



Annual Report of Yunnan Comprehensive Leprosy Rehabilitation 2014

1 Program Name

Comprehensive Leprosy Rehabilitation Program of Yunnan HANDA

2 Program Background

HANDA Yunnan office is one of the pioneers Non-Government Organization (NGO) that started comprehensive leprosy rehabilitation in Yunnan in the early days. Yunnan is the province that have a relatively high incidence rate of leprosy in China, with new cases reported around 400 each year. 20% of the newly infected patients would have 2nd level of disability. Till 2013, the total number of living people affected by leprosy was 23193. This population was widely dispersed in many different counties and prefectures. Approximately 6000 people were having disability level of above level 2. Starting from March 2004, Yunnan HANDA have been carrying out physical, psychosocial, economical rehabilitation programs and education fund as well as rebuild program. Until 25th of December 2014, 985 PAL from 45 villages in Yunnan were directly benefited from HANDA's programs, together with 2200 immediate family members and 1500 non-immediate family members living outside the village. Besides, 500 volunteers participated in the activities and hundreds of thousand public had received information about leprosy and charity message through other channels of promotion.

3 Location of the Program

44 villages from 26 counties and 9 prefectures

4 Program Mission

By carrying out programs such as physical, socio- psychosocial and economical rehabilitation in 44 villages in Yunnan with the utilization of social resources, improve the living standard and quality of life of people affected by leprosy.

1. Objective



To increase public's understanding of leprosy and people affected by it.

By organizing promotion activities, public's knowledge and interaction between people affected by leprosy were increased.

In 2014, the team of Yunnan HANDA had organized 27 social promotion programs and charity sale in different cities and counties in Yunnan. A total of 13 thousand public got to know the population and villages which are affected by leprosy. 500 volunteers and 70 PAL participated in the promotion process to support the PAL population. At least 10 media including CCTV-13, Yunnan Information Daily, Yunnan Economic Daily and Yunnan Times Daily had reported the activities. The interaction between the public and people affected by leprosy was enhanced with the media exposure. And the self-confidence and sense of social integration of PAL improved.

1.1.1. Promotion handbills and leaflets

In the first half year of 2014, 30 thousand leaflets about leprosy and health knowledge were printed. About 30 thousand primary and secondary school students learned leprosy knowledge directly from the leaflets. At least 6 thousand parents received correct leprosy knowledge by communication. Their fear towards leprosy could be reduced.

- In March 2014, the Center for Disease Control of Mile County suggested a collaboration with Yunnan HANDA since the Mile County, Honghe prefecture was the region with a relatively high incidence rate of leprosy. A promotion program of leprosy knowledge was implemented in all primary and secondary schools of the county. The message was then spread to their family members and friends. Approximately 3 thousand students participated in directly and about 6 thousand parents had more knowledge on leprosy indirectly after the intervention. The fear and misunderstanding about leprosy in the society were expected to be reduced.

1.1.2. Activity of 11th March.

A charity walk was organized for 11th March, 2014, the Day of Dignity and Respect.

- On the 15th of March, 2014, an activity themed "Join Hands and Walk for New Sound" and a series of memorial activities of the 16th Day of Dignity and Respect were held in Dali City. The activities aimed to promote leprosy knowledge through charity sale and



walkathon, and is an exercise that is good for people' health. The participants had walked the "PAL Interactive Friendship" road and the Ancient tea route from Xiangyun County to Fengyi County to raise fund for hearing aid for 100 people affected by leprosy in Yunnan. At the end of the walkathon, 27 thousand cash and 10 hearing aids were raised by charity sale, donation and sponsorship from enterprises.

1.1.3. PE in universities

- On the 16th of April, 2014, Yunnan HANDA started promotion campaigns in Zhaotong Xiao Cao Ba primary school, Xiao Cao Ba secondary school and Da Qiao primary school. Approximately 1500 teachers and students were exposed to leprosy knowledge and they may brought the message that leprosy is preventable, curable and no need to be fear of to their family.
- On 15th – 16th June, 2014, HANDA cooperated with Sunshine Volunteer Association of Yunnan University to carry out promotion programs. Charity box was placed in front of a school canteen. And leprosy knowledge quiz was held there, together with board display of leprosy knowledge and handbill distribution. A message board was also established for people to leave message to the PAL population and to show care to them. At least 1000 teachers and students were having better understanding about leprosy. Also, some students donated their books to those children in leprosy village, which is a sign of complying their love and care. Many students who were interested in the board display stopped and asked our staff more information of leprosy. After this activity, 35 students applied for volunteer service in summer holiday.
- On 19th September, 2014, a sharing session of 'HANDA Little Star' summer volunteer service was conducted in Yunnan University of Finance and Economics. The programs of HANDA and leprosy knowledge were introduced to about 100 teachers and students, including directors of the college and the core committee members of serval student association.
- On 8th October, 2014, another sharing session of 'HANDA Little Star' summer volunteer service was organized in Yunnan Land and Resources Vocational College by its volunteering association. They invited volunteer representatives from 5 schools to share



their personal experience and feeling. The participants were able to know the details of volunteer activities in the villages with PAL population. Furthermore, they might have more understanding regarding to the current situation and the problems faced by the villages. Leprosy knowledge was also promoted throughout the sharing activity.

- From 9th to 11th October, 2014, the federation of youth groups of Yunnan Land and Resources Vocational College raised RMB 987 by charity sale of books and plants. The money will be donated to the Cai Yun Medical Fund and to subsidize the healthcare expenditure of people affected by leprosy. Meanwhile, about 3000 teachers and students of the college might have the chance of knowing leprosy knowledge.

1.1.4. PE in communities

In 2014, 3 promotion activities were conducted at county level and city level respectively. Recreational activities with leprosy village and neighboring villages were conducted twice. About 2 thousand public got to know leprosy knowledge during the process. They were able to buy the farm product of the leprosy villages at the activity venue as well and support PAL population directly. About 100 people applied for interactive activities such as HANDA walkathon and visiting the leprosy villages.

- From 1st to 8th March, 2014, the team, together with volunteers from the Dali University had organized 3 promotional charity sale at Dali Old Town San Yue Street and the plaza beside Walmart Supermarket of Xia Guan. There were various products in the charity sale such as organic vegetables, eggs, chili pepper and beans from different villages. Clothes, toys, books and artifacts which were donated by the public were also available at the charity sale. The activity was promoted by local media including the Dali People's Broadcasting Radio, Dali Cai Yun Lou Web and Dali' Reader. Because of the media exposure, some people came and bought products from the leprosy village so as to support them. At Xia Guan Walmart, one lady bought 6 catty of broad bean. Later she came back and bought an addition of 10 catty, and even brought 20 pair of lined socks and shoes for the charity sale. A total amount of RMB 2917.75 was raised for the whole activity. Plus, Dali Yi Yuan Xian Tea House participated in the sale and donated all RMB 6788 raised dedicated to the purchase



of hearing aids.

