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## Preschool of the Future (POF Puer), China

The project covers 35 preschools over 3 years in Ninger County, Puer Prefecture and benefits 746 children and their parents. The project leader visits POF classes, arrange teacher training and carry out on-site supervision of the teachers. The teachers train the parents 2 times per semester to increase the knowledge and awareness on the importance of Early Childhood Education.. The project is part of a new policy of turning traditional pre-primary classes into proper Kindergartens and works in close cooperation with Bureau of Education to secure the smooth operation of the classes. Apart from the traditional preschool subjects, the children learn about nature, animals, nutrition, hygiene, arts and music, thus, enabling them to be better prepared for primary school.

## Farmers' Clubs Sanyuan

Fengdu County is one of the poor counties in Chongqing situated along the Yangtze River, 164 km North West of Chongqing city. It has a population of 620,000. Luojiachang village in the Sanyuan Township has 810 households. The project organizes 269 households into 6 Farmers' Clubs that focus on increasing skills and production, promoting sustainable agriculture and improving water supply. Farmers' Clubs Sanyuan started in August 2016. In 2018, the project team organized 94 trainings for farmers in hygiene, health, farming technology and environmental protection.

Furthermore the project conducted 1,309 household visits; arranged and carried out training for Farming Instructors and training for the subcommittees. 5 solar heaters were installed. 175 farmers have been planting green manure and in October 2018 a total of 965kg broad bean seeds were distributed to farmers in the project. Experimental fungus planting activities have also taken place.

## TCE Liangshan

The project, during a 2-year campaign aims to achieve total control of the AIDS epidemic in 19 townships - 10 Counties of Liangshan Prefecture. The field work is not done by Humana People to People China, but supports the local health system to identify, hire, train, guide, monitor and evaluate the establishment of local Field Officer Teams in 19 "models/ focus townships". This is a pilot project in 19 focus townships with totally 2000 – 3000 HIV positive people.

Humana People to People China has worked in Lianghsan since January 2010 on HIV prevention. The TCE work has over 7 years built a solid community trust and clear results in selected townships. This is one of the reasons why Liangshan Prefecture Health office decided to hire Humana People to People to give technical support to their own version of the TCE model.

## Development and Expansion of Pre-School of the Future (POF) program

By the end of 2018 Humana People to People was supporting POF Longling, POF Qiaoja, POF Ninger (Puer), POF Luowu (Puge). Cumulatively, by the end of 2018; the POF movement has opened more than 310 classes and benefited more than 15,000 children. To run the preschools, teachers are recruited locally, are trained on the job and are paid by parents, and parents' committees are established. Besides the traditional preschool subjects, the children learn about nature, animals, nutrition, hygiene, arts and music, thus, enabling them to be better prepared for primary school and the future. By the end of the project period, the preschools are handed over to either the community or the local Bureau of Education. Projects that were handed over to the community continue operations using the POF concept and with the teachers trained by HPP. Preschools are mostly single, mixed age classes with 20-30 children, while a kindergarten has many classes and 200 or more children.



<sup>1</sup> POF Zhenkang was the first POF project in China, starting up 2008. Later, with more experience from running POF projects, a plan with Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3 was developed, in which the POF classes gradually receive less support from HPP in order to be sustainable, when project support from HPP finally ends. The POF classes in Zhenkang continue operation with support from the local Bureau of Education.

<sup>2</sup> Almost all really mean "almost all": from what we know 2 classes in POF Zhenkang and 1 class in POF Ximeng had to end operation due to lack of teachers or special local circumstances. Other classes continue operation using the POF concept.

<sup>3</sup> Accumulated the POF movement has opened more than 310 classes and benefited more than 15,000 children.

## POF Luowu Kindergarten

The aim of the POF Luowu Kindergarten is to run a model kindergarten benefitting 180 children and their parents as well as increasing to up to 400 children over a 5 year period.

The Kindergarten uses experiences from Humana People to People's implementation of Pre-School of the Future schools in rural areas during the last 10 years and function as demonstration and training site for teachers from surrounding villages. By attending Kindergarten the children are better prepared for primary school. Beside the traditional school subjects the children learn about nature, animals, nutrition, hygiene and how to express themselves.