

1. Background

Heifer started its “Sichuan Earthquake Rehabilitation Project” in November 2008 after a series of investigations in the disaster-affected areas to help victim families rebuild livelihood. Within 6 years, the project will assist over 4,000 families with high quality livestock and training, while an additional 9,000 families will benefit through “Passing on the Gift”.(POG)

Heifer will also support them to form Self-Help Group (SHG). This will help realize the cohesion of family and community, and empower them with capabilities for community’s sustainable development.

2. Animal distribution

Project village	Animal Distribution	Original Family	POG Family
	Planned / Finished	Planned / Finished	Planned / Finished
Pengzhou 69-01	21,258/51,720	512/460	1254/60
Beichuan (III) 69-02/69-10	1,752/2,598	441/494	852/0
Baishuihe 69-03	1,186/891	261/266	452/0
Anxian 69-04	1,220/1,295	443/510	948/0
Jiange (III) 69-05/69-05	10,880/62,978	700/579	1020/0
Jiangyou (III)69-06/69-13	68,110/23,112	730/607	1166/0
Lixian 69-07	7,158/7,158	126/126	126/0
Chaotian 69-11	1,974/1,440	329/240	658/0
Wangcang 69-14	13,928/28,630	397/307	794/0
Lizhou 69-12	2,804/11,311	500/505	1000/0

PS: In last report, the number of animal distribution of Pengzhou is 51,870, which includes the POG number and we corrected it this time, till now, the number of animal distribution should be 51,720.

3. Project Progress

Objective	Progress
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<p>etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange visit - Heifer china project organize exchange visit among project communities so that the project villages could learn from each other. 	<p>SHG fund management. In Wangcang, different kinds of trainings have been held for more than 50 times in this project period, which makes all villagers know more about heifer project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange visit <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1、 In this period, we organized project villagers and partners have more than 20 exchange visits for learning animal raising science. Eg, Anxian sub-project, exchange visits within the county and outside of the county make villagers learn more about community building.
<p>Objective 2: Improve project participants' families' nutrition and income within five years.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal distribution and management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • training <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1、 All kinds of trainings on animal management were conducted during this period. In Pengzhou, several sessions of farmer field school were held; in Jiange, 37 on-the-spot training in these months to introduce scientific animal raising skills, including learning how to make bean curd residue fermented to raise earthworms as chicken feed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal distribution and management <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1、 In Puti Village, Anxian, a new SHG with 23 families was formed and 38 sows were distributed to the new participants. In Jiange, one cooperative was built with sound and complete rules and regulations. Another cooperative was being under development and 43 agree contribution, 21,750 chickens distributed to earn RMB 1.3 million gross income from the project. In Beichuan, with the provision of

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income generation 	<p>gift fund to 224 families, guide on pigsty and pen rebuilding, animal epidemic prevention and control along with animal-raising training and technical services, some project families changed their old views on animal-raising. 78 pigs distributed to 13 project farmers in Chaotian as well. 337 families in Lizhou got 10763 heads of animals in this period. In Wangcang, 720 goats have been distributed to 90 families of 4 SHGs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income generation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In Jiangyou, 1200 piglets born in this period and participants got an average income increase of RMB3000-5000 through pig raising. Project partners matched RMB2000-3000 for each participating household for animal barn building, which cut off the cost from farmers. Lizhou sub-project, more than 500 sows got pregnant and 40 sows already delivered piglets. 8 pigs and 10000 chickens grew well.
<p>Objective 3: Strengthen project beneficiaries' awareness and ability to prepare and respond to disasters.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In Beichuan, through disaster mitigation and management training, project families mastered some basic skills on first aid and understanding on geological disasters. Also group activities and trainings helped project families to be aware of the importance of environment protection.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental protection 	<p>2、 In Lizhou, conducted training on disaster preparedness and mitigation to every project community through March-May.</p> <p>There was training on electricity safe use, first aid on bio-gas poisoned victims, etc. in Fuxing Community.</p> <p>505 training materials were distributed to all 505 participants.</p> <p>3、 More than 10 trainings on disaster management have been held. The project farmers' awareness on this has been enhanced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental protection <p>1、 Jiangyou sub-project organized SHGs to clean the community environment, clear river garbage and provided related training.</p> <p>2、 Pollution treatment and community environment protection were included during SHG planning in Anxian sub-project as well as training cattle families on zero-grazing.</p> <p>3、 Cleaning the surrounding areas and training on wild live conservation in Baishuihe sub-project.</p> <p>4、 In Jiange, free-range chicken raising in the woods so that chicken manure can be used to fertilize trees and earthworm can be one of the best sources for chickens. Used cattle manure to keep earthworm as feed for chicken.</p>
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4. Project story

Women of Lizhou Project Joyfully Celebrate Women's Day

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In celebration of International Women’s Day, the women of the Lizhou Heifer Project arranged a variety of colorful community activities to enjoy during their festival.



On March 8, they began with music that rang into the valley. The Women's Day activities were launched by the first Self-Help Group (SHG) from the Fuxing community. Women farmers actively expressed their own views and were fully involved in the discussion from which they realized their status, the rights’

guarantee and the important role they play in the families and society.

Participants expressed that after learning Heifer’s values, they are able to reveal their values in future production and in life. Hang Guifang, the group leader, said, "We haven’t had activities like this before. We appreciate it that Heifer China could spend Women’s Day together with us and we women farmers are excited. And we will positively develop an animal husbandry industry and make holistic development of our communities according to Heifer’s mission." Women farmers from Shishun community, Qinglong community and the second SHG of the Fuxing community respectively welcomed their own festival by various means, including planting kiwi fruit and grass and restoring the highways.

There are over 240 women farmers in the Lizhou project of Heifer's program. Through the implementation of Heifer's program, women's rights and interests will be more protected; meanwhile, women will have more opportunities to participate in deliberation and determination. Women's status and roles are being highlighted and will be increasingly important.

5. photos



Hu Yulian, villager of Fuxing Village, shows her pigs. Women in Fuxing Village learn 12 cornerstones.



New barn in Lizhou sub-project.



Celebration for 3 Anniversary of ERP project.



POG in Erlangmiao Town, Jiangyou sub-project in May.



Antony Leung, Heifer HK Chairman visits Jiange



Project partners of Wangcang visit Pengzhou sub-project. Monthly donors from HK visit Guanyuan sub-project.





12 cornerstones training in Beichuan. Perrier, new CEO of Heifer international, visited Beichuan sub-project.



PSRP in Xingwang SHG.



SHG activities in Fengya Village.

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