

Stopping the Intergenerational Transmission of Poverty: The Hubei Model



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Introduction



Mr. Wang Guoliang, LGOP Deputy Director
General spoke at Wuhan program launch
meeting on February 18, 2014

Hubei provincial party committee and government attach great importance to child poverty reduction. Hubei is the first province to incorporate stopping intergenerational transmission of poverty into its new poverty alleviation and development plan, and the first province with a dedicated plan for development-oriented child poverty reduction in rural poverty blocks. With support from UNICEF, IPRCC and Bestseller Fund, an integrated child poverty reduction and development pilot program was launched in 8 counties of 4 poverty blocks.

By the end of July 2017, program investment accumulated to 275 million RMB (239 million RMB domestic investment, 35.585 million RMB from Bestseller Fund), benefiting 219,000 children.

Key features of the Hubei model



I. Scientific planning for targeted implementation of integrated child poverty reduction and development



II. Concentrate on key research topics to set up a platform for child poverty research and practice



III. Top-down and bottom-up joint efforts to explore multi-dimensional intervention model for rural child poverty reduction and development



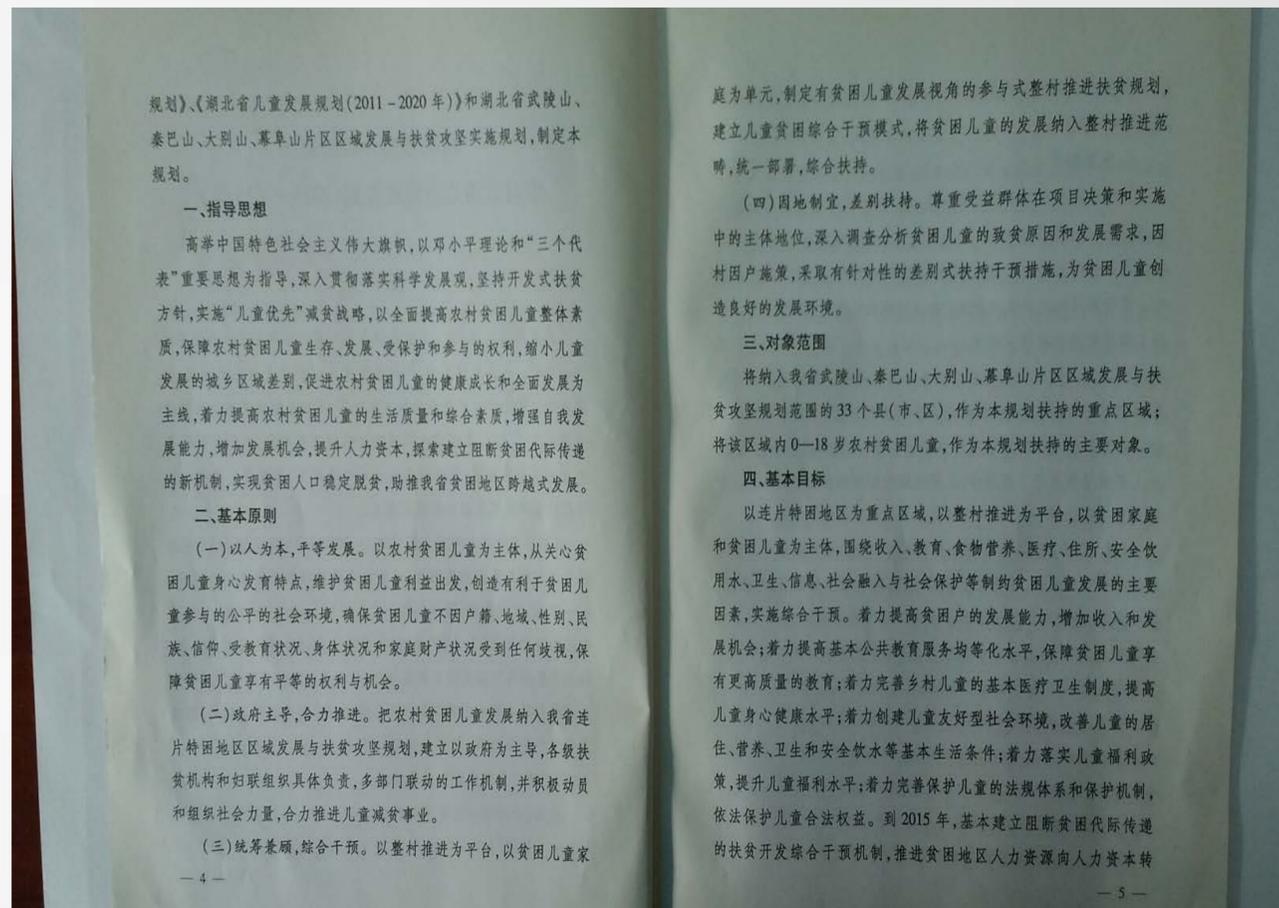
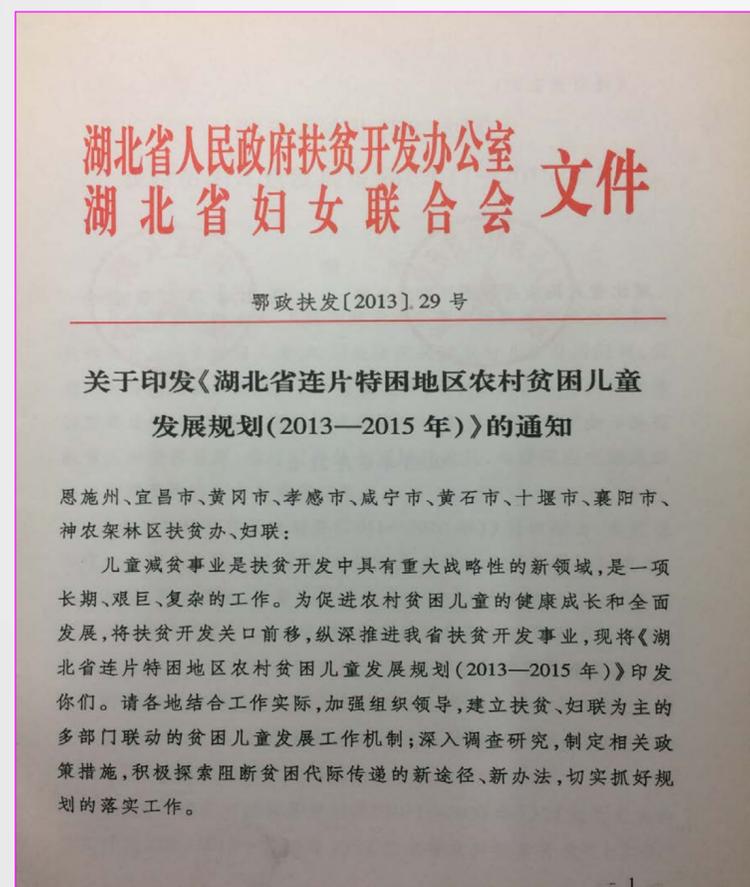
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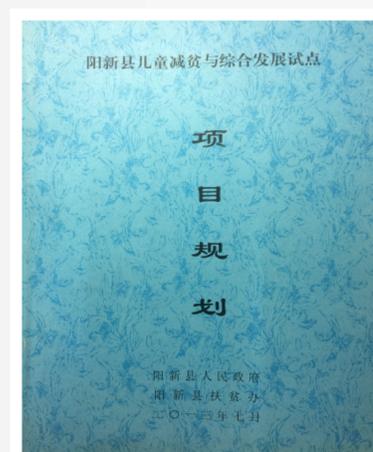
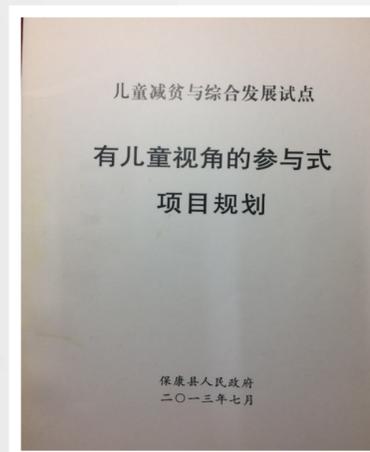
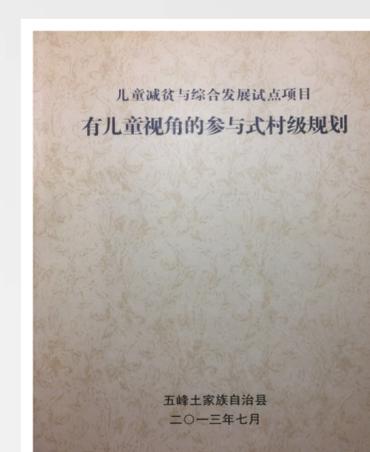
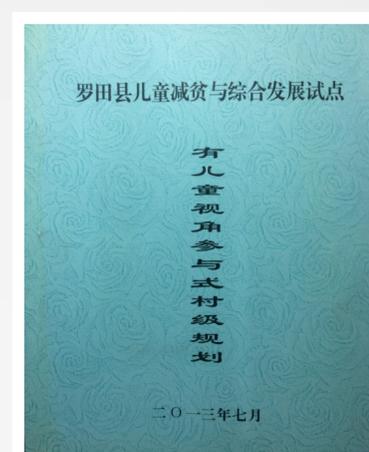
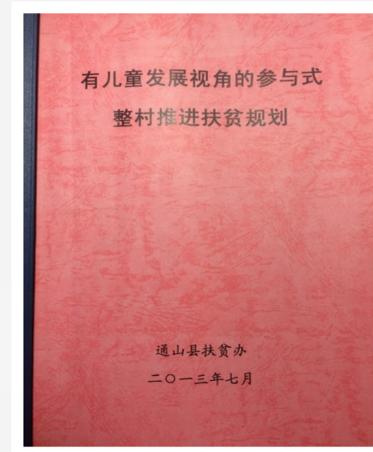
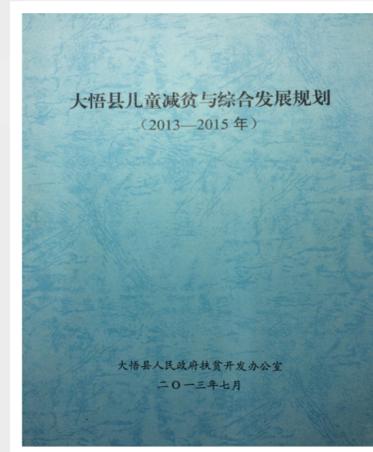
Scientific planning for targeted implementation of integrated child poverty reduction and development

