

HKFP Lens: How much food can a Hongkonger on the poverty line buy?

Hong Kong Free Press, 25.11.2015

The Poverty Line explores a simple question: what does poverty mean in different countries? The project is a collaboration between noted photographer Stefen Chow and economist Hui-Yi Lin. It began in China in 2010 and has since expanded to 28 countries across 6 continents.

The Poverty Line uses the universal lens of food to examine the choices you would face if you lived on the poverty line.

Each picture denotes the amount of food a person at the poverty line (HK\$25.25) can buy on a single day in Hong Kong.

Over 3,000 images sourced from the Hong Kong community in October will be featured at PMQ in Central from November 27 to December 6, 2015 as a large-scale site-specific installation. It will form part of the Detour 2015 programme.

Through the open call and exhibition, and the partnership with local charity Food Angel, the project hopes to raise awareness about poverty and food choices and inspire action.

Link to the original article: <https://www.hongkongfp.com/2015/11/25/hkfp-lens-how-much-food-can-a-hongkonger-on-the-poverty-line-buy/>



Vegetables, Hong Kong, HKD 25.25, October 2015. #thepovertyline open call.



Chrysanthemum Flowers, Beijing, China, HKD 7.69, March 2012. Photo: Stefen Chow, INSTITUTE.



Bread, Hong Kong, HKD 25.25, October 2015. #thepovertyline open call.



Pork Buns, Hong Kong, HKD 44.96, July 2011. Photo: Stefen Chow, INSTITUTE.