

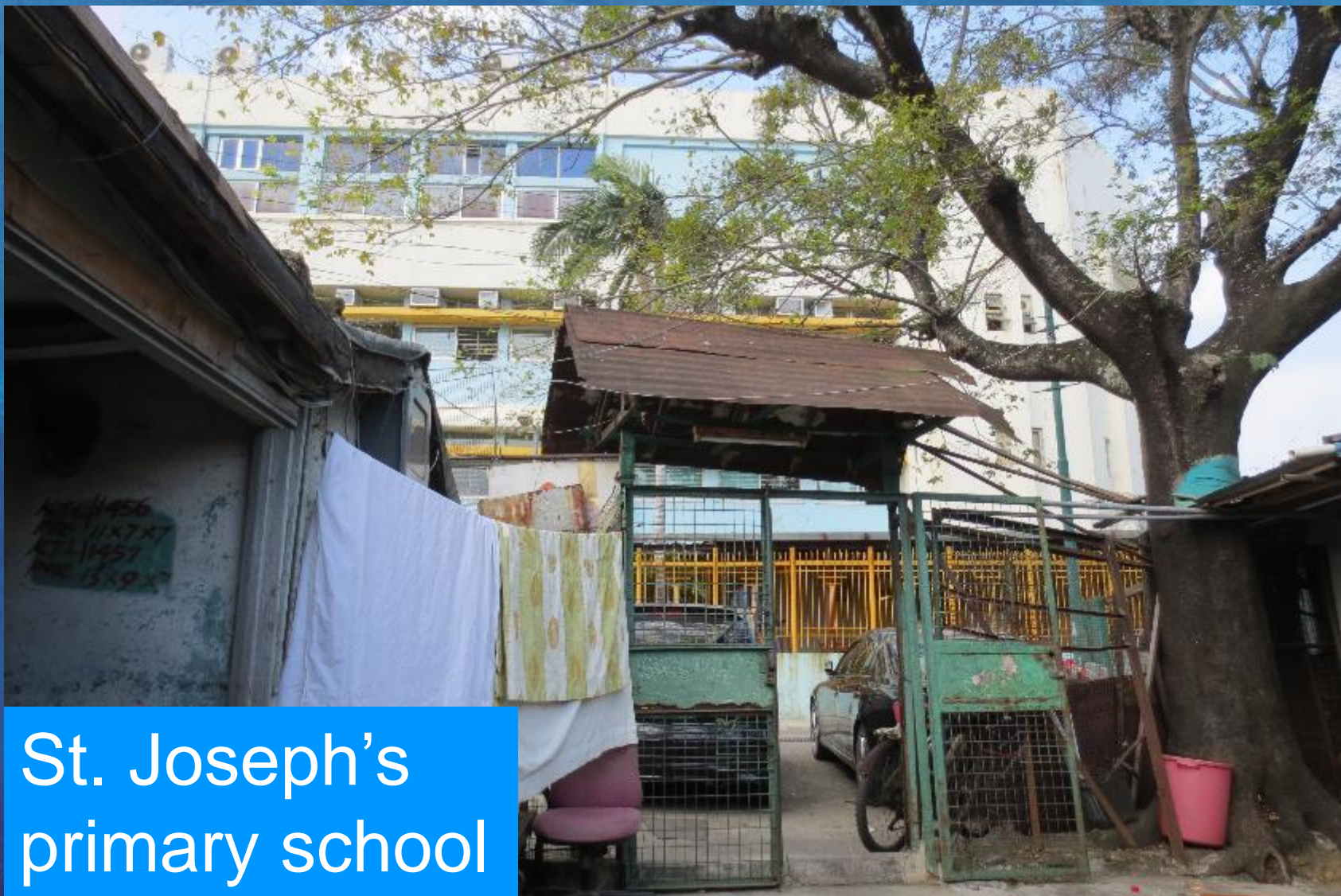
THE SLUM BY THE SCHOOL

KAM TIN #3

The unconcealed housing fraud perpetrated by ISS-HK is seldom as blatant as in this refugee ghetto beside a primary school. How are children affected by witnessing this abuse?