On the basis of *Village-based Development-oriented Poverty Reduction Plan (2011-2015)* and *National Program of Action for Child Development in China (2011-2020)*, the plan for development of children in Hubei poverty blocks was developed to guide pilot programming.



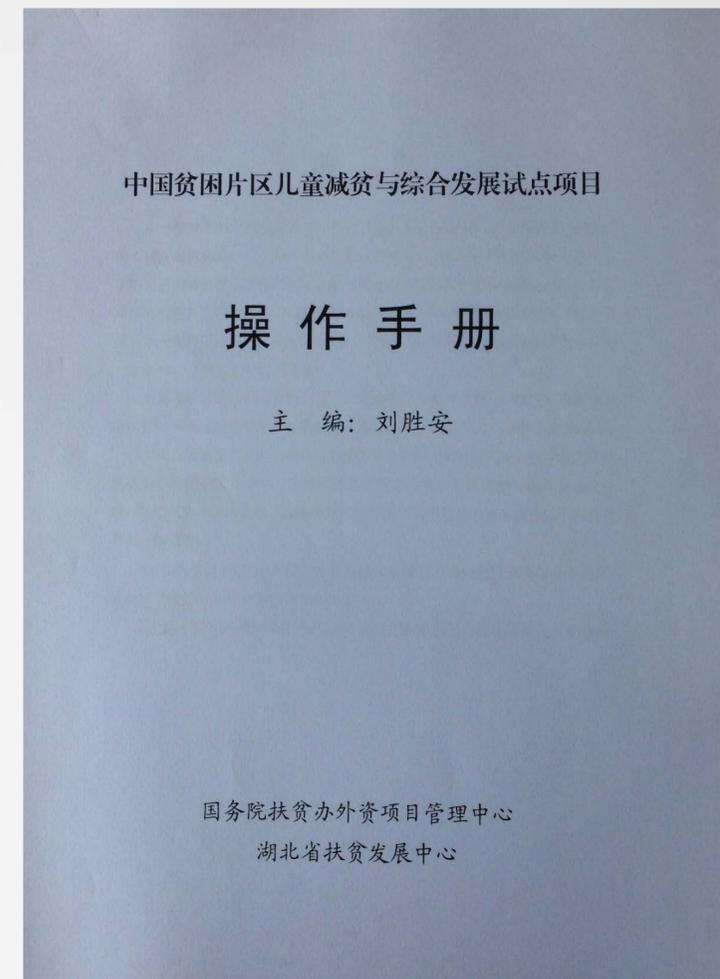
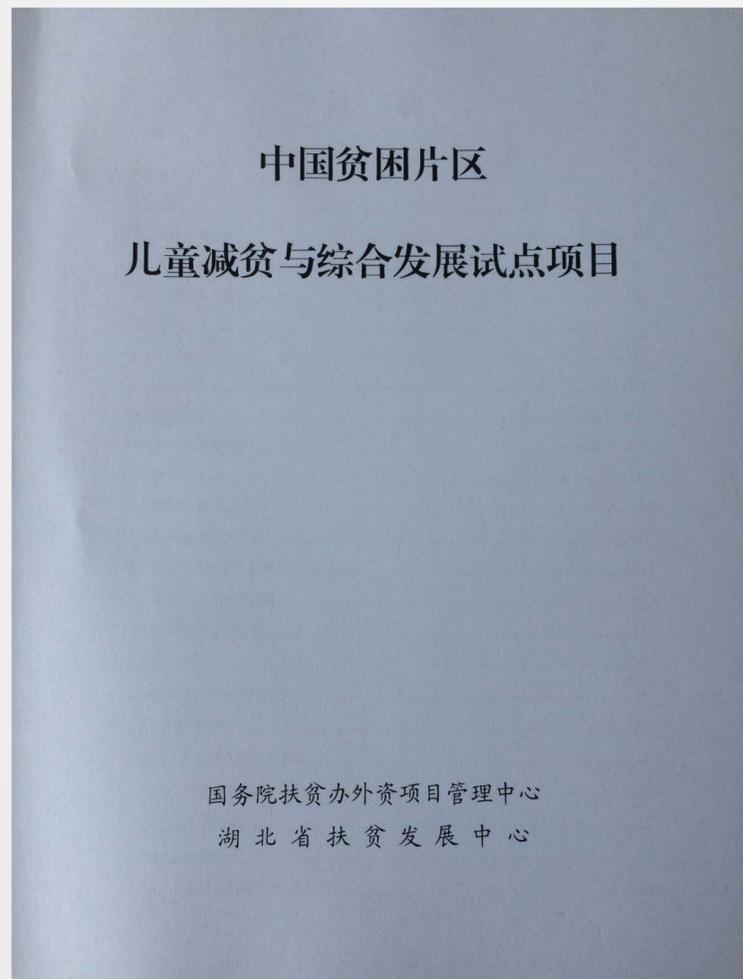
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County-level program plans of 8 pilot sites



Scientific planning for targeted implementation of integrated child poverty reduction and development

Compiled as “pilot program proposal” and “pilot program manual” for integrated child poverty reduction and development in China’s poverty blocks