- On 23rd of July, 2014, the team and volunteers of Kunming College promoted leprosy knowledge in Yiliang County, Xiao Cao Ba Da Qiao Village on a house by house basis. 10 volunteers were participating this program and they visited 15 households of the village, reaching approximately 60 villagers. By promoting the leprosy knowledge, it was found that at least 90% of the villagers do not understand leprosy, and they also disagree the children from leprosy village to study in Da Qiao primary school.
- On 25th July, 2014, a recreational gathering was held in a village near to Guanyin Primary School, Da Qiao Village. About 20 villagers from the neighboring villages, the leaders of Da Qiao Village, governors from Center for Disease Control of Yiliang County, Health Institute of Xiao Cao Ba and the school of Xiao Cao Ba Center participated in. More people got to realize the need for studying of children from leprosy village. The vice secretary of Yiliang County and the vice county governor did receive the message and showed their support by coming up. They also asked the volunteers' and the villager's situation as well as the difficulties of education.
- On 19th September, 2014, Yunnan HANDA, united with the Education Committee of Niu Chang Town, Central School, Shi Lu Village Committee had a leprosy knowledge promotion at the Shi Lu Primary School. 4 volunteers with 1 intern formed a team and went into different classes to educate the students. With the format of playing games, the teams were more closely bounded to kids. Thus they maybe more acceptable to the leprosy knowledge. Students from the neighboring village were invited to play games with students from the leprosy village. This helps breaking the barrier between them and transmitted a message of 'We are all the same'. 30 students joined the game and a positive result was obtained.
- On the 19th and 20th September, volunteers of HANDA promoted leprosy knowledge at the Zhaotong Zhenxiong County Niu Chang Town Shi Lu Village. All households of the neighboring villages of DaHuoDi Village were visited and their understanding and perception of leprosy village was collected. Education of leprosy knowledge was



carried out depending on their knowledge level. 10 villagers from neighboring villages were willing to participate in the communal dinner activity held at 21st September.

- On the 21st of September, 2014, a communal dinner activity was held in the Zhaotong Zhenxiong DaHuoDi Leprosy Village organized by the team and volunteers. All villagers participated in the preparation of the activity with clear division of labor. People from the outside were invited to join in order to enhance their relationships. Discrimination can be reduced with better understanding. A PAL said that they have never had activity like this before and not many people would like to eat with them. He thanked HANDA for this. A villager from the neighboring village said that he heard that an activity is held here so he would like to come and see the leprosy village. Volunteer Li Xue said that she is tired but happy. All villagers of DaHuoDi treated them very well.
- On 7th November, 2014, Yunnan HANDA, united with the Education Committee of Niu Chang Town, Central School, Shi Lu Village Committee organized a school promotion program named 'We are all the same' at the Shi Lu Primary School. Chief executive of Taiwan Wings Of Hope, Mrs. Suen and vice secretary of HANDA, Mrs. Zhang, together with 2 staff & 1 intern of Yunnan HANDA, 5 volunteers from Zhaotong University formed an education team. They entered different classes to teach a lesson to students. Later, HANDA invited teachers of Shi Lu Primary School, parents of children from DaHuoDi village to have a forum. Parents expressed their view of hoping their children can integrate into other children and free from discrimination. The teachers also explained their difficulties if students from DaHuoDi Village is going to study in their school. Other parents must strongly oppose the change and students from the neighboring village may change school gradually. After listening to all the opinions, HANDA, teachers and parents reached to an agreement of the following solutions: 1. The coverage of leprosy knowledge must increase and more effort needs to be put on the promotion of leprosy knowledge. The public of Niu Chang Town must have the understanding to eliminate fear and discrimination. 2. To gather more resources for the teachers and students of Shi Lu Primary School via multiple



channels for a better environment for studying.

- On the 9th November, a promotional activity was held by the joint forces of HANDA, Center for Disease Control of Zhenxiong County, government of Niu Chang Town, volunteers from Zhaotong University and HANDA' friends from Guanzhou, Shanghai and Taiwan. They promoted leprosy knowledge to the public at the market of Niu Chang Town. Banner, board display, leaflets, knowledge quiz, broadcasting and face-to-face communication were used as the means of promotion. About 1000 promotion material were distributed. And about 100 people were educated. The broadcasting station was mobile to reach more population. Approximately 3000 people went to the market that day. The message of 'leprosy is preventable, curable and no need to be fear of' was successfully promoted. Still, prejudice and discrimination are existing. Effort must be put continuously in order to eradicate them.

1.1.5. Maintaining the relationship with media

In 2014, HANDA had worked with 10 media including CCTV-13, The Paper, Yunnan Information Daily, Yunnan Economic Daily and Yunnan Times Daily. The programs of Yunnan HANDA were reported and at least 200 thousand public could have the chance of knowing leprosy knowledge. About 100 public contacted HANDA and applied for volunteer service or donation. For example, a person donated hearing aids to HANDA after knowing HANDA's work via media.

1.1.6. Maintaining the promotion platform of blog, weibo and wechat.

HANDA had reached at least 20000 people online and transmitted knowledge of leprosy, PAL population and leprosy village to them by online activities on social media such as wechat, weibo, QQ Space and blog. 300 applications for HANDA's summer and winter volunteering program were received. Some 200 people were selected to have volunteer service and summer/winter camps in 15 leprosy villages. Leprosy knowledge was promoted in 3 neighboring villages.

1.1.7 Participation of governmental / inter-organisational conferences and meetings with Dermatology Institute

In 2014, a meeting with the Dermatology Institute was held once and HANDA was



invited to sharing activity/ meeting with government departments twice. By organizing or participating in these type of activity, a better interaction and mutual understanding was achieved. The government would have more trust on HANDA as well. For instance, the Center for Disease Control of Zhaotong County invited HANDA to visit a new leprosy village after knowing the details of HANDA' work. A partnership was hoped to be established.

- On 5th March 2014, Yunnan HANDA was invited by the Dali Prefecture government to participate in the sharing of 'Story of Li Gui Ke'. HANDA shared the experience of Li Gui Ke on the work of leprosy rehabilitation. This is also a valuable opportunity for government of different level to know and understand HANDA and leprosy villages. More attention and support were resulted. Starting from May, 2014, all people affected by leprosy could enjoy free medical service by Dali Prefecture.
- On 14th March, 2014, a meeting with Dermatology Institute and leprosy village was held at Xia Guang Long Shan Hotel, Dali. The theme was 'Joining Helping Hands, Drawing Future Plans'. 8/6 representatives from the Dermatology Institute and 30 villagers participated in it. The meeting summed up the achievements and the shortcomings of HANDA's work in the past 10 years. The current problem faced by leprosy villages was summarized as well. It served as a fundamental outline of future's work. During the meeting, Xiong Shi Gui, a representative of PAL said: 'This kind of sharing should be organized regularly. It is good for exchange of experience between villages that we can learn from each other. It is also good for us to keep our relationships.' Mr. Peng, a teacher representative said 'I hope that the government should be invited to meeting like this more frequently. They may not visit any leprosy village even for few years normally. If they are invited to meetings, at least they can know our situation better and care more about us.' Dr. Gao from the Center for Disease Control said 'Meeting like this can make us learn. We can interact with people affected by leprosy directly and know their need, which is helpful for our future's work. '
- On 29th May, 2014, HANDA was invited by Center for Disease Control and Prevention of Yunnan Province to participate in a joint conference of NGO which were staying in



Yunnan. 7 representatives from NGO and 7 from different county, prefecture were in the meeting. HANDA had showed its work in 2013 and the progress of exploring new villages in 2014. By attending the activity, a good connection with Center for Disease Control of Zhaotong, Lijiang, Baoshan City and Dermatology Institute of Honghe Prefecture was established. A strong connection is hoped to be achieved and even to build up partnership in the future.

