

EQUAL CHANCES PROJECT – SURVEY ON NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN LIVING IN RENTAL FLATS

Background

Rotary FSC is planning to run a support programme for low-income families with young children. It has been named Equal Chances Project (ECP) to reflect its mission to provide a better chance for these children to achieve in the future.

Research Method

To understand the target population's needs and aspirations, Rotary FSC conducted a door-to-door survey of residents in all five blocks of rental flats in Clementi. The survey took place between April and May 2018. A total of 39 interviews were completed.

Summary of Findings

Among all the respondents, 70% were female and 68% were Malay. Most of them were either in the age group of 20 to 29 (31%) or 30 to 39 (53%). Only 13 respondents were already known to Rotary FSC. In the survey, the respondents were asked to indicate on a three-point scale their wishes for their children, strengths in parenting, and difficulties in parenting. A weighted score was calculated for each item to demonstrate its relative position on the scale. Respondents were also asked about what services/facilities they would like to have at Rotary FSC. The top three services/facilities identified were reading activities for children; classes to help parents support their children's learning; and a play room in the FSC for their children.

Follow Up

Rotary FSC plans to extend this survey to its clients before making plans for more services. The ECP is expected to start officially in 2019.