

APPENDIX 2: Survey Location Sites

Justice Centre Hong Kong strove to create as representative a sample as possible for the survey. In addition to considerations around sample size, it was vital to ensure that the sample was as random as possible to minimise bias. There are a number of different techniques for increasing sample randomness. While simple random sampling is the preferred method, it requires a full list of the target population (which is very difficult to procure in the instance of MDWs in Hong Kong) and can be very costly. Without a full list of MDWs in Hong Kong, Justice Centre chose instead to employ a combination of two other random sampling techniques: cluster sampling and systematic sampling. This appendix looks at how Justice Centre applied cluster sampling techniques in more detail.

Cluster sampling is used when the target population is impossible or impractical to fully compile. Instead, clusters consisting of natural groupings are adopted. In this instance, the research team based the sample on 11 geographic areas or “clusters” across the HKSAR territory. Survey clusters were based on areas where MDWs were known to congregate as well as locations with large private housing estates where households would more likely employ MDWs.

The study sought a good distribution across the HKSAR territory, bearing in mind that some locations are likely to include MDWs from across the territory on weekends when many MDWs are granted rest days. A guide for the number of surveys to be completed in each cluster was set, to establish a reasonable distribution of respondents across the HKSAR territory while meeting the quotas for different nationalities of MDWs according to their respective proportion of the MDW population.

They survey locations and number of interviews at each location are as follows:

DATE	CLUSTER LOCATIONS	Guide on no. of interviews in a cluster	No. of interviews actually completed
3 Apr (Fri, PH)	Cause Way Bay (Victoria Park)	60-80	72
4 Apr (Sat)	Tsim Sha Tsui (Kowloon Park, Park Lane)	60-80	75
5 Apr (Sun)	Central (Statue Square, Chater Garden)	60-80	101
6 Apr (Mon, PH)	Central (HK City Hall, Central Ferry Piers)	60-80	94
7 Apr (Tue, PH)	Yuen Long (Jockey Club Town Square/Park)	60-80	76
9 Apr (Thu)	Shau Kei Wan (Main Street East)	30-40	24
11 Apr (Sat)	Mei Foo (Mei Foo Sun Chuen Park)	60-80	82
12 Apr (Sun)	Tsuen Wan (Sai Lau Kok Garden, Lo Tak Ct)	60-80	108
15 Apr (Wed)	Kowloon Bay (Richland Gardens)	30-40	24
18 Apr (Sat)	Tuen Mun (Yan Oi Tong)	60-80	79

19 Apr (Sun)	North Point (ICA Church), Cause Way Bay (Victoria Park)	60-80	122
23 Apr (Thu)	Shatin (Shatin Market, Ma On Shan Park)	30-40	26
25 Apr (Sat)	Central (Status Square, Chater Garden)	60-80	64
26 Apr (Sun)	Central (HK City Hall, Central Ferry Piers)	60-80	56

The guide for the number of interviews to be conducted in a particular cluster was not a strict quota. The only quota Justice Centre employed was a quota on the number of respondents to be included by nationality. As a result, there were some clusters where the guidelines for the number of interviews to be conducted was exceeded and others where it was not reached. This might be considered over- and under-sampling.

Given the mobility of many MDWs on Saturdays and Sundays when many MDWs are required to leave their employer's house, however, it cannot be assumed that MDWs interviewed in a particular cluster are employed in that cluster, particularly when interviews took place on Saturdays and Sundays. While the location of the interview was recorded, however, survey respondents were not asked about the location of their employer's household. Justice Centre was not able to explore the implications this might have on the integrity of the sampling.

In addition, for the purposes of this research this study, Justice Centre assumed that all clusters would have equal prevalence rates of forced labour amongst MDWs. Accordingly, clusters were not weighted. It would be possible to test the assumption of equality of prevalence amongst the clusters using Justice Centre's data set and there may be scope for further research based on these tests.