

Supporting the “all round” Establishment of Xiao Kang Society

The Challenge

Thanks to the progress of reform and opening-up as well as the drive for socialist modernization of more than 20 years, the Chinese people have on the whole become well-off, which was a milestone in the history of the development of the Chinese nation. However, the current development is still at a low level characteristic of unevenness and imbalance. The new national development guidelines for building a Xiao Kang (well-off) Society were approved on the 16th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), where the concept of the Xiao Kang Society was broadened to denote not only material comfort but harmonious development in all aspect.

The 3rd Plenary Session of the 16th Party CPC further clarified the vision through elaborating the “Scientific Concept of Development” focusing on achieving “five balances” between: urban and rural; across regions; economic and social; between man and nature; and domestic development versus opening up. Balanced development has thus become a top priority of the Government of China and forms a major part of the planning process embodied in the 11th Five Year Plan 2005-2010. This vision closely mirrors the commitments made by China in the UN’s Millennium Declaration which was adopted by Head of State and Governments from 189 countries in 2000.

Aiming at being more comprehensive, the Xiao Kang vision has the potential of enriching and sharpening the focus of ongoing global efforts to move beyond poverty reduction to achieve more people-centered and harmonious society through integration. To realize this ambitious vision and cope with development imbalances, it assumes urgency to learn from international experience; to formulate periodical Xiao Kang goals and indicators, to enhance planning and implementing capacities and to refine relevant laws and regulations to promote all-round prosperity of the Chinese nation.

The Response

The programme will support the Government’s long-term national progress of reform towards realizing the “all-round” Xiao Kang society by 2020. It will assist in alleviating development imbalanced and enhancing capacities through promoting and supporting the use of



human development concepts, methodologies and indicators in line with MDGs.

The programme will advocate for a wide sense of ownership and active participation in the process of reform among society as a whole.



Under the project, six provinces namely, Qinghai Province, Sichuan Province, Hunan Province, Jilin Province, and Jiangsu Province, and Yunnan were selected as pilot sites to undertake assessment of Xiao Kang goals and indicators at the provincial level. Provincial Xiao Kang reports will be produced through a Feedback Mechanism, using methodologies consistent with human development objectives as a crucial tool to evaluate development progress.

Findings from the programme will be used to support the formulation of mid term development strategies such as China’s 11th Five Year Plan and the 12th Five Year Plan to support evidence-based policy-making. Major inputs will be provided to the development of long term development vision of China.

At A Glance

Start Date: 2005
End Date: 2010

Implementing Partner(s): China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchanges (CICETE), National Development and Reform Commission

Project ID: 00033756

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Outcome 1: Social and economic policies are developed and improved to be more scientifically based and human centered for sustainable and equitable growth

CPAP output:

Output 1.1 National Xiaokang vision and MDG goals and indicators localized and integrated into the development plan.

Output 1.2 Five Provincial plans developed in tune with Xiaokang/MDG vision and indicators

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Total Budget: US\$ 10,860,500

UNDP: US\$ 5,000,000

Government: US\$ 5,000,000

Third Party: GBP£500,000

Project Locations: Sichuan, Hunan, Jilin, Jiangsu, Qinghai, Yunnan

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