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# Support Capacity Building and Innovations to Promote Green Development in China

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## The Challenge

To achieve the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and better implement the China's strategy of building an all-around Xiaokang society, UNDP and the Chinese government jointly initiated Green poverty alleviation (GPA) project in October 2006. The fundamental goal of GPA project is to help promote the sustainable socio-economic development in the less developed rural region through integration of rural poverty alleviation, new and renewable energy exploitation, and ecological environment restoration.

With progress of GPA implementation, agricultural green house gas (GHG) reduction and response to climate change was given much more emphasis and corresponding exploratory research was purposefully added, including environmental impact assessment in Hetian tamarisk project and CDM development in Hainan JCL project.

Under the circumstances of global economic crisis and climate change, agriculture is one of the most impacted industries which in turn reflect that rural region is amongst the most damaged areas. First of all, as affected by the financial crisis, the government's financial situation might have to make it reduce their agricultural investment, which might in turn deteriorate the environment of rural economy development. On the other hand, reduction of global agricultural products demand and the existence of trade protectionism have intensified the disequilibrium between demand and supply, causing price decrease in agricultural products.

In the meantime, Climate change has been bringing about impacts on China's society and economy with increasing depth and width, especially on the livelihoods of rural populations, making the graduated poor household turn back to the poor situation overnight, and seriously hindering rural socio-economic development.

## The Response



In the middle of 2009 when global financial crisis was expanding and Copenhagen Convention approached, it was well recognized by the GPA partners and stakeholders that the

GPA project needs to better help vulnerable groups in the rural areas, in enhancing the poor's capacity responding to the hardship and challenges brought by financial crisis and climate change. UNDP and the Chinese government made the project adjustments.

On the basis of gained success and experience of four years' implementation, the GPA project is revised into Green Development (GD) Project. The project goal is adjusted to intensify integration of poverty reduction and rural green economy development with improving environment and upgrading climate change adaptability, promoting the agriculture, rural regions and populations, especially the remote and lag-behind areas and the poor acquire the equal chances in pursuit of a green and sustainable development and sustainable livelihood.

The expected outcomes include the following:

- Outcome I: Networking of green development stakeholders is strengthened and a multiple-participatory extensive platform is established to promote broad collaboration in green development.
- Outcome II: Innovations and Win-win Options of Climate Change and Social Development Explored through Pilots and Capacity Building
- Capacity building for China's carbon trade market is strengthened to facilitate carbon trade and carbon reduction project development

## At A Glance

Start Date: 2006

End Date: 2014

Implementing Partner(s): China International Centre for Economic and Technical Exchange (CICETE), Mentougou District Government of Beijing, Xinjiang Poverty Alleviation Office, Wulanchabu Bureau of Commerce of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region; Heilongjiang Department of Science and Technology, Hainan Renewable Energy Association, Hainan Huayou Bio-fuel Development Co., China Beijing Environment Exchanges (CBEE)

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*UNDAF:* Outcome 1 Socio-economic policies are developed and improved to be more scientifically-based and human centred for sustainable and equitable growth

Outcome 3. More efficient management of natural resources and development of environmentally friendly behaviour in order to ensure environmental sustainability

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UNDP Budget: US\$ 7,647,850

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Project location(s): Mentougou of Beijing, Mongolia, Heilongjiang, Hainan, Xinjiang, Shanxi, China Beijing Environment Exchanges

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