The ingredients are always the same: illegal structures, metal shacks under trees, appalling sanitation, extortionary rent and utilities, government and ISS-HK negligence, landlord greed.

These elements conspire to create a “Perfect Ghetto” where 9 refugees endure squalid, dangerous conditions that they cannot escape until those responsible are brought to justice.



St. Joseph's
primary school



Cars are parked
around the ghetto

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ISS pays 1200\$ for
this wooden shack



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Wide enough
for a single bed

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Each less than 9
square meters

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1200\$ rent

1000\$ rent

ISS pays 1000\$
for the right half

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AGREEMENT ON PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE

I, the person referred to as the service user, agree to the conditions set in this document on the provision of assistance to asylum seekers and torture claimants by the International Social Service - Hong Kong Branch (ISS-HK), herein referred to as the service provider.

After a thorough and careful assessment of my needs and resources, the following types and levels of assistance will be provided to me effective 14 OCT 2010 until 7 NOV 2010.

Accommodation

I will be considered eligible for accommodation assistance on a monthly basis. I am primarily responsible for finding my own accommodation including roommates when necessary. My monthly rent should not exceed \$1200. I confirm my address to be at 115A Po Toi Road, Kam Tin. I fully understand and accept that ISS-HK will conduct home visits to assess the suitability of this address to my needs. I understand that the commencement of my rent payment is the date ISS-HK approves my accommodation proposal.

Food

I am entitled to food assistance in kind and will be responsible for collecting my food at the designated food supplier which is at Wai Loo, Kam Tin. I will collect my food on the appointed schedule. Changes in food orders should be consulted with caseworker and not be made during food collection or with the Food Supplier. Failure to collect food twice, without valid reasons, is subject for a re-assessment by caseworker. Food selling and/or food exchange with any store or individual is not allowed and such acts would warrant investigation and possible termination of assistance.

Clothing and Toiletries

Basic toiletries are provided monthly while clothing is provided dependent on the type of clothing I need and the availability in ISS-HK. I understand that I may be referred to other agencies for support on these items.

Travelling Expenses

I fully understand that my transportation assistance requires that I use the cheapest means of transport from my home to the destination. My travel costs include appointment with the HK Immigration Department, UNHCR, lawyers, food collection, medical appointment and other appointments approved by my caseworker. I agree to bring all document proof as this is required for transport payment. Special or emergency arrangements need prior approval from the caseworker.

Case Review and Agreement Renewal

I will report to ISS-HK on the scheduled monthly contract renewal to assess my needs, define the changing situations and its effects on my assistance and adjust the levels of assistance as needed.

ISS-HK reserves the right to review any part or all of my assistance at any point in time, and that appropriate action will be taken should I fail to adhere to the agreements set forth, and to ISS-HK policies and procedures.

I affix my signature to indicate my full understanding and acceptance of these terms and conditions and will do my utmost best to comply with said conditions this 14 OCT 2010 at International Social Service - Hong Kong Branch.

Signature of Caseworker
 Tanya Sze

Signature of Service User

cc: YMT-IFSC
 (Name of Referring IFSC)

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As of 11 Mar 2010



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 Jacqueline Lau

Signature of Service User

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Illegal structures
are collapsing

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Crumbling roofs
covered by plastic

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One dreadful
shared latrine

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The common
area

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The shared kitchen



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Imminent risk
of collapsing

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Roof rots under
the plastic

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Landlord complained
about unpaid bills

