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Annual Report of HANDA Comprehensive Leprosy Rehabilitation Project in Yunnan 2015

Program Name: Comprehensive Leprosy Rehabilitation Program of Yunnan HANDA

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 2015, 1002 PAL from 46 villages in Yunnan were directly benefited from HANDA's programs, together with 2250 immediate family members. Besides, 250 volunteers participated in the activities and about 500,000 public had received information about leprosy and charity message through other channels of promotion.

In 2015, HANDA carried out series of health knowledge education and rehabilitative services in 46 leprosy villages. About 550 people affected by leprosy and 1100 of their family members received and knowledge, among them, 523 people affected by leprosy received physical rehabilitation services.

In order to make villagers obtain and enhance relevant hygiene knowledge, develop proper personal and sanitation behaviors, HANDA printed out 1000 copies of health brochures in April 2015. We designed the brochure from two aspects-----the existing environmental hygiene problem and healthcare knowledge among different ages and groups, such as women, children, young men, and old men.

In order to enhance villagers' understanding of health knowledge, HANDA maximally spread knowledge about health rights and health. The knowledge has been put on information corner in 20 leprosy villages, including Dehou, Dutian, Pingyuan, Xiaotudi, Shuidongmen, Jiudaoyakou, Malutang, Maowangdong, Hongshiyuan, Shuitou, Mayyidui, Tengmiehe, Huangcaoba, Lujiao, iaowanzi, Dahuodi, Shisun primary school, Yangjiashan, Zhujiashan, Longdongwan.

Project Objective:

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.

Output : People affected by leprosy have access to information related to their health right/health knowledge and rehabilitative/health services

Provided health knowledge education for women and children in villages

Women and children are relatively vulnerable groups in the community and their health had an effect on their family's happiness and future. According to the research from January to June in 2015, because of lack of attention on personal hygiene, 90% of women in leprosy villages suffered from various diseases. Gynecological problem was the most widespread and serious, which had an effect on family's harmony. In leprosy villages where lacked knowledge and medical facilities, it became more and more important for women to enhance their health knowledge and develop a good hygiene habit.

Up to December 2015, 16 health trainings was held for women and children in 7 leprosy villages in Zhaotong, including Dahuodi, Jiudaoyakou, Maowandong, Longwandong, Malutang, Hongshiyuan, Luosongdi. A total of 322 people had access to health knowledge. During the trainings, HANDA not only illustrated and demonstrated gynecological problems, female physiological feature and daily self-nursing, children's common diseases and living habits, but provided basic physical examination for children and had a general knowledge of children's growth development status. Through this activity, women and children had a basic knowledge on the prevention of these common diseases and 80% of them started to apply new learnt knowledge into daily practice. .

Organize health right training/lecture

From July to December, we organized health right training in 6 villages, they are: Longdongwan, Jiudaoyakou, Malutang, Dahuodi, Lujiang and Xiaowanzi. In total 188 villagers attended the training and learnt the knowledge. Based on different issues and problems in villages, trainings were designed respectively. Training on The law of the protection of juveniles and Marriage law was given to children and people in Longdongwan village; 60 people participated; In Jiudaoyakou village, 40 villagers and their children attended the training. After that, villagers worked together and drafted a letter to government for building a road; In Malutang village, 22 women and 6 girls attended the training, people don't pay attention to their personal hygiene due to lacking of water, the rate of women having gynaecological problems is 95%. Therefore, training on women's health right and rights for women are given; in Dahuodi village, training on the children's right for education was given to 30 villagers. It was their first time to know that their children have the rights to access to equal education, safe housing and healthy development environment; In Lujiang village, with the assistance of leadership group, training was given to 20 villagers. Most villagers have suffered the injustice treatment: deny of education, medical service and employment. After the training, villagers discussed and thought that the first step for them to request government was to remove the words "leprosy village" from their ID cards. In Xiaowanzi leprosy village, training was given to 10 villagers. One of the biggest challenges that people has been facing was-people have great difficulty in accessing to medical service. Training helped villagers know that it is the violation to their rights which are protected by law.

Organize sanitation education in 6 villages

Villagers' health were closely related to the environment of the village. Whether it's clean or in a mess depended on villagers' consciousness. And in order to make villagers realize the importance of environment, they needed to be aware of how environment affected their health. At leprosy villages in

Yunnan, 90% of the leprosy villages' sanitation was poor, especially the problematic dispose of livestock manure, human feces, rubbishes, which directly or indirectly affected villagers' health and did harm to their health. To protect villagers' health and make them realize the importance of protecting environment, we conducted trainings with the theme of sanitation.

