

## **Fighting against Trafficking in Women and Children**

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As Chinese partners in the UNICEF 2001-2005 program cycle, ACWF and Ministry of Public Security jointly participated in the project of combating the trafficking in women and children. ACWF and UNICEF have selected Renshou County, Sichuan Province as a project site.

Renshou is a large agricultural county, with a relatively backward level of economic and cultural development. There are frequent cases of women and children trafficked to other places, and those victim women suffer from heavy pains both physically and mentally. They not only have to face difficulties in life but also the pressures of social discrimination.

### **Main contents of the project:**

- **Communication and prevention:** Based on the baseline survey and a developed communication strategy, the publicity activities were carried out in the forms of distributing information, education and communication materials such as leaflet, playing cards, umbrellas, schoolbags, posters and calendar cards to the target groups.
- **Training:** Training has become an important method of increasing people's awareness of trafficking. The training contents include children's rights, women's rights, legal knowledge, employment regulations, how to identify traffickers, etc. In order to reduce women's blind migration, the project has developed a training manual entitled *Xiao Fang Goes to Town* (along with a VCD) specifically targeted at girl middle school graduates, and a cartoon movie of it will be produced. Cascade training has started in Renshou and the training materials will be incorporated into the middle school textbooks.
- **Vocational training:** Teenaged girls are the high risk people of trafficking. ACWF, UNICEF and Sheraton Hotel joined hands to provide vocational training for girls from poor families, and meanwhile, provide them with training on social skills, how to guard against trafficking and law knowledge. After the training, many girls have been employed by Sheraton Hotel.
- **Technical tools:** Under the guidance and assistance of experts, many technical tools, such as case management, computer monitoring/analyzing software, counseling manual, and community rehabilitation manual have been developed to serve as a guide to project activities. These will become the basis on which the project goes more intensively.
- **Rehabilitation and integration:** This involves many aspects, for example, women's homes, where practical skill training, trauma consulting, recreational activities and inter-personal communication are conducted. Another example is the model of income generation with the help of experts. Still another example is the model of trauma counseling and rehabilitation in which the medical workers and the community workers use the technical tools to provide counseling and medical services for the victims.
- **Assistance in education:** Thanks to the great support of UNICEF, the project uses the limited funds to support the children of the victim families to go to school, which has rid women of their family worries when they are engaged in production.

Aiming at sustainability and multi-sectoral cooperation, this project has created an approach to community prevention and rehabilitation against trafficking.