Objective 2: To raise self-confidence of people affected by leprosy

In 2014, 36 recreational activities were organized in 20 villages. While 12 Chinese New Year visit activity were organized in 12 villages. A total of 350 volunteers participated. The activities and volunteers served about 400 elderly in 20 leprosy villages in Yunnan. Their feeling of loneliness could be relieved. Social activities were promoted in 12 leprosy villages by the volunteers. They gave care and support to elderly who was living alone. Health and household safety education was carried out in 10 villages. The volunteer teaching activity enriched the holiday life of children in the leprosy village. It also stimulated and promoted positive livelihood of children.

2.1.1 Organizing Recreational Activities in Villages.

A total of 36 activities were organized in 20 leprosy villages.

- On 1st January, 2014, a communal dining was organized in Lai Hong Ku village. 14 people participated in. 7 of them were people affected by leprosy, 3 of them were child of PAL and 4 of them were our staff.
- In January, 2014, Yunnan HANDA, together with 90 volunteers from Yunnan University, Yunnan Chinese Medicine University, Kunming Medical University, Yunnan Minzu University, Peking University and Northwest A&F University, public from Nanjing and Dali Weishan went to 10 leprosy villages in Yunnan. A series of elderly recreational activity, Chinese New Year visit activity, dinner party with entertainment was carried out. Educational and safety education were organized to primary and secondary school students in 5 villages. The activities enriched the village and brought hope and happiness.
- On the 1st to 3rd of May, 2014, Yunnan HANDA and 27 volunteers from 3 universities



visited Zhaotong Qaiojia, Chuxiong Lufeng and Dali Xianyun and had recreational activities with villagers. By utilizing the identity of the university students, a special promotional approach was set up. More people will know the facts of leprosy village as volunteers entered the village. Fear and discrimination from people of the neighboring villages could be reduced.

- On 8th May, 2014, a village gathering was held at Xi Shan Village (the new village for Lu Duo). 12 people joined and 6 of them were villagers (4 people affected by leprosy included), 5 HANDA staff and 1 doctor from Da Ju Medical Institute.
- In July-August, 2014, volunteers had helped organizing 15 recreational activities at 15 villages as the summer 'HANDA Little Star' activity. Communal dining, night fair and chess competition were held. They enriched the living of the elderly and established a connection between volunteers and the elderly.
- A group birthday party was held at Long Cong River Village, Yong Shan Prefecture, Zhaotong City on 20th September, 2014. 15 people participated including 11 villagers (3 of them were people affected by leprosy) and 4 HANDA staff.
- On 22th September, a group birthday party was held at Mu He Village, Zhaotong with 19 participants. 14 of them were villagers (4 PAL) and 5 of them were HANDA staff.
- On 22th October, a group birthday party was held at Shi Zong Shui Tou. 15 people participated including 11 villagers, 2 HANDA staff and 2 interns.
- On 25th October, 2014, a group birthday party was organized at Qiaojia Village, Zhaotong, 22 people participated in total including 18 villagers (12 PAL), 2 HANDA staff and 2 interns.
- **2.1.2 Organizing Birthday Party**
- Lai Hong Ku, a nearly forgotten village which became alive only when HANDA staff and volunteers enter, is no longer the same. With the help from HANDA, villagers now have electricity for lighting and are able to use radio and television. It marked a significant improve on their living. It was the first time they celebrate birthday with cakes. It was so delighted to see the elderly gathering and eat cakes with a birthday hat on their head,
- On 6th June, 2014, a group birthday party was organized with 12 participants. 8



villagers with 5 people affected by leprosy included, 3 HANDA staff and 1 volunteers from University.

- On the 20th / 22th September, HANDA staff taught villagers to do health exercise at Long Cong River Village (Yong Shan Prefecture, Zhaotong City) and Mu He Village (Zhaotong). Group birthday parties were also held in both villages. By teaching elderly some simple movement of head, hands and legs, they can maintain a better health status.
- On 17th October, 2014, a group birthday party was held at Luo Xian Guan Sanatorium, Xianyun, Dali. 36 people participated that day. 20 of them were PAL, 6 of them were children of the PAL, 8 HANDA staff (6 from Yunnan office and 2 from Guangdong office) and 2 foreign friends of HANDA. Everybody felt happy in this activity and the elderly of Xianyun even sang some songs of their generation for us. Grandpa He from Lijiang said he only saw cakes on TV and he finally have a taste of it. The result of this activity was satisfactory.
- On 22nd/ 25th of October, 2014, group birthday parties were held at Buo Ai New Village, Shi Zong Shui Tou, Qujing and Qiaojia He Tao Village, Zhaotong. They talked to each other and eat fruits, sharing a birthday cake. The elderly were motivated to participate in and received happiness and care during the process. It helped improving both the physical and mental health of PAL. The relationship between villagers and staff was also improved and hopefully would result in a better environment of the village.
- On 14th November, 2014. A health exercise activity was held at Lu Duo, Lijiang. As the 4 elders were having different physical conditions and previous practice of the exercise, they were taught one to one by our staff. They purposed, during the process, to play music while doing the exercise. And they exercised following to the rhythm of the music that they chose together. Grandpa Li said that many people had told him to do more exercise but he didn't know how to. And now he could do it if he learned. Grandpa He asked: ' Ain't there music with the radio exercises? You can just play and we could make those moves.' Sometimes, Grandpa Tian would show our volunteers the moves he learned before.



2.1.3 City Tour.

2 City Tour activities were held in total. 1 disabled girl and 7 people affected by leprosy fulfilled their dream of travelling to Dali City. Meanwhile, a relationship was built with the Dali Long Teng Interior Decoration Company. The company invited them to go to their place and have a chat with refreshments provided. The company also bought food and drink like fruits and milks for the elderly of Yuer and Lijiang out of care and respect.