Up to December, a total of 12 training were held at 6 villages, including Jiudaoyakou, Maowang Cave, Longdongwan, Shuitou, Mulutang, and Liangshuijing in Wenshan. About 320 people participated in the trainings. During the trainings, HANDA shared the relationship between sanitation and health. Meanwhile, HANDA negotiated and discussed existing problems of each village and made plans to improve them. By the means of participation, we enhanced villagers' sanitation knowledge and consciousness, and improved the situation of littering and unire everywhere.

Training for health care workers

From December 16 to December 21, staff organized a training for health care workers in Kunming, Yunnan Province. 16 health care workers from leprosy villages (9 men and 7 women, 2 of them were people affected by leprosy) participated in it. The training content included: human's important organs and their functions, precaution of daily self-nursing, self-cognition, understanding physical feature of people affected by leprosy, why and how to provide self-care service with people in need. The participants, 14 of whom were offspring of people affected by leprosy, first systematically and fully learned what was leprosy village, why people affected by leprosy need self-care service and how to provide it for them. Meanwhile, they generally understood themselves and the places where they came from, and deepened the sense of identification with their villages. Moreover, they learned knowledge of infectious diseases, and precaution such as HIV and hepatitis B.

The 4-day training enhanced health care workers understanding of human organs and common diseases. Besides, they systematically learned the development of leprosy as well as the importance of self-care for people affected by it. After the training, 10 of them began to visit and offer help to villagers who got burnt and scalds caused by fire to warm themselves in winter, and those who had ulcers.

Provided self-care service and self-care articles to those in need

This year, staff provided one to one self-care training and wound care service to 52 individuals who had serious ulcers and with serious physical disability. People realized the importance of doing self-care and learned how to do self-care in a right way. Meanwhile, we gave out 6325 pieces of self-care articles. In a new village Lujiao in Zhaotong, when finding 3 people affected by leprosy suffered from serious ulcer with maggots when we first approached them. Staff performed wound care and provided them with self-care training and articles. 3 months later, the stench of their wounds faded and the maggots disappeared. When the team visited them again in April this year, one villager's ulcer healed up and the other two got better.

Production of prosthesis and distribution of protective and assistive devices

Living in remote mountainous areas, people affected by leprosy were exposed to serious disability. 90% of them were disabled. However, limited by condition, they have very weak awareness on self-protection and lacking effective protective and assistive devices. Up to December 31 2015, technician made 11 prostheses and maintained 20 old prostheses for people in need. Protective and assistive devices were distributed to the needy people in 28 villages. 608 pairs of shoes were given to 591 villagers, we also provided assistive devices such as 7 wheelchairs, 34 pairs of under arm crutches, 4 scooters, 33 walking sticks, 9 axillary pads, 9 pairs of reading glasses, 62 pairs of sunglasses, 93 pairs of stump socks, and 25 hearing aids which improved their hearing, made it more convenient for them to interact with outside world and enhanced their life quality.

Story of Yue Wanli (prosthesis beneficiary)

My name is Yue Wanli. I am 50 years old. I suffered from leprosy in 1985. Luckily, because it was found in early stage, I was not exposed to disability with immediate treatment. So my neighbors don't know it until now and I still live with my family as normal people do.

Although I look like normal people in appearance. But my hands and feet are numb. One day in May 2014, I worked in the fields as usual. That evening when I washed my feet at home, I saw blood in my shoe and there was a large wound under my foot. In case of my family worrying about me and others despising me, I applied some oxytetracycline powder on it. But it didn't turn better. Though I used herbs and tried other medicines, it showed no signs of improvement and even worsened, which hurt me so much that I could not sleep at night for a month. Later, being so painful, I asked my son to take me to the county hospital where I was told that I would face amputation since it was too serious and hurt my bone. With the help of doctors in CDC, I had my leg amputated at Wenshan hospital in July 2014.

My life undergone great changes after that. I thought it made me feel inferior to others and made my family more difficult. Though my family were willing to attend me, I knew that they went through hardship and bore other's gossip. Sometimes I wanted to kill myself and end this torturous life. But I really hated to leave all these behind. After all, I was only 50 years old.

