

**Building Human Capacity in Singapore's Population:
Testing Innovations in Human Development**

ETHNOGRAPHIC STUDY ON CHILDREN GROWING UP IN CROSS-CULTURAL FAMILIES

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The proposed research will focus on the consequences of cross-cultural low-income family environments for family functioning and child development in terms of sociopsychological well-being, early childhood experience, health and identity. Results will help develop effective policies to support these fragile families. Data from the main panel survey will be supplemented by in-depth interviews with a subset of cross-cultural, low-income families to gain a more grounded understanding of day-to-day issues and tensions relating to raising children, sense of belonging, as well as plans and aspirations for the family and the children. The focus is on low-income binational families where one parent is a Singapore-citizen and the other is a non-citizen.