- Though Wang Ding Mountain is close to Erhai Lake that it takes less than 1 hour of bicycle ride to Erhai, the elderly living in the mountain had never been to Dali, the modern city that may only appear in their dreams. To fulfill their wishes, on the 4th May, Yunnan HANDA invited 4 villagers(2 PAL, 1 disabled girl and her father) to have a day trip to Dali City. Man Li is the 20 years old girl who has disability since her childhood. She can barely walk without any equipment support so she always stay within her home in her spare time. Even so, Man Li still managed to finish her primary school education thanks to the everyday accompanying to school and back to home. For several years she had dreamed of going to Dali Old Town, the Three Pagodas, the Pearl Plaza and see something different from the rural village. On the 3rd of May, she finally left the village and saw the beautiful scenery of the night view of Dali Erhai. With a starry night up above her head, she couldn't help but become emotional. Man opened the car window and said: 'Although I have seen the night view of Dail few years before, the view now is much prettier. They did not have street lights before.' She also asked one of our staff to take a picture for her so she can keep it for memory. The day trip began by arriving at the Three Pagodas of Chongsheng Temple at 10 am in the morning. Walking through the barrier free access, the elderly seemed to have good moods and led the team. They were so curious that even trees in a park could attract them. Grandma Yian said that fortunately she went there. The trees were so good looking that she had never seen before. 'If I did not join the trip, I may not be able to have another chance, I'm afraid.' She added.
- Villagers of Lu Duo, Lijiang were moved to their new home (Xi Shan Village) on 7th November, 2014. They had a huge improvement on the living environment and their



quality of life now. At the old village, it was hard for them to eat meat. They must wait for Mr. Li, a young man bring some back when he had work to do outside of the village. And he went to the outside twice each month at most. A collective catering policy is implemented in the village now with meat served every day. Despite the improved quality of life, the activity range of the elderly is still limited to the village. After HANDA had brought them to a health check in December, they never went outside of the village. We still remember the first time we brought Grandpa He outside and his lonely back view at that street of old town. That was the first time he went back to Lijiang after spending 58 years in a leprosy village. The extremely long isolation from the society made him so desperate to explore the outside environment. In fact, they all wanted to see the outside world. The feeling grew even stronger with the improved living. They no longer need to worry about getting sufficient food and warmth that they could seek more. When Dr. Wang of the Health Institute asked if the elderly want to go outside and have a walk, they were all thrilled. It was a treasurable opportunity for them. Even with car sickness, Grandpa Zhao insisted to go to the trip. Therefore, Yunnan HANDA organized an inter-village visit and a day trip on 17th – 18th October, 2014. On the 17th, 4 PAL and 2 of their children went and visited Luo Xian Guan Sanatorium, Dali. They ate dumplings with villagers there. A birthday party was held and they sang and communicate. The atmosphere was so good that they were like family member to each other and had so many things to say. On the 18th, they visited the Dali Old Town and Erhai Lake. The water was deep blue with a shiny surface, reflecting the golden sunlight. The aged men and women were there, watching the lake and all those stunning creatures of the nature, with a smile on their face. Grandpa He saw a ferry that had slogan written 'Dali, a place you must not miss in your life' and said: 'I'm not missing this place after all. With your company, it's a dream come true.' Grandma Zhao said: 'It is worth the car sickness with this beautiful scenery.'

2.1.4 Chinese New Year Visiting

- In January, 2014, volunteers from 'HANDA Little Star' winter program had organized New Year visiting program in 10 leprosy villages in Dali, Lijiang, Linchang, Wenshan



and Zhaotong. The theme was 'Walk With Love, Grateful Having You'. About 90 volunteers participated in and 90% of the PAL were involved. They wrote Chinese red couplets, made dumplings and ate together. The new year wish was spread to all families.

- From 25th January to 26th January, 2014, Yunnan HANDA and volunteers organized a New Year visiting program themed 'Walk With Love, Grateful Having You' in 2 villages, Dali Shan Shi Ping and Yuer. They posted blessing words, wrote Chinese red couplets, hung red lanterns and had communal dining. 96 people in total participated in these activities. 49 of them were PAL, 2 were volunteers, 5 staff, 1 governor and 39 of them were children of PAL. At the recreational sport activity in Shan Shi Ping, the elderly participated actively. Even though Grandma Zeng had a bad leg, she was able to participate the activities with the help of the volunteers. After she played the blowing ping pong ball game, she managed to play mini bowling game. She said : 'I didn't know I have ability like that. I got 3 pins with 1 ball. That's great!'

2.1.5 The first Yunnan Leadership Group Election Meeting

As HANDA's mission is to work with people affected by leprosy. In order to provide PAL-based service and improve the sense of mutual help within leprosy villages, a Yunnan HANDA leadership group was established. The needs and demand of people affected by leprosy could be brought into the work planning and project supervising of Yunnan HANDA. And they were able to help with the work of Yunnan HANDA by their actual participation. On 5th December, the first Village Representatives Meeting was held in Kunming with 58 members participating in. 3 agendas were discussed in the meeting. First, 3 major change in leprosy villages of the past decade were concluded and 3 problems were identified. Second, by voting of the village representatives, the Yunnan HANDA leadership group was elected. Third, the managing system of the leading team was confirmed by voting of the village representatives. This meeting also provided a communicating chance for villagers with differed background. A better relationship is expected to be resulted through communication.



- From August to October, a series of election for village representative was conducted in 17 villages from 7 prefecture/county of Yunnan. The village representatives were elected by democratic principle. The representatives would represent their villages to join the first member's meeting of Yunnan HANDA. Their job was to raise the needs and opinions from different villages during the meeting. Also, they would elect the first Yunnan HANDA leadership group.
- On 5th December, the 1st Village Representative's Meeting was held in Kunming. 58 people joined the event. They were: 39 village representatives (3 of them were teachers) from 27 villages coming from Yunnan Dali, Lijiang, Zhaotong, Honghe, Wenshan, Qujing and Lincang; 2 doctors from dermatology institute of Honghe; 2 members of HANDA executive committee; 1 member from Guangxi HANDA leading team; 5 volunteers, 9 staff. The HANDA Yunnan leading team was elected by the representatives. 7 out of 13 candidates were elected. They came from 4 prefecture/county of Yunnan, which were: Mile City, Dali, Lijiang and Wenshan. After the confirmation of the leadership group, they voted and passed the 'managing system of the group. The system defined the relationships between the village representative's meeting and the leadership group. Their responsibilities were also clarified. The system would serve as a guidelines for the future's work of Yunnan HANDA.

2.1.6 HANDA committee members visiting villages

- On 6th to 7th December, the Yunnan leadership group and members from the Guangzhou HANDA committee visited Dali Huang Cao Ba and Xiang Yun. They asked about the living of villagers and primarily understand the situation of leprosy villages in Yunnan. Exchange of agricultural experience was achieved as well. The team members can know the work of HANDA staff better by joining them.
- After visiting Dali Huang Cao Ba and Xiang Yun, on 8th December, a meeting was held at Dali Bu Luo Ren Inn. The leadership group confirmed the working plan of Yunnan HANDA in 2015. The head of the team was elected while other members had specialized duty according to their ability. They planned to have another meeting in late January to establish the working plan for the group in 2015.



Output 2.1 Mobilization of Volunteers

In 2014, a core volunteer managing team composed of 19 people was formed. 5 recruitment events were organized and approximately 300 volunteers participated in activities like visiting and teaching in winter/summer holiday in 2014, 311, the Labor Day and the National Day. 36 visiting activities were organized in 20 villages. 8 volunteer teaching sessions were held in 4 villages and 4 activities related to 311 were aided. The role of volunteers is irreplaceable that they enhanced the interaction between leprosy village and the neighboring community and enriched the living of leprosy village.