Being desperate, I turned to the doctor in CDC again, hoping they can help me out. They told me that an organization name HANDA who was dedicated to serve people affected by leprosy like me and they would contact with this organization to make a prosthesis for me. It lighted up my life and I pull myself together. I had been waiting for this until April 27th 2015. A leader in CDC called me, telling me that HANDA staff would make a prosthesis for me and I must be there on 29th. On 28th, in case of the staff would leave there, I went to the county in the early morning. Because my home was far away from the county, it would take me several hours.

HANDA staff came early on 29th morning, and took my size and mold on my stump. They told me that I could leave and they would send the new made prosthesis to me after they finish it in Kunming, which would take few days. I was a little sad because I thought I could walk home with the limb that day. The day before yesterday, a doctor called me, telling me that my prosthesis is ready. Hearing this, all the thought of inferiority disappeared and I finally can stand up. I was too happy to sleep that night. Though I still cannot adapt myself to the new limb and I have to walk with a stick, I will practice as the staff taught me and try to get used to it early. I will no longer need the stick one day. At least I can take care of myself, and alleviate my family's burden at that time.

Output: Improve the public understanding about the disease and increase the self-confidence of people affected by leprosy

Organize recreational activities

By December 31, 2015, twelve recreation activities have been organized in which 456 villagers took part. The activities included writing couplets, dining together, wrapping dumplings, holding recreation talks and other various activities, making people affected by leprosy and villages accompanied and elevating their self-confidence and social integration.

Organize one-day city tour

Two city-tour activities were organized this year, with fifty-three elderly people affected by leprosy participating, which has helped the elderly people achieve their dream to pay their respects to the great leader Chairman Mao. The organization of city-tour activities has promoted the social integration and self-

confidence of the old people affected by leprosy.

1. From April 17 to 22, Beijing-tour activities with a theme of "Traveling in old age·Beijing Dream" was organized, with sixteen villagers from seven leprosy villages in Yunnan Province participating, including fourteen people affected by leprosy, one teacher and one student, which has helped the elderly people realize their dream to visit the Capital of Beijing. In addition, during the tour, sharing meetings about the current situation in leprosy villages and life sharing of people affected by leprosy were held, with ninety-four people in total participating, including fourteen people affected by leprosy, two children of people affected by leprosy, two staff members, six volunteers and seventy public people. The closer contact between the public and people affected by leprosy has increased the interaction, which has been beneficial for the public to have a correct understanding of people affected by leprosy and to improve the self-respect and self-confidence of people affected by leprosy and their children.

On May 9, 2015, activities of one-day city tour "Traveling with dreams in old age" were organized in Longtiantian, Shiping, with thirty-seven people in total participating, including twenty-nine people affected by leprosy, one worker of the disease prevention center, two nuns, two volunteers and three staff members. The rehabilitation village of Longtiantian, situated in Shiping County, Honghe Delta, Yunnan Province, holds about 70 people affected by leprosy. On that day, the elderly people were so excited that they got up early to prepare everything for the trip and set out. An old woman, Zhao Meixiu said: "This opportunity is so precious. Even people with artificial limbs like us could go outside." The elderly people had great passion on the one-day tour from Mengzi County to Jianshui County. They looked at everything curiously, helping each other. During the tour, people affected by leprosy got closer to society and integrated into society. They felt great happiness and improved self-confidence.

Yunnan leadership group village visit

On December 5, 2014, the Yunnan leadership group was chosen by votes at the villagers' meeting in Yunnan. The group consists with seven persons and acts on behalf of the people affected by leprosy in Yunnan. It has the right to participate in the projects of HANDA and supervise the financial work of HANDA, and has the responsibility to gather the needs of the villages and tell them the work progress of HANDA. This year, the group has visited twelve rehabilitation villages in total. During the visits, the group collected villagers' needs and issues, gave suggestions to them and assisted the villagers' work as well. All the needs and issues collected during field visit all reported and discussed at the group meeting.

1. On May 15, 2015, a member of the leadership group, Shi Lianhua visited the rehabilitation village in Longtiantian and helped staff members organize the city-tour activities. During the visit, he helped create an entertaining atmosphere and talked about the work of the leading group of Yunnan. He also visited other people affected by leprosy in Longtiantian and encouraged villagers to organize and take part in entertainment activities to enrich their life.

