



Humana People to People China

Accomplishments in Fighting HIV and AIDS

Humana People to People (HPP) China has been fighting the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Yunnan Province (2007-2011) and Sichuan Province (2010-2020), through person-to-person interventions as well as capacity building of health workers and local government representatives. HIV prevention efforts expanded to reach close to 800,000 people in 6 counties.

In 2007, HPP China launched the Total Control of the Epidemic (TCE) programme in Linxiang District, Lincang City, Yunnan Province. Activities included HIV prevention and control projects to complement the efforts of local health authorities. The programme equipped people with capacity to fight HIV, break stigma and discrimination, and mobilise for HIV testing and treatment for those who are HIV positive.

Through local well-trained TCE Field Officers and TCE Passionates, remote households were reached with person-to-person community mobilisation on HIV prevention and knowledge. Efforts on a day-to-day basis resulted in people becoming free from HIV/AIDS misconceptions, acknowledging that the virus does exist, and increased knowledge about HIV/AIDS. This information encouraged people to join the free HIV treatment system run by government.

HPP China introduced HIV home testing in 2009, solving the challenge of long distances between remote natural villages and township clinics, increasing HIV testing rates.

Currently, HPP China is campaigning to achieve total control of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in 10 townships across four counties of Liangshan Prefecture. Implementation is carried out by local health authorities and HPP China's role is to build capacity, mentor and evaluate community mobilisation activities, HIV testing and the referral for treatment delivery process being carried out by a network of government employed local Field Officers.

HPP China is proud, that it's many years' long TCE project implementation in Liangshan contributed to that the Liangshan Yi Autonomous Prefecture Party Committee and Government on 25.12.2016 issued the '1+M+N' HIV prevention and control policy, which takes its point of departure in creating a prefecture wide system of village based local 'HIV/AIDS prevention control workers', modeled on the TCE Field Officer.

Liangshan Prefecture has a population of 5.3 million people, there of 2.8 million ethnic Yi, and has the highest infection rates in China, up to 6% of the general

population in selected counties; the national average infection rate in China is estimated to be 0.06%.