2.2.1 Volunteers Recruitment

- In 2014, a core volunteer managing team composed of 19 people (8 male, 11 female) was formed. The team needed to be formed by people from at least 7 different volunteer organizations. Their job was to manage the volunteers and organize their work (eg. teaching team, visiting team and promotion team)
- In 2014, 4 recruitment activities were organized and about 250 people joined.

2.2.2 Volunteers Training

2 core volunteer training sessions were organized with respect to the type of activity. 5 core volunteers managing activities and 4 'HANDA Little Star' volunteer trainings were held. With the training, volunteers would have more knowledge and improve their sense of social responsibility and ability of team working. This enabled them to perform better in the visiting, summer/winter camps in the future.

- In January, 2014. A training was provided to 10 volunteers who joined 'HANDA Little Star' winter activity. The training content included leprosy knowledge, HANDA's work, the situation of leprosy village and team building. It served as a basis for the volunteering activity.
- On 14th March, 2014, a training session was given to volunteers from Dali University who would join the 311 charity walk activity. Experienced trailwalker, wild animal photographer and professional from China Search & Rescue Team were invited to hold the training. They analyzed the common problem of the trail and suggested solutions to participants. In order to reduce the chance of accident, a clear division of labor was carried



out and the duties were clarified.

- On 22nd March, 2014, 40 volunteers who joined 'HANDA Little Star' winter program had a sharing session to staff of Yunnan HANDA. The detail of the activities was collected and opinions from volunteers were gathered. HANDA would have more information about their activities and make use of their experience in the future.
- From 19th to 20th April, 2014, a team building and ability enhancing activity was given to the core volunteers managing team. 26 Volunteers (11 male, 15 female) from 2 cohorts participated in the activity. The activity had brought fresh blood to the managing team. With the combination of original and new volunteers, a more ideal form of managing system was produced. The 2 day activity also enabled them to become friend and work with each other better.
- From 10th -11th May, an ability training was conducted to the core volunteer managing team. A total of 17 volunteers from 6 universities participated in. In this training, the position of the members was clearly defined. They were able to communicate better with that. Meanwhile, their sense of belonging was improved. As their duties were identified, it was beneficial to their future work. By giving suggestions to their proposal, their organizing ability was increased.
- On 24th May, 2014, a meeting was held between Yunnan HANDA and the volunteers managing meeting. The objective was to discuss the criteria for recruiting volunteers to the summer activities and managing system of the managing team. In Kunming, 20 volunteers coming from 6 universities joined the meeting. The content of village visiting in summer and the interview questions for volunteers who would join volunteer teaching were discussed. The content for the training scheduled on 7th June was confirmed and the system of the managing team was set up. All participants expressed their views actively and the atmosphere was good.
- On 7th June 2014, Yunnan HANDA and the core volunteer managing team carried out a training at Kunming University to the volunteers who join the 'HANDA Little Star' summer programs. 60 volunteers from different universities participated in. At the training, a systematic introduction was given and different role of the volunteers were



explained. Team building activities was carried out as well.

- On 21st June 2014, Yunnan HANDA had organized a training for the team leaders of 'HANDA Little Star'. Leaders from 13 groups participated in. The aim of the training was to build up team culture for the groups. The training for the leaders increased their ability of leading other volunteers. Leaders would have more understanding to leprosy villages. Hence, a clear picture of their mission could be expected. Their connection would also be tighter.
- On 19th November 2014, the first round of interview was conducted to the applicants of HANDA Little Star winter program by face-to-face interview and on the Internet. 70 people were selected from 150 applicants.
- On 22th November 2014, the fifth meeting of the core volunteers managing team was held. 12 core volunteers from 6 universities participated in . The preparation of volunteers' annual meeting, criteria for outstanding volunteers and groups and the interview/training of HANDA Little Star were discussed.
- On 4th December 2014, Yunnan HANDA, together with the managing team conducted a training at the Yunnan Chinese Medicine University for the participants of HANDA Little Star winter program. About 50 volunteers from different universities of Kunming participated in. At the training, systematic introduction was given and different role of the volunteers were explained. Team building activities was carried out as well.
- At 21st December, 2014, a training was given to the leaders of the HANDA Little Star program by Yunnan HANDA. 7 group leaders participated in. The aim of the training was to build up team culture for the groups. The training for the leaders increased their ability of leading other volunteers. Leaders would have more understanding to leprosy villages. Hence, a clear picture of their mission could be expected. Their connection would also be tighter.

2.2.3 Organization of Volunteer Activities.

In 2014, 36 volunteer activities were organized in 30 leprosy villages. 8 volunteer teach activities were conducted in 4 villages. Volunteers also helped Yunnan HANDA for the 311 activities for 4 times.



- In January and May, 2014, 10 village visiting activities were conducted based on people's need in Dali Bin Chuan, Xiang Yun, A Duo Di, Huang Cao Ba, Lijiang Lu Duo, Qiao Jia and Lu Feng Vilalge. Volunteers had helped villagers repairing electronics, cleaning the environment, preparing for Chinese New Year and organizing recreational activities. They also brought happiness to the village that might enrich their life.
- In January 2014, volunteer teaching was held at 5 villages (Lin Chang Teng Mie He, Wen Shan Luo Sung Di, Ma Lu Tang, Jiu Dao Ya Kuo and Mao Wang Dong). Not only did they teach children in a interactive way, the volunteers organized health and hygiene activities in the villages to improve their living environment and their health practice.
- From July to August 2014, 7 summer camps and 7 visiting programs were organized in 14 leprosy villages. 44 volunteers had organized recreational activities in 7 villages (A Duo Di, Yang Jia Shan, Xiao Shui Hin, Ma Yi Dui, Bin Chuan, Luo Xian Guan and Xi Shan). It improved their living and promoted the self-confidence of people affected by leprosy. 52 volunteers organized summer camp activities in 7 villages (Luo Sung Di, Ma Lu Tang, Jiu Dao Ya Kou, Mao Wang Dong, Xiao Cao Ba, Da Huo Di and Long Dong Wan). At the same time, an anti-discrimination activity was held in Xiao Cao Ba. It was the first time for 6 out of 7 villages that they had volunteers staying in the villages to have activities (3 for summer camp, 3 for visiting). The summer camp program was able to stimulate the interest of learning and broadened the horizon of the children in the villages. They could be more self-protected and stay with healthy living habits. By organizing 'HANDA Little Star' programs such as group birthday party, village art fair, chess competition, making dumplings, etc, the life of elderly in the villages was enriched. Their ability for self-care was improved as well.
- From 1st to 5th October, 2014, 6 volunteers from Southwest Forestry University had made use of their National Day holiday and visited the Wen Shan Qiu Bei Xiao Shui Jin Village. They stayed in the village to take care of the people, companying them and helped with children's homework. They visited every household of the village. The students got to know their situation and provided help if they were able to. Night fairs



were organized for 3 nights and they danced together.