2. On June 30, 2015, two members, Shi Lianhua and Wang Liqiong, visited Xier Town of Mile City and took part in the "The trip back home that has waited for half a century" activities. The representatives of people affected by leprosy gave a detailed introduction to HANDA work in Xiaoshuitang, which made the elderly people and their children more grateful to HANDA for their sincere help. During the process, as the two old people were still discriminated, local villagers and even the village director did not go to their home. The arrival of villagers from Xiaoshuitang not only enriched the local activities, making the two old people feel warm, but also enabled the surrounding people to sense the care and support from other places, which could serve as promotion and advocate.

3. From August 18 to 22, 2015, the group visited Hongshiyuan and Shuitou in Qujing and Maowangdong

in Wenshan and was greeted cordially by the villagers. The leading group knew some basic conditions about the village. They made meals with the villagers and held the first get-together dinner in Hongshiyán's history. After the meal, the leading group encouraged the villagers to enjoy themselves. Uncle Shi suggested dancing and singing, which was welcomed by the villagers. The group held recreation activities with the villagers in Shuitou, from which they knew some problems existing in the village, such as the unfriendly relationship among villagers, severe medical problems, difficulties in going to school and so on. They made proposals to resolve these problems at the following meetings. Also, the leading group told the villagers how to seek help from the government. In Maowangdong, the group visited the bee keeping site and the ecological dry closet. They also participated in the villagers' meeting in Maowangdong and shared their experiences in building waste storage tanks and improving environment, which inspired the young people there.

4. From September 13 to 14, 2015, Shi Lianhua visited the villages in the new village of Shilin and knew some basic conditions about the village. There are five people affected by leprosy, including four men and one woman. There are two people suffering from ulcer and one person with disability in hands. The village head is not often in the village because of his family. The villagers all believe in religions because of the missionaries. There is no medical worker in the village. People need to go to town that is eleven miles away to see a doctor, which is very inconvenient.

5. On October 17, 2015, group member Wang Guangsheng visited the villages in Lahongku. He made people affected by leprosy accompanied and showed them how to look after people with ulcer. Wang Guangsheng said: "There are not many people affected by leprosy here. I would come here if I have time as my mother-in-law is here."

6. From November 17 to 25, 2015, three members, Wang Guangsheng, Du Chaoming and Xiao Xuefa visited six villages in Zhaotong, Yangjiashan, Lujiao, Xiaowanzi, Dahuodi and Zhujiashan and took part in the advertisement activities organized in Shisunwanxiao.

Organize leadership group meeting

The leadership group has organized two meetings in total this year, with the participation rate of 100%. During the meetings, an effective annual work proposal for the group was made and management rules for communal medical funds scheme in Yunnan were passed. Also, a development proposal for the education in villages in Yunnan was discussed.

1. The first meeting was held from January 21 to 22 in Kunming. It aimed to make a work proposal for the group in 2015 and provide training to the group on how to collect needs during their field visit. The work plan and visiting schedule for the group was developed after two days meeting and heat discussion.

2. On the morning of August 17, 2015, we made a report on HANDA work in the first half of the year and discussed what activities could be added in the second half of the year. In the afternoon, we discussed how to amend the management rules for Communal medical funds scheme and made the amendments on the rule. Also, they agreed to increase the fees for communal medical funds scheme membership fee from 10 yuan per person each year to 30 yuan per person each year. On the morning of August 20, we talked about the problems encountered during the visit and figured out the solutions to these problems. In the afternoon, together we made a work plan for the second half of the year for the group. Member Wang Guangsheng even wrote a poem, the poem reads: HANDA is like a flower, traveling around every corner, bringing warmth to everybody in need; we, people affected by leprosy should work in unity to make a difference to our life. "

Organize village exchange visit

From November 26 to 29, 2015, the villagers of Longdongwan invited ten villagers of Maowangdong to celebrate the Yi ethnic year. The purpose of the visit between these two villages was to strengthen the connection and lay a foundation for economic development in Longdongwan. During the visit, the villagers of these two villages exchanged their experiences in developing the economy and going outside to work. They deepened their friendships in the get-together dinner and campfire party and talked about life experiences in the rehabilitation village. One villager from Longdongwan said: "Thanks to HANDA, now we have friends and a platform. Different villages now could get closer to each other. Good things are to happen in the following days, even things like marriage between young people among different villages. Without you, nobody would come here and we would not know there are still many people like us."

Conduct case study

This year, we have helped fourteen people affected by leprosy return to their hometown that they had left for decades. It has been difficult for people affected by leprosy to return home due to stigma and discrimination. Often, they could only return home in their dreams. To help realize their dreams to return home, social workers started intervention. From January to December 2015, we helped 14 elderly people realize their dream to go back home.

