

Project Summary

International Poverty Reduction Center in China

The Challenge

Over the past two decades, China has made tremendous progress in poverty reduction with the number of rural poor dropped from 250 million in 1978 to 26.1 million in 2004. The Chinese experience demonstrates that massive reduction of poverty is attainable when appropriate and innovative policy agenda is pursued and broad-based effort is mobilized. However, the current level of dissemination of China's experience in international forums on poverty remains low compared with the demand from other developing and transition countries. Changing situation and emerging challenges for sustained poverty reduction require China to strengthen and renew its efforts to reduce human poverty through intensified engagement and exchange with the international community.

The Response

Through the establishment of China International Poverty Reduction Center, the Project aims at strengthening national and international capacities to design and implement pro-poor policies and anti-poverty programme with a focus on both income and human dimensions of poverty.



The Center will first of all serve as a knowledge hub and comprehensive depository of information about poverty and the poverty reduction experience in China for experience sharing and mutual learning between China and other developing and transition economies.

Policy relevant research and training initiatives will be carried out by the Center. The research programmes will compile existing research literatures on poverty reduction and pro-poor policy-making so that the information is centralized to make broaden public accessibility possible. The Center will offer and coordinate training and other learning opportunities on poverty reduction issues and policies to government officials, research fellows and practitioners from China as well as from other developing and transition economies.

The Center will also be entrusted with the responsibility of providing new opportunities for enhanced dialogue and debate on pro-poor policy issues among policy makers, academics and practitioners whereby China's experience

and key lessons are disseminated to a wide range of stakeholders and Chinese stakeholders are facilitated to be exposed to international experience.



The Center has received strong support from the Central Government of China and is highlighted as an important initiative by the Chinese president Mr. Hu Jintao.

Under the principle of South-South cooperation, international relevance, broad accessibility, institutional integrity, intellectual independence and sustainability, the Center will adopt a two-phase approach to i) set up the infrastructure and institutional framework of the Center to carry out target activities; and ii) become a truly global Center with international recognized legal status.

At A Glance

Start Date: 2005
End Date: 2008

Implementing Partner(s): China International Centre for Economic and Technical Exchange (CICETE)

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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

MDG

Goal 1: Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger

CPAP output:

Output 2.3 China's experience and knowledge in poverty reduction efforts codified and shared with other countries

Output 2.4 Policy oriented research on emerging poverty challenges developed and disseminated to key stakeholders

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Total Budget Target: US\$ 6,000,000

UNDP: US\$ 1,000,000

Government: US\$ 2,000,000

3rd Party (DFID) : GBP 500,000

Project location(s): Beijing

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