

Zhaojue County Women Self-improving and Community Development Project Progress Report

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1. Project profile

Zhaojue County Women Self-improving and community development project started in October, 2009. The project aimed to assist 80 Yi women families, from Gudu village, Chengbei township of Zhaojue county, Liangshan Yi Autonomous Prefecture, which suffered from drug and HIV/AIDs, to develop pig raising. An additional 160 families will benefit through “Passing on the Gift” (POG). Totally, 240 families will benefit in five years.

2. Animal distribution

Project Village	Animal Distribution	Original Family	POG Family
	Planned / Finished	Planned / Finished	Planned / Finished
Gudu Village	400/400	80/80	160/0
17-71 Total	400/400	80/80	

Notes: The number of animal distribution includes 80 sows and 320 fatten pigs for 80 families. Due to the project just began, there's no POG family yet.

3. Project Progress

Objective	Progress
Objective 1: Target communities will practice effective & efficient application of Values-Based Holistic Community Development (VBHCD) tools to achieve solidarity and social harmony.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-Help Group (SHG) - Project community will found SHGs for sustainable development. They have meetings and organize community activities to strengthen community cohesion. Till now, it has been seven trainings of SHG capacity building and covered 206 people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-Help Group (SHG) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> One cultural performance was conducted between SHGs Two Project Management Committee (PMC) meetings were conducted. Mu En Di Women's SHG won the award of excellent

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training - Heifer china will conduct training both the project started and before. It contains animal management, 12 cornerstones, VBHCD and POG, etc. • Exchange visit - Heifer china project organize exchange visit among project communities so that the project villages could learn from each other. 	<p>women's group, along with the prize money of 1,000 yuan. They used it to buy loud speakers to improve their cultural performance.</p> <p>4、 After cleaning tools were given to the communities from the project management team, the CFs organized SHG members to clean public areas for 20 times.</p> <p>5、 CFs attended an NGO exhibition at Shenzhen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1、 Seven Cornerstones training sessions 2、 CFs and PPs attended a farmer cooperative workshop. 3、 Two Participatory Self- Review & Planning (PSRP) conducted in the communities. 4、 Till now, seven trainings on SHG capability building conducted which covers 206 people. • Exchange visit <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1、 An exchange visit of project partners to Heifer project in Tibet.
<p>Objective 2: Increase the nutrition and income of participating families by in five years</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal management training • SHG funding usage • Founded cooperative and income increased. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four technical training sessions on animal rearing. Sixteen technical services delivered at farmer's doors. • 16,000 yuan of group fund was borrowed by six project participants for purchase of animals, chmical fertilizers and agricultural supplies. • Vegetable seeds worth 500 yuan were provided to

	the participants. The animal raisers made an average income of more than 3,000 this year.
Objective 3: Improve all participating families' awareness and knowledge on preventing drug abuse and HIV/AIDS.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project families will have more knowledge on how to prevent HIV/AIDSs and drug abuse <p><i>Totally five training sessions were conducted, with 215 attendees.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distributed 120 copies of knowledge on HIV/AIDSs prevention and drug abusing. Two training sessions on HIV/AIDS knowledge. The communities held village committee meeting and village party committee meetings to conduct training on how to fight drug abuse and how to prevent HIV/AIDS

4. Project Story

Heifer Project Helps the Transformation of the Community Facilitator

Legewusha, 43-year old, is the amanuensis of Gudu Village in Chengbei Township, Zhaojue County, Liangshan Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan province. The villagers elected him to be the community facilitator, for most of the villagers were illiterate; he had had finished his junior high. Legewusha is responsible for the data record of Heifer project, management of project files and organizing farmers to attend Heifer training sessions, etc. He used to be timid when asked to speak publicly in the initial state of the project and knew little about it. Later, through two training sessions for the community coordinators in Sichuan and Chongqing held by Heifer and with the help of the officials from the Project Enforcement Department of Zhaojue County he realized the Heifer ideal and had a better understand of his job.

Assisted by the project enforcement stuff, Legewusha organized 80 women's participants to set up 4 SHGs. They were agreed to have regular meetings, a five-year plan for the community, a women's art team and regulations for the SHG. In the slack farming season, the women's art team would be organized by Legewusha to dance and it helped a lot in promoting the project participants' enthusiasm. On October 1st, 2009, the first Peasants' Games of Gudu was held in the village and the 4 SHGs joined it. On May 8th, 2010, the women's art team of Gudu enrolled in the Dati Circle Dance Competition in the celebration of Women's Day in Chengbei Township and got the first place. On February 21st, 2011, Muendi SHG won the award of Excellent Women's SHG with a bonus of RMB 1,000yuan. From March 1st to 8th, 2011, Legewusha attended an exhibition for public welfare

foundations and learnt the fund resources and the difficulties in funds raising and from April 23rd to 29th, he took part in a training for peasants' professional cooperatives.

Legewusha is also accounted for the management of mutual fund in the community. His community accumulated the first mutual fund of RMB 8,000yuan in January 2009, of which 6,500yuan were lent to 4 farmers to buy some livestock and medicines and to renovate the live conditions for animals. In the end, the loans were repaid on schedule with an interest of 65yuan. In December 2010, with the previous 8,000yuan in 2009, the SHG had a fund of 16,000yuan in total, which then has been lent to six farmers to buy some agricultural materials. The leaders of the four groups in the community are also asked to have regular meeting and make the account public.

On August 16th, 2010, a project management commission was set up by the community coordinators, heads of SHGs and Heifer project enforcement stuff of Zhaojue County. The commission is to better manage the mutual fund, to select the right project candidates, to organize farmers to study the project concept and give a timely feedback of the farmers to the project partners afterwards. Besides, Legewusha organized the heads of the four SGH to study the 12 Heifer cornerstones and passed on his experiences to them. As he was the amanuensis of the village, he visited each farmer, recorded their production and living conditions in a log sheet, putting them in a good order.

Under the leadership of the Heifer project enforcement stuff of Zhaojue County, Legewusha organized the group heads and some farmers' representatives visited Heifer Daxing Community in Xide County. During the visit, they learnt the pretty much about the SHG and community work. Later Legewusha and his villagers received project partners and heads of SHGs from Meigu County, Pingwu County, Nanbu County and project officials from Tibetan section respectively.

Legewusha often says: "Thanks very much for the Heifer project. Heifer have provided us with trainings for animal breeding and managing skills and helped in increasing our incomes. What's more, it has given me a stage to learn and exercise my abilities, to learn the difficulties in fund raising of the foundations. I will definitely work hard with my fellow villagers to make the project a shining one.

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5. Photos



PSRP



Training on HIV/AIDs prevention



Training on Heifer 12 Cornerstones



Training on Cooperative



Women have a lot of activities in community.



Tug-of-War



Provide seeds and tools for villagers.



Cleaning



Feeding animals



Soaking the seed of rice

Alfalfa