Story: a family union after 30 years' waiting

Granny Xiong has said: "I want to go back to the hometown and see how my fourth brother-in-law and his children are in my lifetime." Now at the age of fifty-seven, Yongfen Xiong was born in the Wujia Village, Fabai Town,

Yanshan County, Wenshan Prefecture in 1958. She was the second of seven children in her family, but she lost contact with family for more than thirty years after she had married into Huxi and only returned home once. Only when she went to Wenshan for a corrective surgery in 2013 and happened to meet a friend nearby, did she know that her parents had passed away for a long time. With the help of her friend, she met her fifth sister in Wenshan. Due to her poverty and disability, Granny Xiong approached HANDA staff, hoping to return hometown with her husband, Wei Mingchen.

From July 15th to July 17th in 2015, we accompanied the couple to return their hometown in Wenshan, to fulfill their wish. Both all wear prostheses HANDA made. Granny Xiong looked straight ahead all the way and did not fall asleep. When passing the Weimo Town, she bought some vegetables for family dinner. Her memory of the way to hometown had blurred, so we kept asking for direction as we heading forward. We set off at eight o'clock in the morning and finally arrived in the village at seven in the evening, seeing her nephew already waiting there. Granny Xiong greeted a fellow villager, but it was obvious that the villager had forgotten her after more than thirty years.

Aware of Granny Xiong's return, her eldest sister, the fifth sister and the seventh sister hurried back one after another, and finally they reunited. There were only the fourth brother-in-law and his three children living in hometown. Already at the age of seventy-two, the fourth brother-in-law also had been affected by leprosy, living a tough life in poor health. His family wanted to develop a small-scale poultry industry, but they failed because of lacking capital.

It was the first time that granny Xiong and grandpa Chen went to the tomb with siblings to visit their deceased families.

When taking a photo of the whole family, the fourth brother-in-law put on his new clothes. In the farewell, granny Xiong wept many times and told her nephew: "Take care of you father and call us if necessary in spite of telephone fee, because we wonder if there is chance to meet." That is true. The round trip of about 750 kilometers is too remote for two elderlies who wear prostheses and live on subsidy. However, the communication bridge has been set up at least.

Carried out field survey in Zhenxiong town Zhaotong prefecture

The survey was conducted in Zhenxiong town to collect information on people's knowledge, behavior and attitude to the people living in Dahuodi leprosy village

In April of 2015, nearly 120 people in Zhenxiong town were interviewed, (about 50 students, 30 residents of Zhenxiong town, and 40 villagers around Dahuodi) 95 percent of them saw leprosy as a disease incurable and unblessed. They didn't dare to have any contact with the villagers in Dahuodi village, and they were more unwilling to let the children of Dahuodi stay in the same school with their children, because they were afraid that the disease would infect their children. Hence, before the survey was carried out in April, children of Dahuodi could only study in local primary school and in a separate classroom. No middle school would accept them even they graduated from primary school. HANDA will focus in this area and carry out a series of awareness raising activities.

Public education in college

The PE in colleges aimed at improving the volunteers' cognition and knowledge of leprosy. This year we held promotion activities in 5 colleges, including Yunnan University, Yunnan University of TCM, Yunnan Land and Resources Vocational College, Kunming University and Yunnan University of Finance and Economics. 783 people in total participated in the sharing lectures.

1. On October 18th, the first sharing meeting was held in Yunnan University, which was hosted by Sunshine Volunteers Association of Yunnan University. Altogether 113 people attended. Related knowledge of leprosy, experiences of visit to Xiangyun village and voluntary teaching in Luosongdi were shared.
2. On October 25th, the second stop of college sharing meetings hosted by the Self-Reliance Association of Yunnan University of TCM, jointly organized by Sunshine Volunteers Association of Yunnan University was held in Yunnan University of TCM, of which the theme was "Emotion ties you and me, love relays". Altogether 150 people attended the meeting, including members of the Self-Reliance Association of Yunnan University of TCM and volunteers from those colleges. Related knowledge of leprosy, experiences of voluntary teaching, visits to Xiangyun village and Shanghuoshan village were shared.
3. On October 30th, the third stop of sharing meetings hosted by the Volunteers Association of Yunnan Land and Resources Vocational College, jointly organized by the Self-Reliance Association of Yunnan University of TCM and Sunshine Volunteers Association of Yunnan University was held in Yunnan Land and Resources Vocational College, of which the theme was "eternal caritas, benevolence exchange". 300 volunteers from Yunnan University of TCM and other universities attended the meeting. Related knowledge of leprosy, experiences of visits to yangjiashan village, aduodi village and shanghuoshan village were shared.
4. On October 31st, the fourth sharing meeting was successfully held by Love Angel Association of Kunming University. The principals of some college associations like the Self-Reliance Association of Yunnan University of TCM, Sunshine Volunteers Association of Yunnan University and Love Association of Yunnan University of Finance and Economics were also invited to participate in this activity. One hundred representatives of the volunteers from Kunming University and other universities attended the meeting. Related knowledge of leprosy, experiences of voluntary teaching in Luosongdi Wenshan, visits to Qiaojia village, Xiangyun village and Shanghuoshan village were shared.

