

# **The Impact of Gambling and Problem Gambling on Asian Families and Communities in New Zealand (IGAF)**

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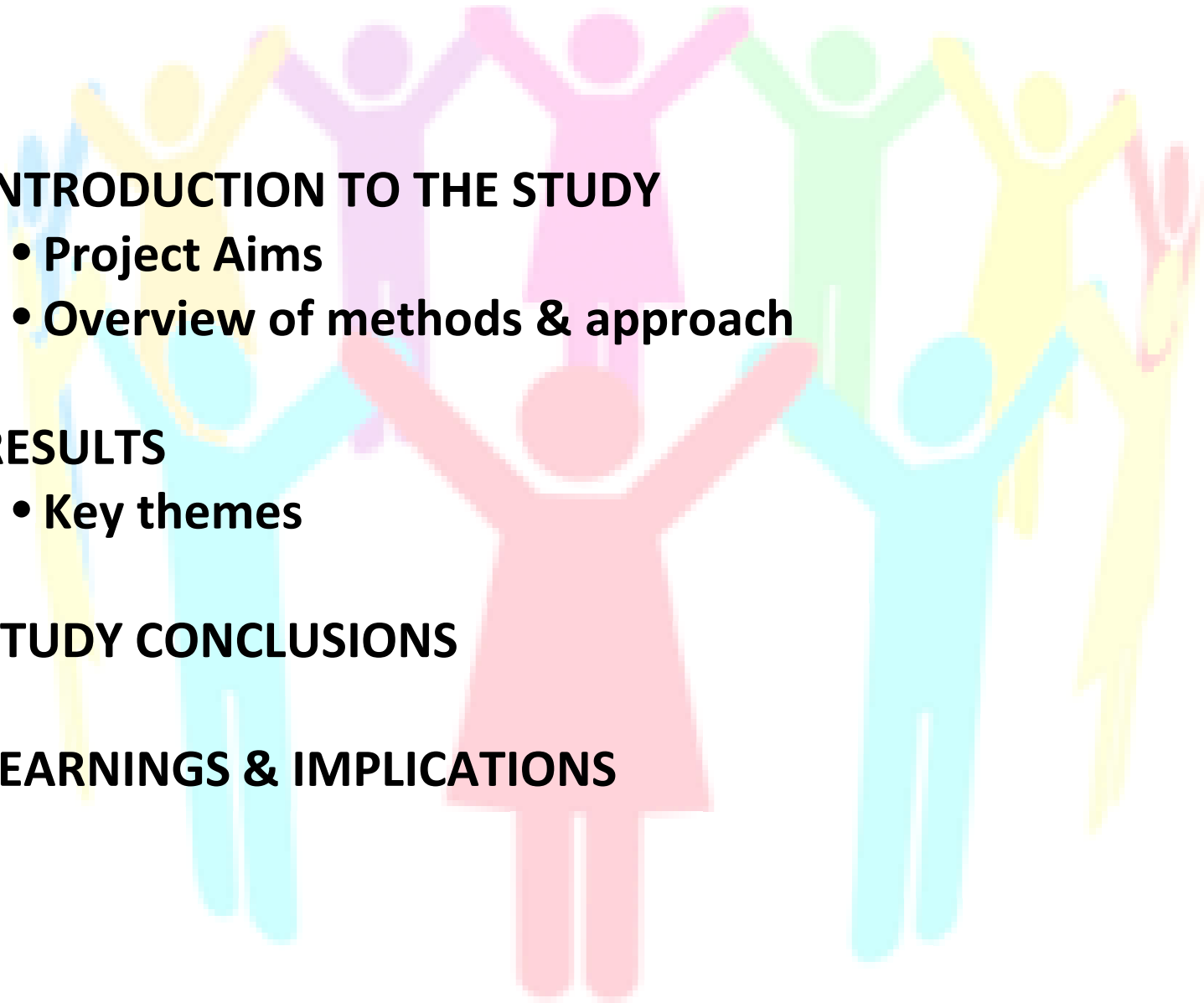
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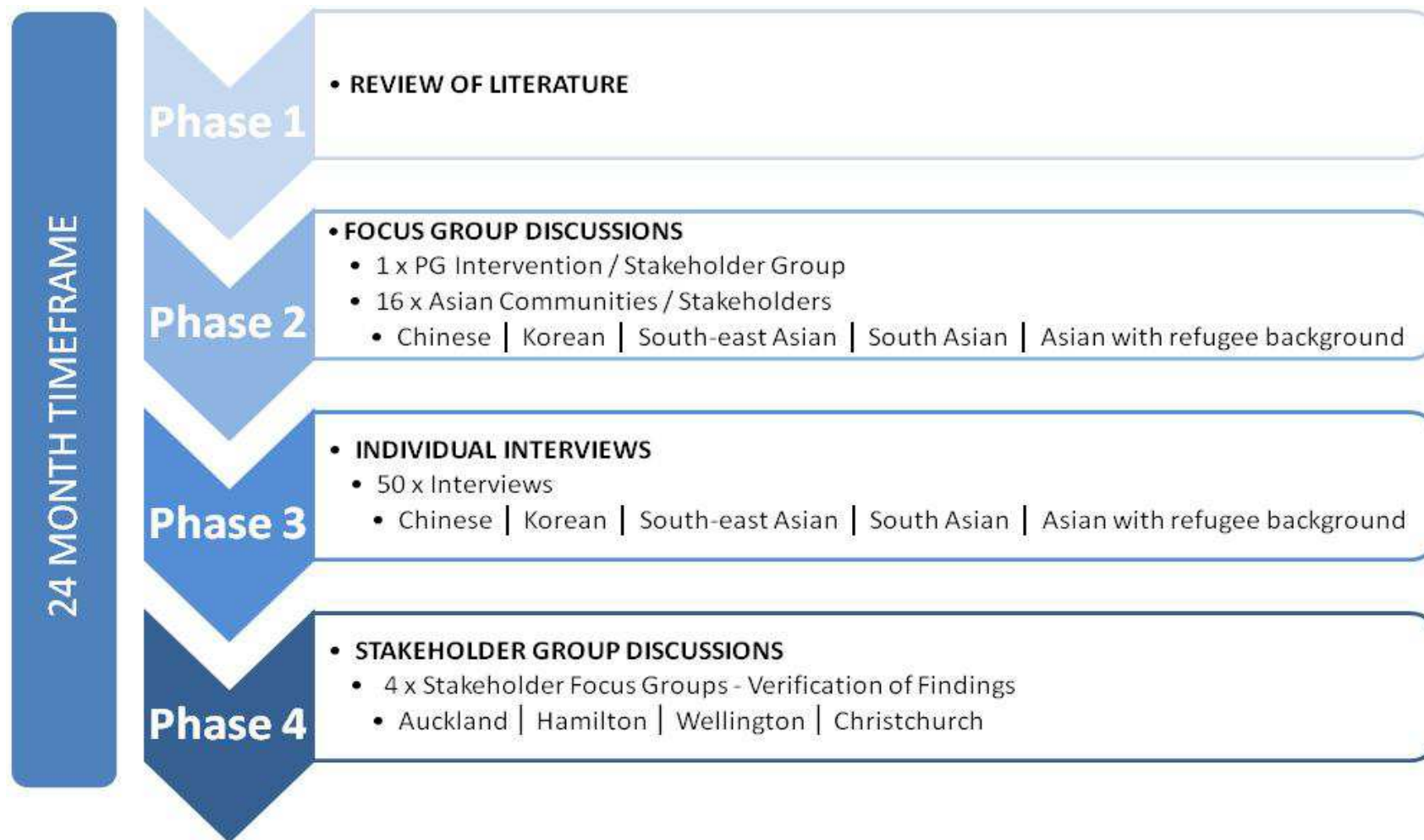


