

## Rich and Poor Men's Banquet

### **Objective and Format**

**Objective:** To allow participants to understand the uneven distribution of food in the world by this experiential activity, hoping they will cherish what they have and understand the importance of sharing.

**Format:** - Banquet, experiential games, video and reflection

### **Target:**

**Age:** Class 7 or above

**No. of participants:** Not limited

### **Duration:**

Around 60 to 90 minutes (Lunch)

### **What you need for the activity:**

**Venue:** Indoor preferred

**Things needed:** 1. Food for participants

#### *Suggested Menu*

- The Poor: 1 piece of bread and 1 glass of water
  - The Rich: 1 pack of potato chips, 1 ham and egg sandwich, 2 chicken wings, 1 pack of Soya bean milk and a portion of fruit.
2. Video from World Vision Hong Kong
  3. Broadcasting facilities

### **Procedures:**

#### **1. Before the banquet**

- a. Calculate the total number of participant before the banquet
- b. Prepare enough food for them

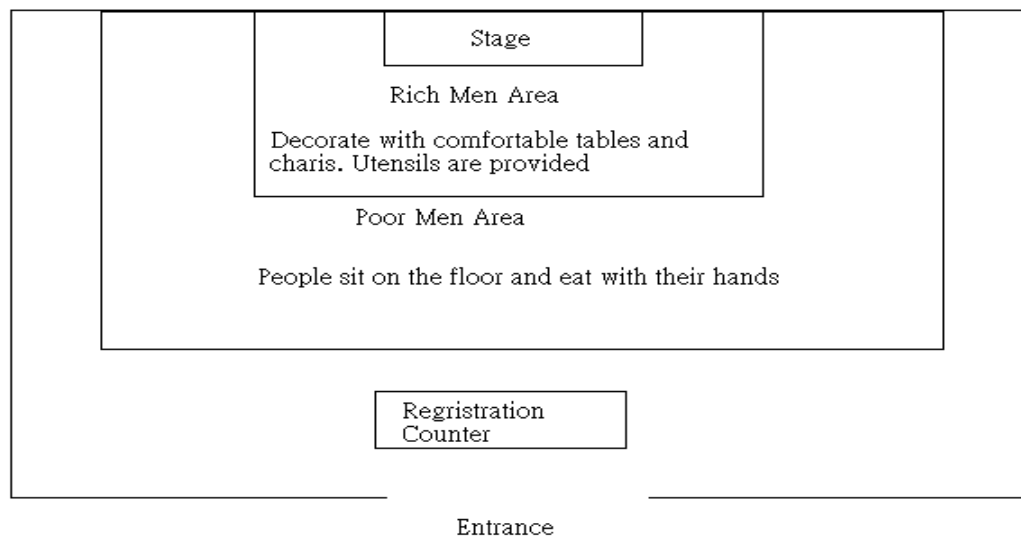
#### **2. On the day of the banquet**

- a. *Setting:* Divide the venue into 2 areas – the Rich Men area and the Poor Men area.
  - 1) The Poor Men area should be larger than the Rich Men one. There should be no chairs for the participants in the Poor Men area and no utensils for

eating.

- 2) The Rich Men area will have comfortable tables, chairs and sufficient utensils. Please see the following picture for reference. Exhibition boards and banners can also be put around the venue for decoration.
- 3) There should be a certain distance between the Rich Men Area and the Poor Men Area so that the rich cannot hand over any food to the poor easily.

### Setting of the Venue



b. *Registration/ Draw lots:*

- 1) Half hour before the banquet starts, set up a registration counter at the entrance.
- 2) The participants will draw lots to decide whether they will be in the Rich Men or Poor Men area. The percentage of the rich and the poor should be around 15% and 85% respectively. After that, the staff will lead them to their seats.

c. *Banquet Starts:*

After all the participants are seated, the staff will start to deliver food. During the banquet, you can show the video and carry out games, Q& A and other activities. World Vision can also arrange a staff to come and deliver a talk on poverty issues if you find it suitable.

d. *Debriefing:*

- 1) 15 minutes before the banquet finish, staff can ask the participants to share their feeling. The staff can also give the participants some information about poverty and hunger. Here are some information for your reference:
  - **Fact of Poverty:** There are around 6.5 billion people in the world. About 1 billion people live on less than US\$1 a day while 2.6 billion people live on less than US\$ 2 a day. (World Development Indicators, World Bank, 2006) That means around 55% of our population are living in severe poverty.
  - **Fact of Hunger:** We are lucky enough to be able to find food easily. However, there are large number of children struggle to fill their stomach. Everyday, some 300 million children go to bed hungry. (Website of UNICEF, 2005). What is your eating habit today? Do you cherish what you have now? Are you a wasteful person?
  - **Why hunger occurs? :** It is not because we do not have enough food for everyone, but because poor people cannot afford the food. We can help to change the situation easily by sharing what we have with others. After this activity today, do you want to have any change in you eating habit and your attitude toward the needy?
  
- 2) You can also prepare cards for them to write down what they want to say to the poor after the banquet.