5. On November 14th, the fifth meeting hosted by Young Volunteers Association of Yunnan University of Finance and Economics, jointly organized by the Self-Reliance Association of Yunnan University of TCM was successfully held in Yunnan University of Finance and Economics, of which the theme was "To touch love, and warm the hearts". 120 representatives of the volunteers from Young Volunteers Association of Yunnan University of Finance and Economics and other universities attended the meeting. Related knowledge of leprosy, experiences of visits to Lufeng nursing house, Jiudayakou village and shanghuoshan village were shared.

Zhang Ting: "Through this activity, the volunteers shared their feelings with others, and then influenced more people to join to bring more care and love to people affected by leprosy and their descendants. The memories brought back when the volunteers told their experiences to others strengthened their determination to go ahead together. The sharing meeting let more people know that there exist a group of people affected by leprosy who are suffering discrimination from some people and lack of companion and care. More people would like to join to let people affected by leprosy gain more respect, and they solved the problems confused them for a long time through communication and interaction."

Public education in community close to leprosy village

From November 21st to 23rd the activity was held in Shisun Primary School, three members from Yunnan leadership group, eight teachers and staffs of village committee help to popularize related knowledge of health care and leprosy. Ninety percent of 135 students took part in the knowledge contest, and seventy-five percent of the students answered the related knowledge of leprosy correctly. 14 students from leprosy village finally accepted by local middle school, these 14 students have been rejected by middle school for years, they had to go back to study in primary school even they were far beyond the school age for primary school.

PE through websites and other social media

By December, we had handed out thousands copy of HANDA brochures to public about leprosy knowledge and the work of HANDA. Meanwhile we keep updating the activity information and needs in leprosy villages on HANDA website, blog, and other social media tools, we posted 86 articles which had attracted 23183 people to view and 1788 people forwarded. The 7 video clips we produced and posted on HANDA Chuye attracted 449,248 people to watch. From January to December, we posted 10 specific needs in villagers and raised 300004.66RMB, 3836 people gave donations.

Awareness raising activity (March 11th celebration)

This year we organized a hiking fundraising activity, of which the theme was "Go hand in hand, and build dreams for love". We raised a fund for dream of 22,500 yuan and helped 14 old people to realize their wishes of traveling to Beijing.

On March 21st, 2015, "Go hand in hand, and build dreams for love--the second hiking activity of HANDA" was held in Huangcaoba, Dali and Luoxianguan, Xiangyun. Through retracing the Fellowship Road of half a century ago in two leprosy villages, we raised funds of 22,500 yuan for 14 old people, 1 teacher and 1 student representative.(In the travel of Beijing, the participants covered cost 2,000 yuan per person at their own expense.) Forty-seven people attended the hiking activity.

Dayi Yang Yang: it has been the fourth time to attend HANDA commonweal hiking activity. Why do I have such passion for it? I'm also thinking. Every time I got different gains. The beautiful scenery is needless to say, you can see in the pictures. Gradually walking into the rehabilitation village, I heard lots of moving stories. Moreover, I deeply felt HANDA fellows' ten-year persistence and pains. Improving the infrastructures and medical assistance in the village, helping old people realize their dreams of returning home, thinking about problems of education and social integration of the second and third generation of people affected by leprosy ... In my opinion, the more crucial is that HANDA has brought "strength to live positively" to people affected by leprosy. It has been not simple charity. Because no matter healthy or not, poor or rich, everyone has days when they feel depressed. Seeing the warm and quiet sunrise before Luoxianguan, appreciating Grandma Gao's photographic exhibition under the plum tree, together with versatile Grandpa Luo's floriculture to welcome us and his performance of national singing... Suddenly I understood for what we set out to go so far.

