### Application No. GR000272022\_23 From Dr Hongxia (Caroline) Qi

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# **Grant report**

### **Instructions**

Thank you for completing your funded initiative.

This form will be placed on our website for transparency and enables us to understand and share the work you have done through this grant.

Please complete and submit this form no later than the date stipulated in your funding agreement. If you cannot meet the deadline, contact us to arrange an alternative date by emailing <a href="mailto:funding@internetnz.net.nz">funding@internetnz.net.nz</a>. You may not be eligible to apply for further grants from InternetNZ if this is not submitted.

The completion of this form should be overseen by someone with intimate knowledge of the funded mahi.

### \* indicates a required field

# **Grant initiative update**

#### Initiative title \*

Female Chinese migrants' experiences of online harassment and tackling strategies

## Provide a short summary of the work that was completed as part of this initiative.

This project has been completed as planned in the proposal with five key milestones. A two-stage design was used to collect both interview and survey data to gain insights for the investigated phenomenon. At the first stage, 21 interviews were conducted to gain indepth insights about their experiences. Moving to the second phase, an online harassment survey was launched in September 2023 to collect data for female Chinese migrants' experiences of online harassment and tackling strategies. After data cleaning, a total of 1,041 responses were received including 312 Chinese female migrants. Two data sources have been analysed, producing rich insights about Chinese female migrants' experiences of online harassment.

A report and A3 poster (attached) summarizing the key findings from this project were developed. The results will be presented at 19th International Conference on Cyber Warfare and Security (ICCWS 2024) at the end of March 2024 in South Africa.

Describe the "who, what, where and when" of your initiative.

#### Is this initiative complete? \*

Yes ○ No

If your initiative is still in progress, select "no."

#### What are the outcomes of this initiative? \*

This project gained a thorough understanding of the female Chinese migrants' experience of online harassment. Below are the key outcomes:

• Gained a full and gendered-based understanding of the group's (i.e., female Chinese

migrants than other groups.

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migrants in New Zealand) experience of online harassment and cyberbullying, which will benefit the government's cyber safety initiative

- o The majority of (about 90%) of respondents have experienced online harassment
- o Receive negative or hurtful comments, sextortion/sexually harassed, and hate speech & extremism were the most common cyber abuse types
- o There has been more and more offending and angry messages, privacy or data breach, and scams
- o Women are targeted more than men in online harassment
- Explored how online harassment behaviours impact their mental health
  Online harassment produced a wide range of negative impacts on individuals' mental
  health. Feeling of anxiety/upset/depression/helplessness, reduce the sense of safety, and
  reduce the feeling of belonging were the top three impacts that reported by respondents.
  Female migrants perceived more low self-esteem from online harassment than males. To be
  noted, a higher level of reducing the use of social media was found among Chinese female
- Provided first-hand insights for developing strategies that can prevent online harassment and protect female Chinese migrants from online harms
- o Female Chinese migrants to prepare this vulnerable group for dealing with online harassment and handle the impacts on their mental wellbeing, empowering them the opportunity to give voices and work on issues of online harassment and cyberbullying. Strategies that individuals can use include speak out, share the feeling with people, and report issues to relevant channels.
- o Government to make evidence-based policies and initiatives to create an open and safe cyber environment for every New Zealander; to contribute gendered insights for New Zealand developing new laws and roles to deal with online harms as one of the first few countries globally, including provide guidelines for protections against online/digital harassment, developing online harassment prevention programs, and issuing cyber security regulations.
- o Social media play a vital role in addressing online harassment, including creating policies to stop harmful digital communications, enhancing privacy and data protection.

  Describe major achievements resulting from this grant.

#### Which population group/s were affected by this project or program? \*

Ethnic and racial groups > People of Asian descent Gender groups > Females

Social and economic status > Immigrants and migrants > Immigrants

Please choose only the group/s that were at the very core of this project/program.

#### If you have any supporting documentation, you can share it below.

This could include photos, surveys, feedback, your evaluation plan, published research or annual report.

Remember this report will be placed on our website for transparency.

### **Upload files:**

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#### **Provide web link:**

Must be a URL.

# **Financial report**

# **Budget**

Provide details of funds received and spent in relation to this grant.

| Income | <b>\$</b>   | Expenditure           | \$         |
|--------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Grant  | \$10,000.00 | Salary - Hongxia Qi   | \$6,000.00 |
|        | \$          | RA salary             | \$2,500.00 |
|        | \$          | Koha for participants | \$500.00   |
|        | \$          | Survey incentivise    | \$500.00   |
|        | \$          | Mileage               | \$500.00   |

# **Budget Totals**

| Total Income Amount             | <b>Total Expenditure Amount</b> | Income - Expenditure            |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| \$10,000.00                     | \$10,000.00                     | \$0.00                          |
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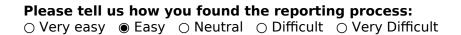
Have you experienced any issues with your intended budget? If so, please explain reasons for any major variances or for providing incomplete information:

Due to the inflation, the planned budget became tight, but I managed to get the work done.

Due to the inflation, the planned budget became tight, but I managed to get the work done within the budget through maximizing the avaliable resources (including those from VUW).

### **Feedback**

You are almost at the end of your final report. Before submitting, please take a few moments to provide some feedback.



How many minutes in total did it take you to complete this form?

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#### 2 hours

Estimate in minutes (i.e. 1 hour = 60 minutes)

### Do you have any feedback?

I like the user-friendly design of the system. It's straightforward and easy to navigate.

For example, feedback on the evaluation toolkit if you used it, the process of working with InternetNZ or anything else.

# InternetNZ is a membership organisation. Would you be interested in hearing more about becoming a member?

 $oldsymbol{\circ}$  Yes please igtriangle No thanks igtriangle I am already a member