# Key Project Aims

- **To explore and improve understanding of:**
  - Gambling amongst Asians in New Zealand
  - Risk and resiliency factors
  - Antecedents and etiology of problem gambling
- **To provide information that could assist with the development of:**
  - Effective primary prevention measures
  - Policy initiatives

# Project Overview

- Ecological approach & acculturation framework
- Qualitative, mixed methods → 4 Phases



# Results: 3 Key Themes



**ASIAN CULTURE AND ITS ROLE IN GAMBLING**



**THE ROLE OF MIGRATION, SETTLEMENT  
& THE ENVIRONMENT IN PROBLEM GAMBLING**



**COPING BEHAVIOURS, IMPACTS &  
CONSEQUENCES OF GAMBLING**



# Interaction of Key Themes





## ASIAN CULTURE AND ITS ROLE IN GAMBLING

- *I think it (stigma) can also help the gamblers not to gamble anymore because they don't like to be seen as a problem gambler. So they might try to quit on their own (KOR-F-4-XG)*

- *...he gamble on the night of Chinese New Year's Eve – very typical of Chinese people – testing luck and fortune for the New Year. (CHI-F-5-FM)*

name & "face"  
spirituality & fate





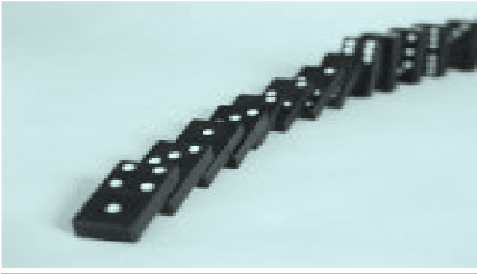
# THE ROLE OF MIGRATION, SETTLEMENT & THE ENVIRONMENT IN PROBLEM GAMBLING

*I believe migrants are at least twice more vulnerable to*

*I can't understand how come gambling is legal and so easy to access here [In NZ]. It's like gambling machines are everywhere... They go to Casino to get rid of the stress. So it's like Casino is very good at exploiting it. And the government allows it. (KOR-M-2-FM)*

- **Personal factors**
  - Lack of knowledge about gambling
  - Misconceptions about legality and fairness
  - Exposure to and availability of gambling
  - Peer influence