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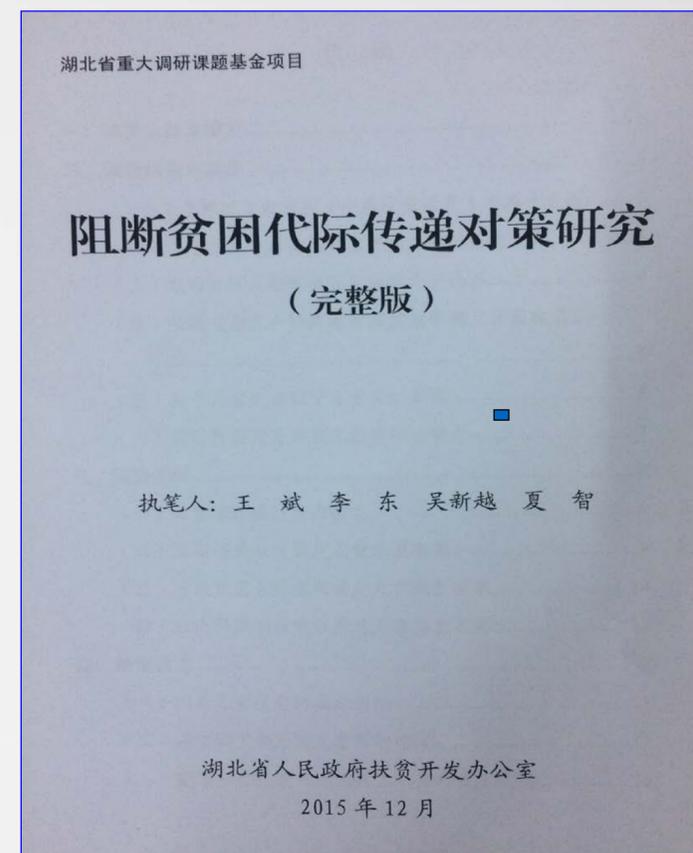
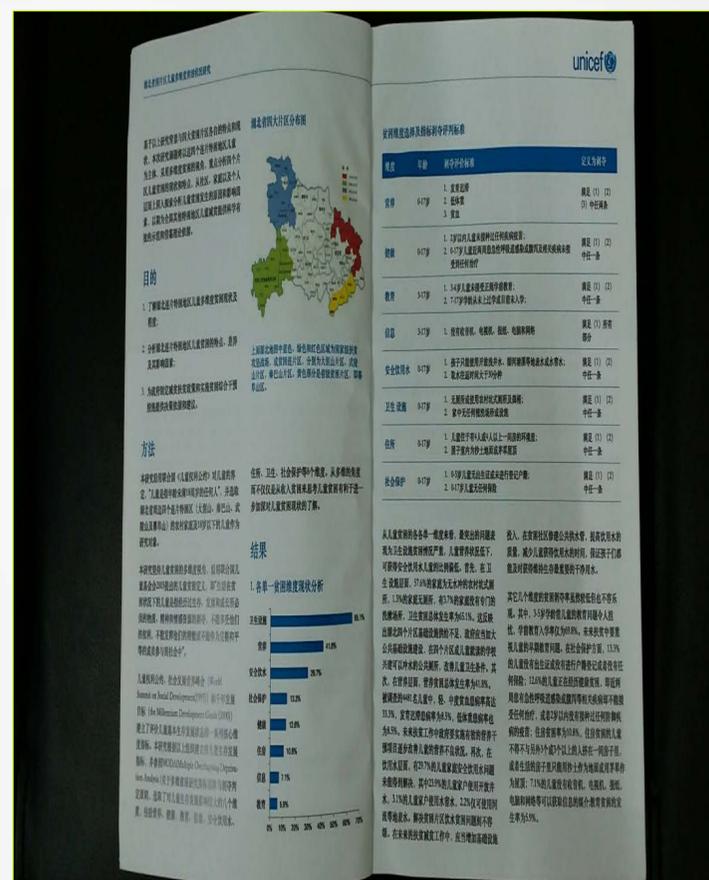
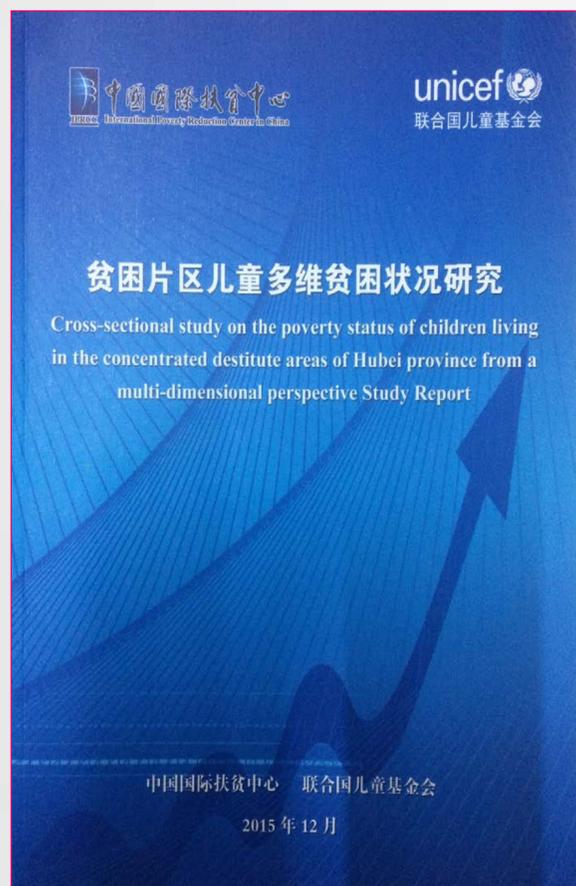