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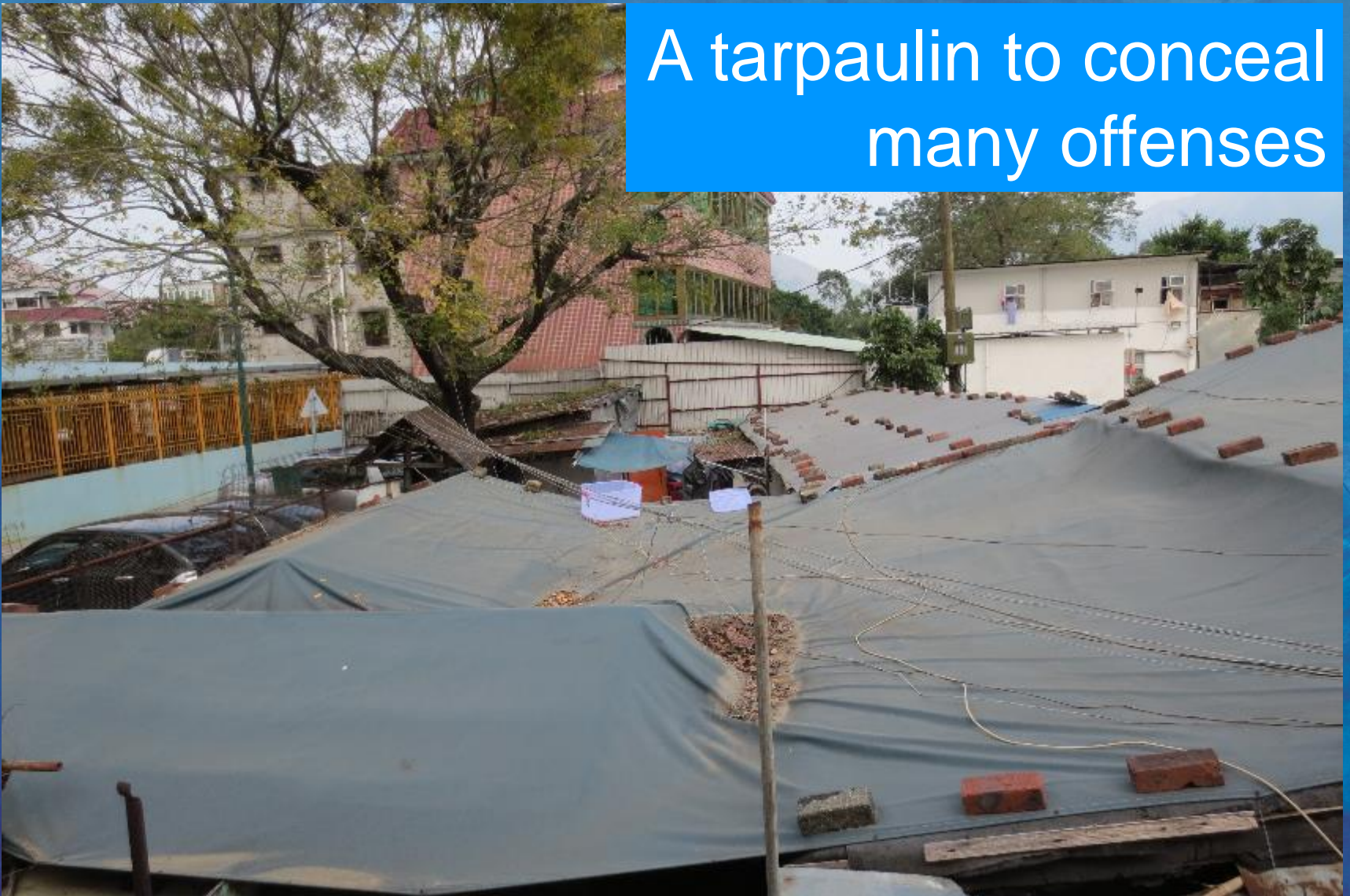
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A tarpaulin to conceal
many offenses



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Classroom windows
over a refugee ghetto

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A slum between a school and a Mercedes-Benz



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