

Hope Hospital

Achievements and challenges of township hospitals relief program

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Origin of Hope Hospital

- According to the result of the third National Health Services Survey organized by the Ministry of Health in 2003, 79.1% of the rural population has no health insurance, and their medical expenses were paid nearly entirely on their own. In some rural areas, two-thirds of poverty results from illness. In China, 48.9% of people who were to be treated did not receive clinical treatment and 29.6% of those who were to be hospitalized were not.
- December 25, 2006, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences published a social blue book titled, "2007: *China's Social Situation Analysis and Forecast*." The book illustrates the views of urban and rural residents, to whom "medical treatment is expensive and difficult to have access to," which currently ranks first in current social issues.
- Situation of township hospitals—
- Service space is poor and the buildings are dangerous.
- Medical equipment is outdated, aging and functions poorly.
- There is a serious shortage of medical technicians and the medical technology available is generally backward (outdated).
- Due to the lack of financial input, township hospitals are in capital shortages and are heavily indebted.
- The Chinese government is committed to building a harmonious society, enhancing social welfare and supporting philanthropic activities. In 2006, the China Youth Development Foundation specially sets up "Oriental Kunlun Charity Fund." This charity fund is dedicated to fund-raising, appealing to the social problems rural areas face, supporting public welfare, and supporting the health and medical aspects of the peasant masses in poverty-stricken areas. With an aim to work efficiently, the funds are directed towards making contributions to building a harmonious society and new countryside construction. The Oriental Kunlun Charity Fund mainly operates two programs in the field of rural public health. They are:
 - "Hope Hospital- Township Hospitals Relief Program"
 - "Hope Clinic- Village Clinic Relief Program"

February 14, 2006, Hu Jintao, President of People's Republic of China stressed in his speech that: "Countryside, peasants and agriculture" issues are always a comprehensive and fundamental issue which is vital to the development of the party and the people. Agricultural abundance is the basis of a prosperous nation. Well-off peasants make up a powerful country and the rural social security leads to an overall stability. To build a new

socialist countryside and a harmonious society in rural areas, we should care for needy people living in rural areas and be aware of the development of rural health services.

Project Content of Hope Hospital

- ☞ Name: Hope Hospital--Township Hospital Relief Program
- ☞ Mission: Provide services for farmer health care
- ☞ Subsidized Object: Township hospitals in the rural areas
- ☞ Beneficiaries: The rural youth and farmers.
- ☞ Aim: To mobilize social resources to assist the government in the development of rural public health.
- ☞ Fund township hospitals to reconstruct dilapidated buildings, upgrade facilities and improve preventive health care, medical services and health administration functions.
- ☞ Pay special attentions to preventive health care facilities construction in various areas, such as obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, endemic diseases, AIDS and immunization of children's.
- ☞ Fund workers in township hospitals receive health care training, mobilize urban health care professionals to do voluntary work in township hospitals and help improve the quality of health care workers there.
- ☞ Mobilize pharmaceutical manufacturers to provide and donate drugs and medicine to township hospitals to reduce the medical expenses and burdens upon farmers.
- ☞ Fund Hope Hospital under the jurisdiction of village health posts to configure high-pressure sterilizers, medicine cabinets and other basic facilities.
- ☞ Push local governments to increase health investment, strengthen health regulations, and adhere to the public nature of township hospitals to ensure that rural hospitals do not charge the farmers medical and health services in order to maintain operation and development.
- ☞ Resource Acquisition: Social donation and government fund
- ☞ Help Mode: Initiative to seek help
- ☞ Resource Transfer: China Youth Development Foundation--- Provincial Youth Development Foundation--- County Relief Project Department ---Township Hospitals
- ☞ Matching Funds
- ☞ Fund Management

At the end of 2009, the Project had begun the construction of 25 Hope Hospitals, 15 of which have been completed and 10 of which are still under construction. Details follow:

- ☞ Make multi-party research and plan meticulously.
- ☞ Commit multi-party propaganda and try every effort in fund-raising.
- ☞ Strengthen management through multi-party cooperation.

Project Implementation Outcome of Hope Hospital

- ☞ 15 Hope Hospitals were completed.
- ☞ 1,000,000 people were benefited.
- ☞ New service space area of 9500 square meters.
- ☞ 65 new medical technicians plus.
- ☞ Commit training for 185 people/times.
- ☞ Add an investment of RMB3, 000,000 in equipment

During 2009, in these 15 completed Hope hospitals:

- ☞ Add business income RMB 3,100,000 and an average of RMB 206,000 increase in single-hospital.

- ☞ There's an increase of 56,200 people in treatment with an average of 3,746 people increase in single-hospital.

Challenges of Hope Hospital

- ☞ After the earthquake in Wenchuan, China in 2008, we have put our main efforts into the work of earthquake relief and recovery, leaving the Hope Hospital lack of and fund-raising efforts.
- ☞ The contact and communication with government health authorities is still a relatively weak link. We hope to make the Hope Hospital better understood by the Government and the Government's health sector by drawing their attentions to support the Hope Hospital in the future.