Concentrate on key research topics to set up a platform for child poverty research and practice

Study on poverty status of children living in poverty blocks in Hubei Province from a multi-dimensional perspective & research on stopping intergenerational transmission of poverty completed at Hubei Province

1. MODA study led by IPRCC and UNICEF, implemented at Hubei Province

2. Research on stopping intergenerational transmission of poverty





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Research report reviewed and approved by experts.

Experts reach consensus that:

The research report is innovative in child poverty research through a multi-dimensional perspective. With detailed data, a clear logical framework, a unique research perspective and proper research methodologies, the study not only analyzes child poverty from eight separate dimensions, but also leverages MODA index figures to analyze influencing factors from individuals, families and communities on single-dimension child poverty and multi-dimension child poverty. Counter measures are developed for integrated child poverty reduction and development.



Concentrate on key research topics to set up a platform for child poverty research and practice

To promote in-depth studies, the symposium on child poverty reduction and development was held on August 24-25, 2015, co-hosted by UNICEF and IPRCC and organized by Hubei provincial poverty alleviation and development office.

Ms. Rana Flowers, UNICEF representative to China, Ms. Jillian Popkins, SPARC Section Chief of UNICEF China and more than 100 officials and experts presented at the meeting.

Rana Flowers believes:

Hubei Province took the lead on studies of child poverty reduction and development, offering valuable experience worth replicating to other places. We hope Hubei province could apply their research findings and contribute more to child poverty reduction efforts across the world.

III. Top-down and bottom-up joint efforts to explore multi-dimensional intervention model for rural child poverty reduction and development



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Hubei provinces issued the following documents:

- *Program of Hubei Province on Implementing the National Plan for Child Development in Impoverished Areas (2014-2020)*
- *Implementation Plan of Hubei Province on Strengthening Care and Protection of Left-behind Children in Rural Areas*
- *Implementation Opinions on Strengthening Care and Protection of Children in Difficulty*

Top-down and bottom-up joint efforts to explore multi-dimensional intervention model for rural child poverty reduction and development

Across the province, 8 program counties, 66 towns and 80 villages set up a five-tier program management mechanism with joint efforts from poverty alleviation department, women's federation, youth league, education department, health department, civil affairs department and disabled persons federation:

1. Hubei provincial program office
2. County program leading group
3. County program office
4. Township program coordination group
5. Village program management committee

Top-down and bottom-up joint efforts to explore multi-dimensional intervention model for rural child poverty reduction and development

A team of county/village volunteers and county volunteer association members to guide and help children