- From 1st to 5th October, 2014, 14 volunteers from Sunshine Volunteer Association of Yunnan University went to Xiang Yun Village. They visited the elderly to know them and asked for their situation. Afterwards, the volunteers did various activities with them such as making dumplings and having night fair. They brought joy and little difference in life of the elderly.
- From 1st to 5th October, 2014, 20 volunteers from the federation of youth groups of Yunnan Land and Resources Vocational College separated into 2 teams and visited Chu Xiong Lu Feng and Wen Shan Jiu Dao Ya Kuo. Right after the arrival, the volunteers started organizing different activities including the follow-up investigation to the previous one. They had prepared recreational activities for the children of the village, let them knowing the information of the outside society. The joy of the children was also brought to the volunteers. The interaction between people affected by leprosy and volunteers had eliminated discrimination. Furthermore, both groups could get friendship and fulfillment during the process. To the elderly, the support from the volunteers would surely make them happy. And the volunteers could experience the social responsibility to the vulnerable groups of the society.

2.2.4 Recognition and Rewarding for Volunteers

- On 5th December, 2014, a thanks giving activity was organized by Yunnan HANDA in order to thank supporters from the society and volunteers. The theme of the activity was 'Walking with you, walking with warmth'. Volunteers, partners and people affected by leprosy who had being with Yunnan HANDA for 10 years were invited. 310 people participated in total (40 PAL, 2 from Center for Disease Control, 4 from media, 20 cooperating partners, 10 staff and 234 volunteers). They shared the achievement and changes of leprosy villages in Yunnan in these 10 years. Rewards were presented to 3 outstanding societies (The federation of youth groups of Yunnan Land and Resources Vocational College, Sunshine Volunteer Association of Yunnan University and Benevolent Angel Society from Kunming University) and 10 volunteers.

Object 3: To improve economic conditions for people affected by leprosy



3.1.1 We provided capital management training and guidance. We followed up the work with management groups in six villages in the last annual year and provided guidance and training on recording and using community development fund, which kept an order for capital running. Through the coordination of village management groups, the community development fund worked efficiently by improving economy in leprosy villages and helping other vulnerable groups in villages.

3.1.2 We have started baseline surveys to analyze statics. In order to provide economic support for leprosy villages more exclusively, we have done surveys on the economic conditions in 7 villages. The result of surveys are as followed:

- The major economic income source in the 7 villages are planting and farming. The average annual per-capita income level in the 3 villages—Tengmiehe, Jiudaoyakou and Liangshuijing—is lower than poverty line in China (Annual Per-Capita Income=Total Annual Income per Village/Overall Number of People per Village. The poverty line in China has risen to and stayed at 2,300 RMB/year since the end of 2011.) The 3 villages shared something in common: having bad environment and barren land, being far away from markets. These three factors have been the reasons why leprosy villages don't have enough agricultural products and have difficulties in taking part in economic activities thus their economy is behind the others.
- The annual per-capita in Yuer and Malutang villages is higher than others'. The 2 villages are fit for tobacco plantation. Because they got support from our government, they gained very good economic interests from tobacco. However, the gap between the rich and the poor in these villages is relatively high. Besides, people affected by leprosy without children lead a hard life since they have no economic income except subsidies.

According to these survey results, we will help leprosy villages develop their economy by making use of their environment. For example, we can make honey, tea leaf, walnut etc. HANDA agricultural by products in Tengmiehe village. Mutual help projects should be started in villages whose gap between the rich and the poor is relatively high.



3.1.3 Function and Support to Management Groups

- We have done follow-up jobs and gave support since 6 villages including Maowangdong, Jiudaoyakou, Xiaoshuitang etc. had set management groups in 2013. For example, in the water-free bio-toilet project, our staff shared experience and gave training in financial transparency management and how to mobilize villagers to participate into public affairs, making the management groups work more smoothly and efficiently.
- At the beginning of May, 2014, we visited Luduo village in the name of welfare. During the visit, we helped and set up management groups of two to increase economic incomes for Luduo and improve the living conditions for its 7 villagers. Li of HANDA was in charge of contacting with other organizations who joined us in this welfare tour while Zhang of HANDA was in charge of taking care of the elder villagers and reception of visitors.
- We followed the Xiaoshuitang village management group to see how it work. With the help of the management group, the problem of dangerous houses was solved and its town government gave support on the water shortage problem.
- In June, 2014, after knowing what difficulties Jiudaoyakou management group faced and how it used the community development fund, we helped it to make work plans for next stages.
- In July, 2014, our interns collected problems of sanitation and health in Dahuodi village of Zhaotong city during their volunteer teaching program, which laid a solid foundation for the village's future development.
- In July, 2014, we followed Huangcaoba village management group to see how it was trained in contacting with organizations outside the village in the early days. Through the management group's efforts, the problem of power supply was solved. The Dali prefecture power grid helped the villagers with solar power generation and installing televisions so villagers could use electricity every day and watched TV.
- From August 17th to 19th, 2014, villagers who faced difficulties in Tengmiehe village had a meeting and selected a leading management group of 7 people to help



everyone with plantation to improve their economy.

- In August, 2014, we followed the Shanshiping village group to see how it work. Villagers had not adapted to new life because the village was rebuilt after an earthquake in 2013. But such situation got much better after Doctor Li and the management group's coordination. A small canteen was built and some young people cooked in turn for the elder people who lived alone and could not take care of themselves.
- On October 17th, 2014, we learnt about how the Shanshiping leprosy village autonomous management group worked and evaluated the group in our visit to the village. HANDA will cancel our follow-up work for this key volunteer management group because it can operate on its own.

3.1.4 Technical Training to Villagers

- From July 13th to 21th, 2014, staff from our Yunnan office and Guangzhou office went to Maowangdong and Shanshiping village to hold a meeting with the villagers, talking about the project, Kangfu Workshop Product (The products include two mushrooms, macrolepiota albuminosa and porcini.) The staff also talked about the prices of the products and the purchase etc., which prepared for selling future products.
- On July 14th, 2014, our staff went to leprosy villages to teach villagers how to use and manage dryers.
- In August, 2014, our staff went to leprosy villages to learn about tea leaf plantation in Tengmiehe village in Lincang city and beekeeping in Huangcaoba village in Dali prefecture. They also made general plans for future inspection, study and producing. In this annual year, these two villages produced a total amount of 75kg of honey whose source was various flowers.
- We have contacted with experts and planned to give training on tea leaves producing in Tengmiehe village based on its villagers' needs in December. But we put off the activity to the end of February or the beginning of March because it was in spring that people could pluck tea leaves.

