

Strengthening an Enabling Legislative Environment to Respond to HIV and AIDS in China

The Challenge

Although national HIV/AIDS regulations have been passed, guidelines for practical implementation are broad and generic. There is divergence between national and provincial laws, and between the new regulatory environment and its practical application, especially at local level.

A full and effective implementation of HIV related national regulations and policies will rely on enhanced leadership capacity and strengthened cross sector coordinated responses at the local level.

The Response

As a key component of the UN Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS in China's efforts to improve national policy framework and support local government responses, the Programme aims to strengthen legislators' capacity at provincial levels, to enhance a supportive legal environment, improve local level implementation and contribute to the cross sector coordination.

The Programme works at the national level in support of further harmonization of multi-sector laws and regulations relating to HIV/AIDS. At provincial level it supports: leadership training; improved implementation of regulations and monitoring; and making recommendations for drafting of HIV/AIDS related legislation.

The Programme is implemented by China International Centre for Economic and Technical Exchange (CICETE) of the Ministry of Commerce and the Education, Science, Culture and Public Health Commission of the National People's Congress (NPC). A Programme Steering Committee, chaired by NPC and including CICETE, UNDP, the State Council AIDS Working Committee (SCAWCO) and provincial/local representatives, gives management guidance.

Achievements

The Programme's intended results are:

- Five hundred multi sector legislators from provincial and local level trained in five provinces
- Recommendations made to support Provincial HIV/AIDS Law drafting with improved harmonization, implementation in project provinces
- Legislators' capacities to respond to HIV/AIDS strengthened
- Knowledge products related to HIV/AIDS legislation developed and distributed

At A Glance

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Implementing Partner(s): China International Centre for Economic and Technical Exchange (CICETE) and the Education, Science, Culture and Public Health Commission of the National People's Congress (NPC).

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MDG Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases

UNDAF Outcome 2: Effective policy implementation is promoted through enhanced capacity and mechanisms for participation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation in the social sectors.

Outcome 4: HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria infection and disease rates are reduced, care and support for those infected improved and the right of PLWHA protected.

CPD Outcome 8: Leadership skills and legislation prepared to respond to HIV/AIDS

UN JP Outcome 1.1: Improved national policy framework and coordinating mechanisms

<u>Total Budget:</u>	US\$	1,000,000
UNDP:	US\$	500,000
Govt In-kind	US\$	500,000

Project location(s): Gansu, Qinghai, Zhejiang, Shandong Hebei provinces

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