Output: Volunteer mobilization

Maintain and function HANDA core volunteers

In the first half of 2015, we held two meetings among the management group of core volunteers and one capacity building training. Forty-seven volunteers in total attended the meeting. The management group of core volunteers reelected from 18 people to 12 people, as group of supporting education, group of visiting villages and group of resources management respectively.

Volunteers Training

In the year of 2015, we carried out 4 times of volunteers training in total. 101 volunteers attended the training. We let the volunteers who were going to attend the summer camp and activities of visiting villages know about the related knowledge of leprosy and situations of the rehabilitation village, in order to guarantee the successful implementation of voluntary activities.

Volunteers visited the villages

Volunteers' visit eased the elders' loneliness and enriched their life. At the same time they brought happiness to the elders and improved people's confidence. In this year we held 13 activities of volunteers visiting villages, with 117 volunteers attending.

1. From January 9th to 16th, 9 volunteers from Yunnan Land and Resources Vocational College arranged activities in Yangjiashan rehabilitation village (playing chess and having meals with the elders), performed the activities of paying a New Year's visit and giving New Year's greetings in advance with the villagers, which not only enriched people's life but also improved their confidence.
2. From May 1st to 3rd, HANDA joined hands with 10 volunteers from Yunnan University of Finance and Economics to conduct the activities of visiting village in Lufeng, Chuxiong. They went to know about daily life in the nursing house, collect stories of the elders in the village, do the cleanings with the elders, see a movie together and hold an evening party in the village.
3. From May 1st to 3rd, HANDA joined hands with 10 volunteers from Yunnan University and Kunming University to conduct the activities of visiting village in Xiangyun rehabilitation village of Dali, and they made dumplings with villagers as well as collected information of the elders in the village. Volunteer Li Yanfen: When hiking the mountain, as I saw more and more graves, I was more eager to see the

elders. However, when walking into the village, I was very nervous and afraid of making mistakes. I tried to recall the matters needing attention. When seeing the first grandma greeting warmly, I firmly believed that I didn't come in vain. During the following time in the village, I mainly chatted with the elders and I felt that I couldn't find anything to do for them. I was kind of at a loss. Before we departed, the elders asked: "Will you come here the next time?" I didn't know how to answer such question because I didn't want them to be disappointed, but I couldn't made any promise. Each time I heard such question, I felt distressed.

4. From July 11th to 19th, HANDA joined hands with 5 volunteers from Yunnan Land and Resources Vocational College and Yunnan Arts University to conduct the activities of visiting village in Yangjiashan rehabilitation village of Zhaotong. They collected the history of the village and stories of the elders, helped the elders to repair houses, chatted with them and conducted activities, which not only enriched their life and improved their confidence.
5. From September 28th to 30th, 8 volunteers from Tianlin Fund of the US and Huaen Company of Dali took part in the activities of visiting village in Xiaoshuijing rehabilitation village of Wenshan. They went to know about villagers' needs of building houses, investigate the suitability of building super earthwork and complete preparations for building houses in later stages.
6. From October 1st to 5th, HANDA joined hands with volunteers from universities to conducted activities of visiting villages for 3 to 5 days in 5 villages respectively, including Jiudayakou of Wenshan, Luoxianguan of Xiangyun, Dali, Aduodi of Weishan, Home of people affected by leprosy in Binchuan and Shanghuoshan of Chuxiong. 129 people attended volunteer activities, including 50 volunteers, 79 elders and children in the village. During the activity, volunteers chatted with the elders, conducted recreational activities and helped the elders to do farm work. They spent a happy National Day with the elders in the village. Volunteer Mayanjuan: Maybe I won't have such experience for another time, but I won't forget the smiling faces here. It snows in winter here, but people here let me feel infinite warmness. Facing the kind elders here, I could only say please take care. To the children I could only say "You must study hard." When hiking the mountain, as I saw more and more graves, I was more eager to see the elders. However, when walking into the village, I was very nervous and afraid of making mistakes. I tried to recall the matters needing attention. When seeing the first grandma greeting warmly, I firmly believed that I didn't come in vain. During the following time in the village, I mainly chatted with the elders and I felt that I couldn't find anything to do for them. I was kind of at a loss. Before we departed, the elders asked: "Will you come here the next time?" I didn't know how to answer such question because I didn't want them to be disappointed, but I couldn't made any promise. Each time I heard such question, I felt distressed.
7. On October 24th, 7 volunteers from Kunming, Dali and Chuxiong joined to visit Dahuoshan village. They organized by themselves to buy subsistence goods of rice and oil for the elders in the village, which helped the elders to solve the difficulty in living.
8. From November 3rd to December 7th, 13 volunteers from Tianlin Fund of the US and Huaen Company of Dali went to Liangshuijing rehabilitation village to conduct super earthwork building activity. All the villagers, volunteers, staffs of HANDA attended the activity. But due to the continuous rain, the housing schedule had to been delayed to be completed in January of 2016.

