

# Hong Kong Polytechnic University

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- Publicly-funded research university
- Undergraduate student intake: ~5500/yr
- Service-Learning became a core part of the undergraduate curriculum in 2012
- Motivation: social responsibility is (has always been) one of our avowed graduate attributes, but *where is it taught in the programme?*
- All undergraduate students have to pass at least one 3-credit, letter-graded service-learning subject.





4,532

Undergraduate Students Enrolled  
in Service-Learning



78

Service-Learning  
Subject-offerings



181,280

Service hours

## Number of Service-Learning Subjects:

(As of September 2023)

29



Faculty of Health  
and Social  
Sciences

18



Faculty of  
Engineering

12



Faculty of  
Humanities

5



Faculty of Construction  
and  
Environment

5



Faculty of  
Science

1



School of  
Fashion and  
Textiles

3



School of  
Hotel and  
Tourism  
Management

3



Faculty of  
Business

2



School of  
Design



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES  
AND COMMUNITIES



3 GOOD HEALTH  
AND WELL-BEING



2 ZERO  
HUNGER



4 QUALITY  
EDUCATION



12 RESPONSIBLE  
CONSUMPTION  
AND PRODUCTION



6 CLEAN WATER  
AND SANITATION



13 CLIMATE  
ACTION



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION  
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



17 PARTNERSHIPS  
FOR THE GOALS

## A Typical Service-Learning Subject

60  
hours

Teaching &  
Project Preparation

40  
hours

Service  
Implementation

20  
hours

Reflection &  
Evaluation



4 Common **intended  
learning outcomes**  
across all subjects:

Apply the knowledge  
and skills to deal with  
complex issues in the  
service setting

1

Reflect on role and  
responsibilities as a  
professional and a  
responsible citizen

2

Demonstrate empathy  
for people in need

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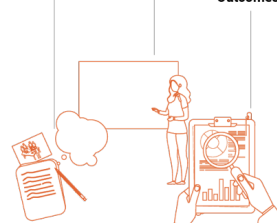
Demonstrate  
understanding of  
linkage between  
service and academic  
content of subject

4

Types of service provided



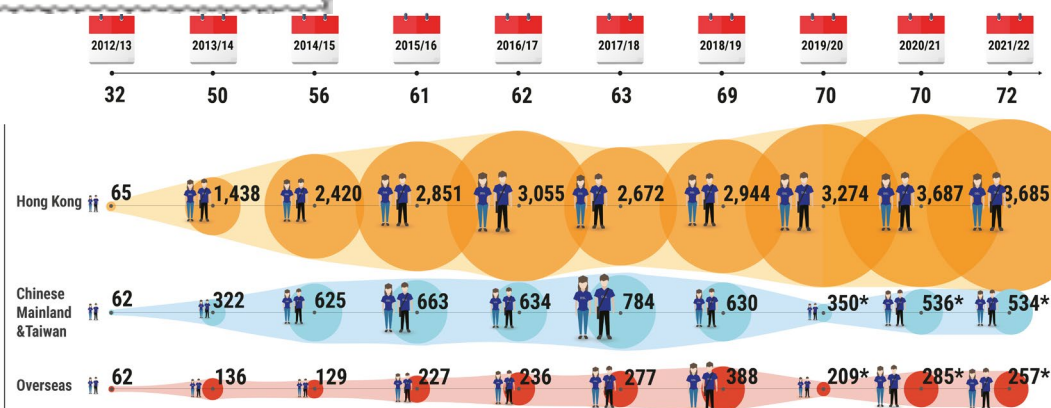
Reflective  
Journals  
Project  
Presentation  
Evaluation  
of Project  
Outcomes