Training in Yangxin county, March 2015



Training in Tongshan county, April 2015



Training in Dawu county, April 2015



Training in Luotian county, April 2015



Training in Wufeng county, April 2015



Training in Yi'en county, April 2015



Training in Yunyang county, May 2015

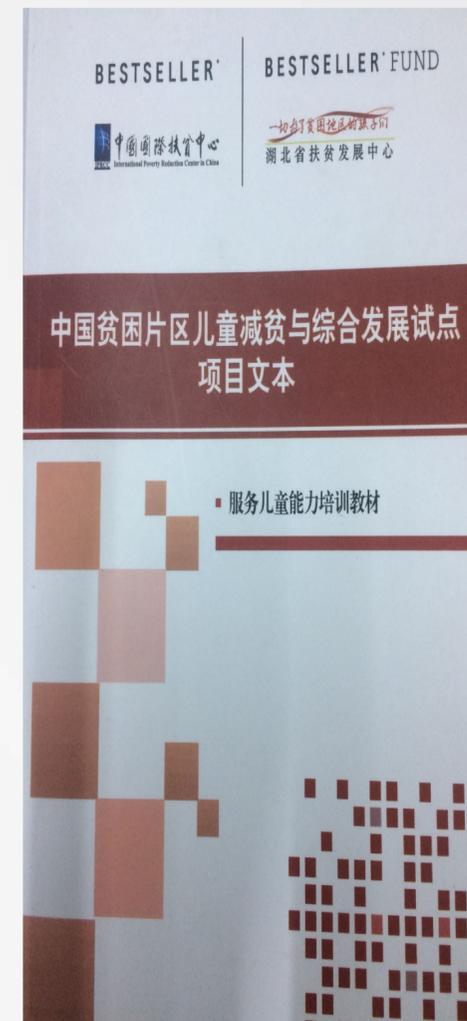
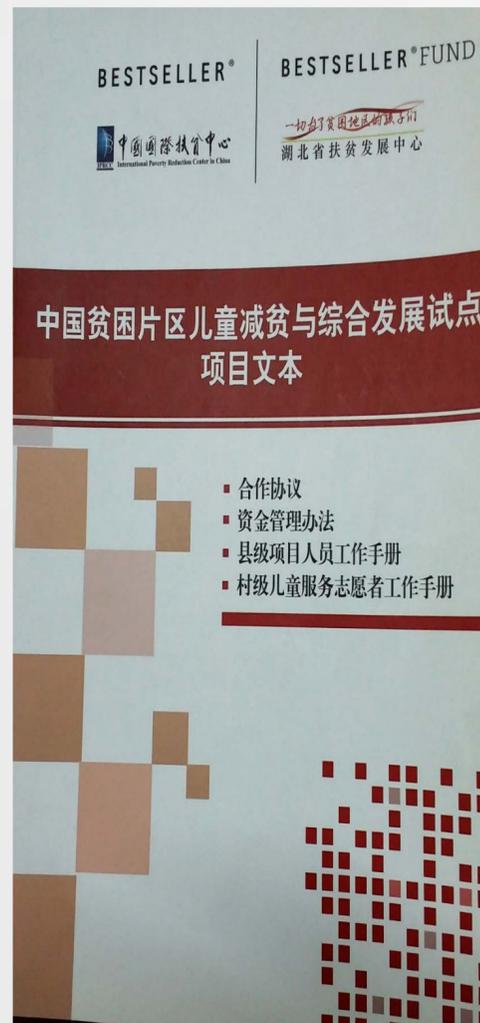


Training in Baokang county, May 2015

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A team of national and provincial experts to develop training textbooks and offer training at various levels

Textbook developed by Professor **Huang Xiaoyan** and her team from Nankai University



Textbook for provincial expert team, developed by Ms. **Zhou Jing**, executive director of Hubei provincial association of psychological counselors, Level I Counseling Psychologist, and founder of Wuhan Hongzhi psychological counseling center

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A set of management operation mechanism involving program planning, scheduling, finance, adjustment, supervision, monitoring and evaluation is in place. 8 pilot counties have a total of 80 county-level backbone volunteers, 160 village volunteers, offering 44 training sessions covering more than 2,600 people.

Statistics show that in the past 4 years, pilot counties send practitioners for 709 training sessions regarding health, nutrition and child protection, benefiting more than 28,600 poor families and 42,000 people living in poverty.



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Child service center offers a venue for children to learn, play, get access to protection and services, and for parents and villagers to receive parenting training. 80 pilot villages have set up child service centers across the province. Centers are open more than twice a week, with books, TVs, computers, LEGO toys, entertainment equipment, fitness facilities, self-folding seats ready for use.

