

International Standard for Archival Description

1.1 Reference code	UNHCR 23
1.2 Title	Records of the Hong Kong Refugees Survey Mission
1.3 Dates of creation	1954
1.4 Level	Fonds
1.5 Extent (quantity)	.12 m
2.2 Administrative/Biographical history	<p>In November 1953, the Ford Foundation approved a grant of \$50,000 to UNHCR to support a survey of the Chinese refugee situation in Hong Kong. The survey was to enable UNHCR “to ascertain as far as possible the number and position of the refugee groups among the Chinese population in Hong Kong, Kowloon, and the New Territories;” to determine the economic and social potential of the refugees; and to evolve a plan of action to alleviate their problem by methods of economic betterment, resettlement, and emigration.</p> <p>The UNHCR Hong Kong Survey Mission was established in 1954, with Dr. Edvard Hambro (former Registrar of the International Court of Justice) as the Chief of Mission. His Special Adviser was Dr. Gilbert Jaeger of UNHCR, with Dr. S. G. Davis as Economic Consultant and Fr. Paul J. Duchesne as Social Consultant. The work of the Survey Mission started in Hong Kong in May 1954, in association with the Hong Kong government. The office was in the Peninsula Hotel in Kowloon. A statistical report was completed on 31 August 1954; a final report was submitted to the High Commissioner in November 1954. The report was published in 1955 as “The Problem of the Chinese Refugees in Hong Kong.”</p>
2.3 Archival history	The records were probably brought to Geneva by Gilbert Jaeger when he returned from the mission.
3.1 Scope and content	The records include minutes of staff meetings, progress reports, drafts of reports on the economic and social conditions in Hong Kong, and copies of statistical reports. The records are clearly fragmentary.
3.3 Accruals	Accruals are not expected.
3.4 Arrangement	<p>The records are arranged in six file units:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Progress reports to Headquarters, May-June 19542. Summary records of staff meetings, May 19543. Outgoing correspondence, memoranda, notes to the file, May – Nov 19544. Fr. Paul J. Duchesne drafts for the final report, June 19545. Statistical report on the sample survey of Hong Kong’s population, Aug 19546. Photographic prints of statistical tables on Chinese refugees in Hong Kong and Macao
4.1 Conditions governing access	Records are subject to the Archives Access Policy of the UNHCR Archives.
4.2 Conditions governing reproduction	Records are subject to the Copyright Policy of UNHCR.
4.3 Language/scripts	English
7.2 Rules or conventions	Internal UNHCR rules
7.3 Date of description	21 August 2001