3.1.5 Organize Villagers to Participate in Farmer's Market in Kunming City and the



Promotion of Products from Villages

- On September 27th, 2014, HANDA helped 2 villagers in Maowangdong village to go to Caiyun Farmer Fair so that they could sell and introduce their agricultural products which were not exposed to chemical fertilizer and pesticides. They sold products and gained 1,532 RMB that day. This kind of activity increased the interaction between villagers and customers outside leprosy villages.
- On October 25th, 2014, we went to Caiyun Farmer Fair and sold Maowangdong village's ecological rice, Luodisong village's honey and HANDA other's byproducts. While selling agricultural products, we also introduced basic knowledge about leprosy and HANDA leprosy villages to customers. We gained 693.3 RMB that day, including 150 RMB gaining from selling honey, 200.5 RMB from rice and 128.8 RMB from pumpkins.
- Invited by Lixinghang Company, HANDA went to 2014 Lixinghang Real Estate Welfare Badminton Invitation Tournament. In the competition, agricultural byproducts from leprosy villages were showed and stories of children going to school were shared. Lixinghang had been donating living subsidies to 2 substitute teachers in leprosy villages since 2011 and to about 100 students. Our second leprosy village primary school is building. After the badminton tournament, Lixinghang Company and other individuals donated 80,000 RMB to build classrooms in Malutang and Maowangdong villages in Yunnan province and to help with student grant for students in new potential leprosy villages which mainly stood in Lijiang and Zhaotong cities. Besides, our agricultural byproducts including honey, walnut and rice which were worth of 2,4071 RMB were ordered.
- On November 28th, 2014, HANDA took part in the Sixth Farmer Fair and showed products of leprosy villages. We gained 728 RMB that day. The 3 bottles of honey from leprosy villages we sold made our products acknowledged, which was helpful to establish villagers' confidence and concept of equality.

3.1.6 Improve Living Conditions and Sanitation in Villages for Charity Tour

- The water-free bio-toilet project ended on January 20th, 2014. HIS Foundation and



Huaen Company provided technological support for this project. HANDA was in charge of coordinating and villagers built the toilets. The 20 water-free bio-toilets being built in Maowangdong village could not only collect manure but gave an end to the past of a village without toilets. Some women said they no longer needed to be ashamed when going to toilet.

- On April 1st, 2014, staff from HANDA, HIS Foundation and Huaen Company visited Liangshuijing leprosy village and asked 6 villagers about their needs—there are only 5 families in this village. The staff tried to feel how the villagers feel and learn about their needs.
- Our Qixi Walking Tour to Luduo made public learn about leprosy villages during their walk into the villages. Eighteen people including five people affected by leprosy, one government official, five citizen participated into the tour. From August 2nd to 4th, 2014, this welfare tour in Lijiang city raised money for Colorful Yunnan Mutual Medical Support Program, helping to reduce economic pressures brought by medical care and treatment for people affected by leprosy in Yunnan province.
- From November 13th to 14th, 2014, we organized the second welfare tour in Daju town in Lijiang city. The theme for this tour is about a wedding of Li, a child of a parent who had affected by leprosy and was cured. About 70 people attended the wedding and 15 of the attendees took part into this walking tour. It gave a chance to the public to get into a leprosy village and profoundly learn how difficult it was for children of people affected by leprosy to get married. The wedding was reported by several newspaper and periodicals including *Southern Metropolis Daily*, *Lijiang Reader*, *City Times* and Tencent's official website.

Object 4: To improve physical condition and mobility of people affected by leprosy

In 2014, we provided 415 people affected by leprosy and their 130 families with self-care training for 43 times, giving those in need self-care tools and devices. Besides, we created personal profile for 81 people affected by leprosy and updated information for 186 people affected by leprosy.

4.1.1 Distribution of Self-Care Articles and Assistive Devices.



In this annual year, HANDA gave out 3,886 pieces self-care article and assistive devices, including 2,977 pieces of gauze bandages, 38 rolls of surgical tapes, 132 bottles of Vaseline, 4 surgical knife handles, 5 basins, 731 protective footwear, 3 wheelchairs, a walking frame, 17 crutches, 2 scooters, 21 walking sticks, 13 walking stick heads and 7 arm pads. These supplies and devices were material guarantees for people affected by leprosy so that they could cure their ulcers in a better way. Besides, we made forms that collected statics about eyes, hands and legs disability for 111 people affected by leprosy in 13 villages including Dahuodi, Xiaowanzi, Longchanghe, Muhe, Lujiao, Zoumaping, Xiaochangping, Longdongwan, Raomalu, Xiaoshuijing, Shuitou, Tuguancheng and Hongshiyuan. Besides, 731 pairs of protective shoes were distributed to 518 people affected by leprosy.

4.1.2 Production of Prosthesis

In June, 2014, HANDA's prosthesis producing facility made and implanted prostheses for 14 people affected by leprosy in Honghe and Dali prefectures, enabling them to stand up again and bringing convenience to their daily life. Besides, it fixed 5 prostheses for 5 people affected by leprosy in Wenshan prefecture.

4.1.3 Training to healthcare workers from leprosy villages

- From March 11th to 15th, 2014, we finished the fourth training for health care and sanitation assistants in Dali. This training aimed at introduce basic knowledge about some common gynecological diseases and diseases that could be discovered frequently in countryside. We set up some situation scenario to train them. Also, they also learnt about environment and sanitation improvement planning. After this training, health care and sanitation assistants in 15 villages learnt more about gynecological diseases and how to take care patients of these diseases. What's more, they learnt about how to deal with emergent food poisoning and to make plans to improve environment and sanitation in their own villages. Yang Jianshan said: " We should insist on one principle—"training as a basic rule, publicity as a second rule"—when improving sanitation in leprosy villages."

4.1.4 Self-Care Training



43 trainings on self-care were given to 415 people affected by leprosy and 130 family members, updated the physical condition record for 267 individuals.

Objective 5: Help children in leprosy village to continue education at local school

In 2014, we organized 10 voluntary teachings and 2 parents' meetings. We offered 53 students scholarships in 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 academic years. Conducting these education activities and offering financial aids not only eased the economic burden of students and teachers, but also encouraged students' confidence and improved the education conditions in leprosy villages.

5.1.1 Parents' Meetings

- On August 18th, 2014, 20 people attended a parents' meeting in Tengmiehe village in Lincang, getting to know about students' study, parents' support for education and their difficulties in students' getting education.
- On September 20th, 2014, 24 people attended a parents' meeting in Dahuodi village, getting to know about parents' support for their children's education and their difficulties in children's getting education. Parents in Dahuodi thought that the most emergent was whether their children could go to middle school and which schools to go to.

5.1.2 Volunteer Teaching/ Health Education Activity for Women and Children

- From August 8th to 21st, 2014, 11 volunteers from Yunnan University of TCM, Yunnan Normal University and Yunnan University set a winter camp in Malutang village with us. Eleven students from first grade in primary school and thirteen students from fourth grade in primary school with 10 middle school students and 2 vocational middle school students participated into the winter camp activity. The winter camp gave the students sanitation and health education, safety education and homework tutorial guidance. Besides, students had lessons of their interest in the camp. We also visited students' families to learn about their family and living condition, collecting helpful information.
- From January 10th to 22nd. 2014, 15 volunteers from Yunnan University set a winter camp in Maowangdong village with us. Thirty-three primary school students, 2 middle school students and 2 vocational middle school students joined us in the camp. The winter camp gave the students sanitation and health education, safety education and



homework tutorial guidance. Besides, students had lessons of their interest in the camp. We also visited students' families to learn about their family and living condition, collecting helpful information.