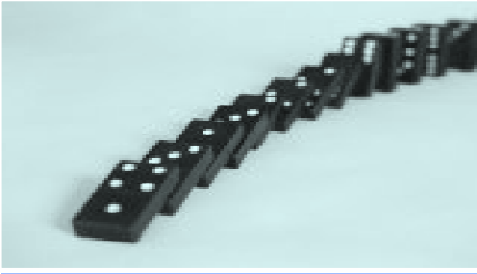


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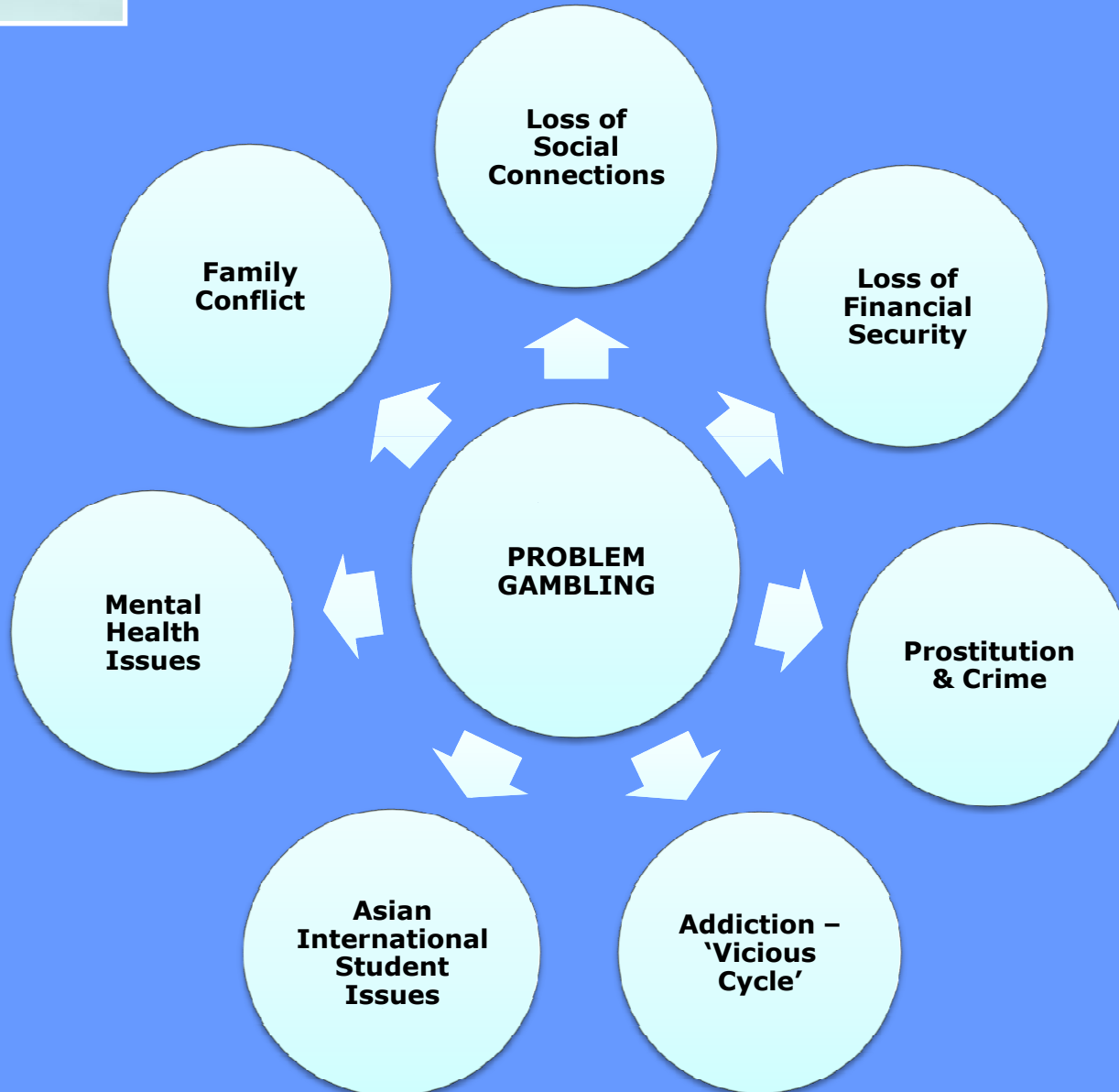
*For me the most important thing is being honest with myself*

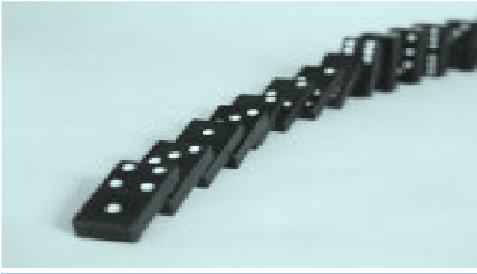
*... I sort of accepted that this is my fate. There may be something to be resolved or should happen now in relation to my previous life. (REF-F-4-XG)*

