Worker Community in Hong Kong

BACKGROUND

In November 2023, Enrich and HelperChoice jointly conducted a survey to gather update on the working condition and financial well-being of migrant domestic workers (MDWs) in Hong Kong. A research team led by the Department of Social Work and Social Administration of the University of Hong Kong provided expert consultation on survey development and conducted analysis of the data collected among migrant domestic workers from the Philippines and Indonesia. Below are the key findings from the survey.

DEBT LEVELS AND REPAYMENT Approximate monthly loan repayment (in HKD) Above HK\$4,000 44% Less than HK\$2,000 to HK\$500 HK\$4.000 32.1% 23,7% MDWs in Hong Kong pay between \$1,000-\$4,000 monthly for their loans. HK\$500 to HK\$1,000 to HK\$1.000 HK\$2 000 18.3% 20.6%

Description	Philippines	Indonesia
No. of Respondents	98	42
Years worked in HK	8	10
Average duration contract	4	5
Average working hours	14	15

ABILITY TO START SAVING AFTER THE 5TH WAVE OF COVID

60%

MDWs able to start saving again after the 5th wave of Covid

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RETIREMENT PREPAREDNESS



FINANCIAL INCLUSION

Access to banking and digital financial services

39.7% with Bank accounts in home country, Hong Kong, & e-wallets 16.8% with Bank accounts in home country & Hong Kong **8.4%** with Bank accounts in home country 1.5% with Bank accounts in Hong Hong

23.7% with Bank accounts in home country & e-wallets 4.6% with Bank accounts in Hong Kong & e-wallets

3.1% with e-wallets

2.3% No accounts at all 10

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WORK AND LIVING CONDITIONS Average working hours per day



MDWs commonly cite excessive working hours and lack of rest as concerns (INA- 30%, PHI- 37%). However, the majority (77%) do have regular breaks during the work day.

FINANCIAL BEHAVIOR & MENTAL HEALTH in relation to MDWs depression scale



MDWs with a low depression rate have someone to talk to, higher financial well-being, and the ability

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MDWs with good finances, savings, and retirement plans were less likely to ignore money problems. In contrast, those who borrowed from lenders reported higher depression levels compared to those who borrowed from their employers.

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