- From January 5th to 18th, 2014, 9 volunteers from Yunnan University of TCM set a winter camp in Jiudaoyakou village with us. Thirteen primary school students joined us in the camp. The winter camp gave the students sanitation and health education, safety education and homework tutorial guidance. Besides, students had lessons of their interest in the camp. We also visited students' families to learn about their family and living condition, collecting helpful information.
- From January 11th to 24th, 2014, 12 volunteers from Yunnan University, Yunnan University of TCM, Yunnan Agricultural University and Southwest Forestry University set a winter camp in Luodisong village with us. Seven pre-school students, twenty-four primary school students, eight middle school students, seven vocational middle school students and one high school student participated into the winter camp activity. The winter camp gave the students sanitation and health education, safety education and homework tutorial guidance. Besides, students had lessons of their interest in the camp. We also visited students' families to learn about their family and living condition, collecting helpful information.
- From July 7th to 21st, 2014, volunteers from Yunnan University of TCM set a summer camp in Tengmiehe village with us. Ten primary school students, thirteen middle school students, three vocational middle school students and six high school students participated into the summer camp activity. The summer camp gave the students sanitation and health education, safety education and homework tutorial guidance. Besides, students had lessons of their interest in the camp. We also visited students' families to learn about their family and living condition, collecting helpful information.
- From July 10th to 20th, 2014, 11 volunteers from South China Agricultural University set a summer camp in Luodisong Primary School with us. The summer camp gave the students sanitation and health education, safety education and homework tutorial guidance. Besides, students had lessons of their interest in the camp. We also visited



students' families to learn about their family and living condition, collecting helpful information.

- From July 19th to 25th, 2014, 19 volunteers from Youth Volunteers Association of the Yunnan University of Finance and Economics set a summer camp in Malutang and Jiudaoyakou villages with us. The summer camp gave the students sanitation and health education, safety education and homework tutorial guidance. Besides, students had lessons of their interest in the camp. We also visited students' families to learn about their family and living condition, collecting helpful information.
- From July 10th to 26th, 2014, volunteers from Yunnan University of TCM set a summer camp in Longdongwan village with us. The summer camp gave the students sanitation and health education, safety education and homework tutorial guidance. Besides, students had lessons of their interest in the camp. We also visited students' families to learn about their family and living condition, collecting helpful information.
- From July 12th to 25th, 2014, 8 volunteers from Yunnan University set a summer camp in Maowangdong village with us. The summer camp gave the students sanitation and health education, safety education and homework tutorial guidance. Besides, students had lessons of their interest in the camp.
- From July 12th to 25th, 2014, 7 volunteers from Dalian Art Collage, Huzhou University etc. set a summer camp in Dahuodi village with us. The summer camp gave the students sanitation and health education, safety education and homework tutorial guidance. Besides, students had lessons of their interest in the camp. We also visited students' families to learn about their family and living condition, collecting helpful information.

5.1.3 School Rebuilding

- In December, 2014, the school building in Maowangdong constructed by Beijing Lixinghang Charity. Maowangdong Primary School will not have to make students of 2 grades share the same classroom again. Lixinghang Charity donated 90,380 RMB to this project while villagers in Maowangdong put effort in building the school. Two new teaching buildings and one teacher's office were built. Villagers had told us they



needed more school buildings before. In May, 2014, Beijing Lixinghang Company visited Maowangdong and learnt about villagers' needs then it talked about building schools with this village and HANDA. The project was settled in September and the construction began in October. With all our efforts, the construction was finished in December. The decoration of classrooms would be done from December, 2014 to January, 2015. The situation that 2 grades shared the same classroom would change in next semester.

Highlights of Activities

- To make people affected by leprosy be accepted by our society and eliminate discrimination are the ultimate goal of HANDA. In 2014, with the advantage of volunteering, our team in Yunnan motivated those who were happy to help and volunteers to participate in our activities. At the same time, many media joined us, reporting and sharing stories of our leprosy villages therefore needs of the villages were met. For example, some enterprises donated clothes to the elder people and students in leprosy villages in the cold winter.
- “3-11” activity combined factors like fund raising, outdoor activity and advocacy, trying to change people's way to spend money and looking for enterprise sponsors. Through charity bazaars and walking tours, we introduced basic knowledge about leprosy to the public, encouraging them to support our welfare while doing aerobic exercise in the walking tour. Our walking tour en route from Xiangyun town to Fengyi town and a tour through the Ancient Tea Horse Route, we raised money for 100 people affected by leprosy in Yunnan to buy hearing aids. By the end of our walking tours, “3-11” raised 27,000 RMB and 10 hearing aids through charity bazaars, public's and enterprises' donation.
- HANDA is a bridge connecting every leprosy village. The young Li, who was with his mother and took care of other people affected by leprosy in a leprosy village, married the girl Chun Xiu from another village with the help of HANDA's staff. Their happy wedding was held in the mountains in Yunnan by HANDA's staff, volunteers and villagers.
- We always follow our duty to find leprosy villages which are not well-developed.



Although sometimes we did not know the exact addresses of these villages, we tried every way we could and found 17 of them. Their villagers still lived in poor countryside which was isolated from the outside world and they lacked basic living materials. It will be HANDA's important task to help them out of such dilemma.

- In order to improve villagers' ability and self-development and to increase their mutual help, representatives of people affected by leprosy in Yunnan finally selected a group of leaders of their own. We believe that through the group's efforts, more and more people affected by leprosy will join them to help themselves and each other, enabling themselves to be accepted by our society.
- **【The involvement of media pushed our government to help children of people affected by leprosy in Yiliang town finish study in primary school after they had been rejected】**
At the beginning of September, 30 children of school age who should have gone to school were rejected by local primary schools in Yiliang. They were rejected by other children's parents because their parents or grandparents had been affected by leprosy. But the physical examination reports of these children showed that they were healthy. Our government decided to build a school in particular for them, which was reported by *The Paper*. The news caused all the attention of all walks of our society to people affected by leprosy and their children. Three days after the news, a special report of CCTV news also reported it. Pushed by the pressure of social critics, local government in Yiliang took actions to set up a group of officials to introduce knowledge about leprosy one villager after another in the countryside. The education department also took actions to make children gain their rights to be educated. The official leaders taught lessons for the children of people affected by leprosy in turn in Guanyin Primary School and had Hu Hebi, the 18-year-old student in grade three, to go to a vocational middle school in Yiliang so that she could learn some technologies. By the mid of November, about 30 students in Guanyin Primary finally went to Daqiao Wanquan Primary School. The problem was finally solved, first involving ordinary people, then media and government and all walks of the society.

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We look forward to your continuous support in 2015. We hope that you can come with us to help improve the life quality of people affected by leprosy in Yunnan!