Accumulated  
37,908 (Since 2012)  
students

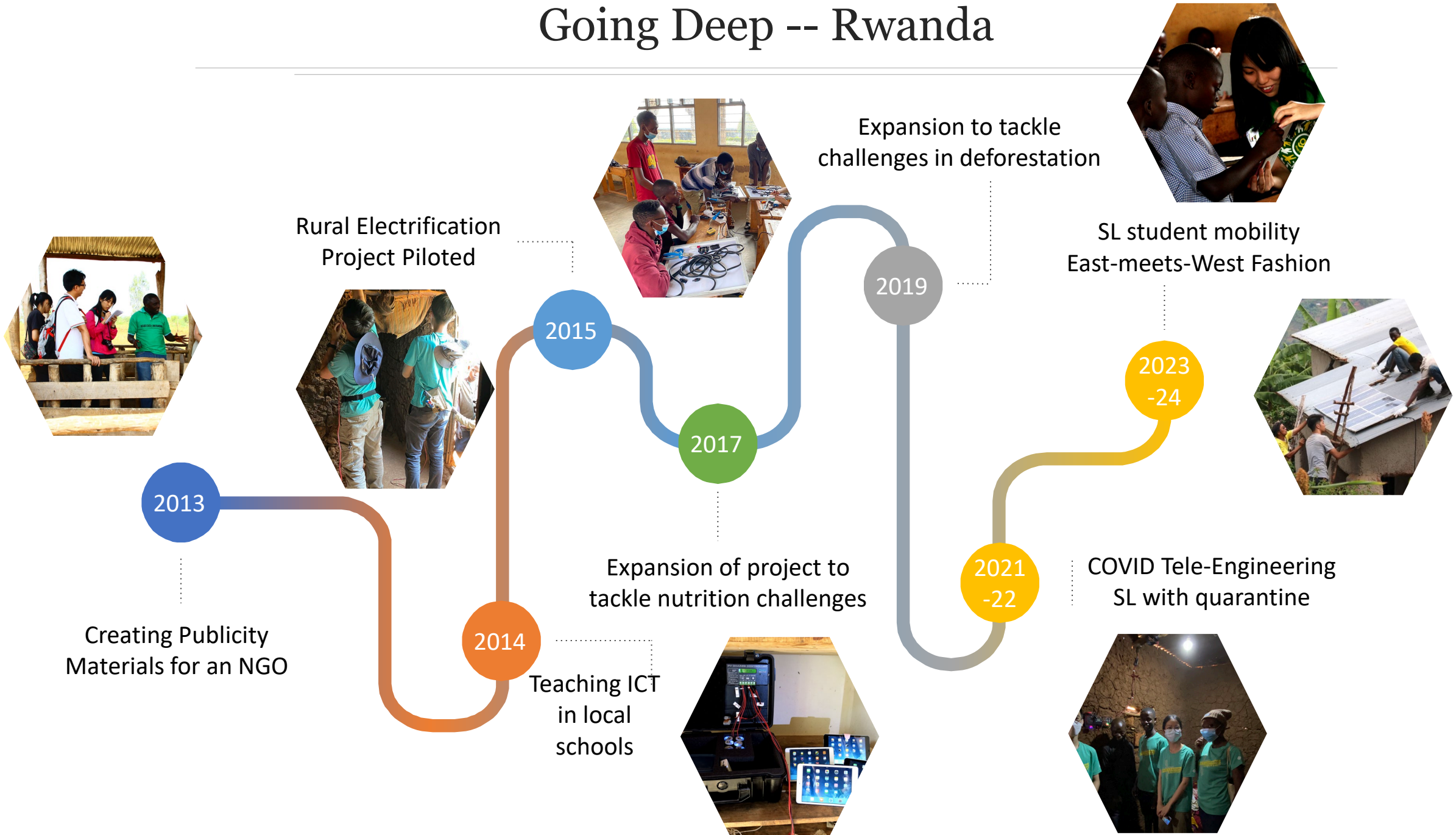
No. of  
Approved  
Subjects

No. of  
students  
participating in  
SL subjects



Accumulated  
1,516,320 (Since 2012)  
service hours (172 person-years)

# Going Deep -- Rwanda





# Going Wide -- Cambodia



- 20 organizations (and counting)
- Multi-faceted services from 10 academic departments (and counting)
- Community capacity building
- Institutional capacity building
- Mostly focused within the capital city of Phnom Penh (and suburbs)

# Regional and Global Networks

## IARSLCE Asia-Pacific Community of Practice

- 12 countries, 30 universities

## Cross-strait, Hong Kong and Macau Service-Learning Education Network

- 146 members from 67 organizations
- 17 Institutional members

## University Social Responsibility Network