- E
- Expression
- Resigned acceptance of one's lot



# CONSEQUENCES OF GAMBLING

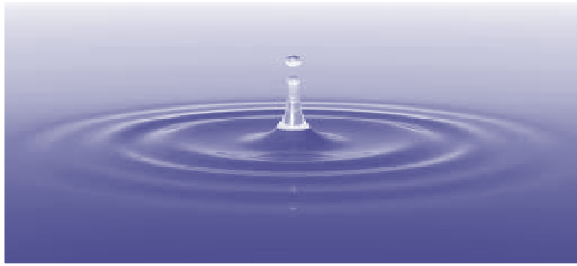




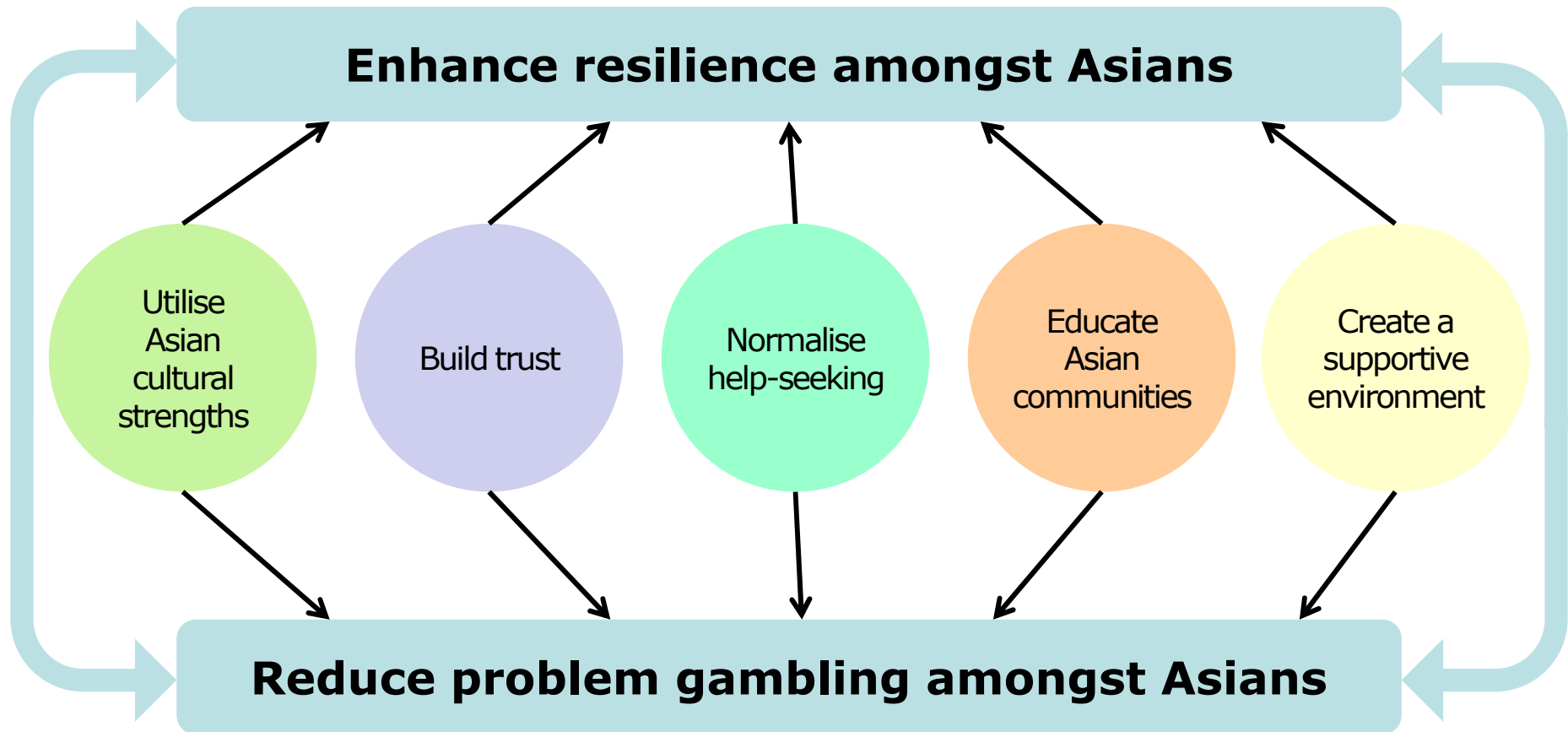
## IMPACTS ON FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

*The community impact is associated with business. So the business owner or the shop owner if they gamble and lost their business, it will affect the community. Some of them they haven't paid their employees and they haven't paid their suppliers and they go bankrupt. (PHIV-STAKEHOLDER)*

- Monetary losses
- Breakdown of trust within community
- Splits community and erodes social support mechanisms



# CONCLUSION: AN ECOLOGICAL APPROACH TO REDUCING PROBLEM GAMBLING AMONGST ASIANS





## LEARNINGS AND IMPLICATIONS

1. Problem gambling is an ecological issue
2. Structural issues as fundamental drivers of gambling
3. Asian culture impacts conceptions of gambling
4. The settlement experience impacts gambling behaviour
5. Interventions need to consider cultural diversity and appropriateness