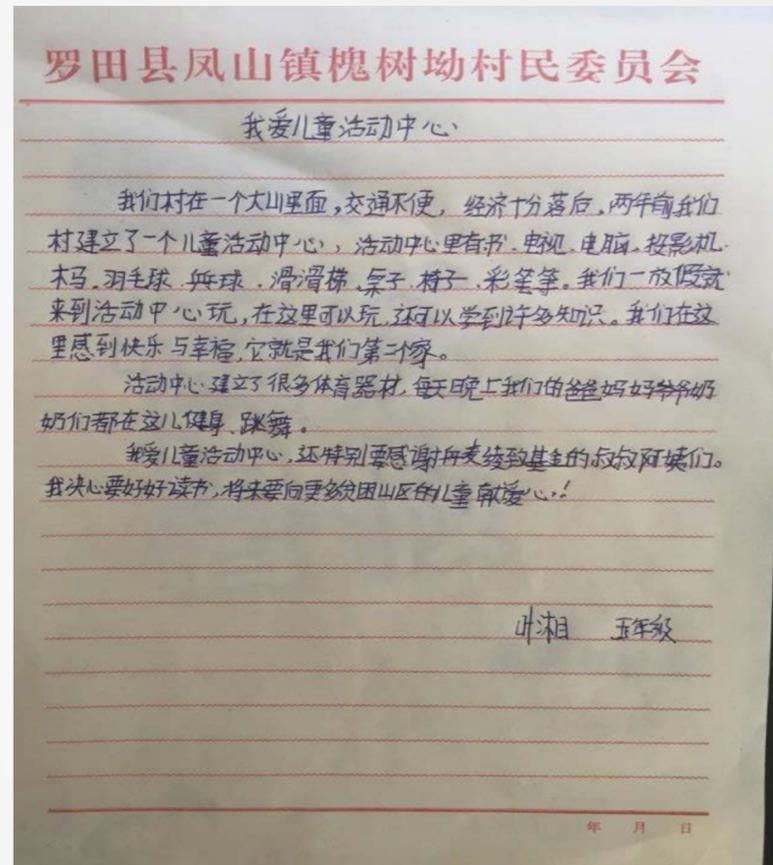


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Statistics show that since program launch, child service centers have been open to public for 15,140 days, offering 3,391 themed activities for children, benefiting 248,000 children and more than 100,000 parents; home visits reached 4,642 children; and 4,126 children with special needs received help through the program.



Children learning how to play Lego, Dashanping village, Xuan'en county



Volunteers at Sanxigou village, Baokang county helped take care of a 16-year old child at the hospital. The child was born harellipped, and suffered from broken legs and level 2 acute brain injury due to a car accident in February this year. Volunteers helped donate 500 RMB, and raised 22,000 RMB online for hospital treatment.

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A 16-year-old girl and a 12-year-old boy in Tiechanggou village, Xuan'en county lost their father many years ago, and did not have a chance to meet their mother for 7 years.

Village volunteers, with the support from warm-hearted people, helped and accompanied them to visit their mother in the prison.





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Village cadres and volunteers in Wangjiaqiao village, Luotian county helped Zhu Bin, a 9-year old mentally retarded child who could not control his own behaviors, eat with his hands, and encounter incontinence problems. Two general primary schools and one special education school persuaded the child to quit. His parents had no other choice but ask the village teaching point to take care of the child for one and a half years before transferring him to the county special education school for grade two. Both parents and the grandfather expressed appreciation for this, saying that without the help from village cadres and volunteers, the child would not make it to school.





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Poverty alleviation and development work is going through a very difficult phase. We are clearly aware that there are many difficulties and challenges facing child poverty reduction and development, with in-depth conflicts constraining progress in this area. We will continue to abide the NPA and adopt the children first strategy in setting up the investment, cross-sectoral collaboration, community service and social assistance mechanisms as well as moderately universal social welfare system and comprehensive protection mechanism for impoverished children. We will improve grass-root social worker capacity, implement integrated early interventions for young children in poverty, enhance training for parents of impoverished children, improve children's living environment, set up child poverty surveillance system, so that child poverty reduction work could be implemented in terms of its target group, objectives, policies, funding, measures and organizational support. A new mechanism for stopping intergenerational transmission of poverty will be explored and established, offering a role model for similar efforts across the country.



Thank you!



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