Volunteer year-end recognition party

12th December, the year-end volunteer recognition party was taken place in Xishan. In total 77 volunteers came to the party. The purpose of the party was to strengthen the communication and among volunteers and their sense of ownership to HANDA. Before party started, 77 volunteers were divided into 7 groups and tried to introduce leprosy knowledge along their way to Xishan mountain, about 1000 people received the information. At the party, each volunteer association gave their presentation what they have seen, experienced and learnt during their village visits and for being a HANDA volunteer. At last based on an anonymous votes, we selected 3 outstanding volunteer associations and 7 excellent performance volunteers

Output: Improved livelihood skills and economic in village

Many leprosy villages are located in remote mountainous regions or areas with adverse circumstances and poor transportation, which makes it difficult for them to develop economy. Economy, health, environment, education and other important issues are commonly seen in leprosy villages that have future generations. The growth of economy is extremely essential to these villages for the reason that it cannot only advance the living standard, retaining the young people, but also facilitate the health care, education and environment. This year, we followed up work in 5 villages who have been starting economic activities.

Technical training to people who are starting IGA:

--In March and June, we organized a skill training and a study tour for 9 bee keepers in Maowangdong village respectively. The first training was intended to have villagers learn about the elementary knowledge of beekeeping and about how to operate and manage beehives, as a result of which villagers could keep bees by themselves. The second one was to further enhance villagers' skill of beekeeping as well as to resolve the problems arising in the course of keeping bees. At the same time, during the training, villagers could benefit from the growing relationship with trainers, becoming more active to communicate with them, to learn from them and to ask them for advice.

During their visit to Weixi, they celebrated the bee festival and paid a visit to the local bee farm with both ancient and modern designs of bee hives, the farmland of bee pollination as well as a bee museum, during which, they had an exchange meeting with local beekeepers. Zhao Shaoping said: ' We talked with beekeepers from Weixi. That's how I realized they've run into even more problems than we have at the beginning, but now everything turns out great, which gave me a lot of confidence. '

-- In April, tea production and market research were organized to meet the needs of villagers from Tengmiehe Village. Firstly, villagers visited the tea factory, making tea cakes in practice following the tea maker and learned the procedures and details of tea processing. Then they had a field visit in the tea market, which broadened the possibilities of economy on base of local resources at the later stage.

-- On June 14 - 15, HANDA arranged for villagers from Shanshiping Village to go to Longtiantian Village, Shiping County, where they could learn peacocks breeding techniques. Earlier this year, Shanshiping Village started to breed 50 peacocks, 3 of them died. Villagers bought incubators online and began trying incubation. However, the success rate was less than 10%. After one day's study, villagers from Shanshiping Village found out the problems of their peacocks breeding, incubation as well as the improvements. " We found out that peacocks should be kept separate, which meant that one male peacock should be collocated with four female peacocks. We are going to change our breeding fields, " Mo Wenhong, the old man said. " After this journey of learning, we found out the three most important causes of our own incubation failures, which were related to machine, temperature and breeding equipment " said the village head Yang

Xiaoyuan.

--In September, an expert was invited to Maowangdong village to give food quality control to 9 bee keepers. To keep the sustainable business, it is essential to ensure the product quality. Training helped to improve their knowledge on food and health safety. Practical trainings was also given to each bee keeper, make sure they master the skill during the whole process of honey production.

Provide training to management group to supervise progress with the IGA and work quality

The team followed up the work on 5 management groups in 5 villages. Trainings such as how to oversee the progress of IGA regularly, how to keep stock record and inventory, and how to do daily account. Besides, the team also discussed with management groups and refined their role and responsibility. Management groups are playing active role in the project, they helped to collect problems and discussed together to find out possible solution, if not, they will approach HANDA immediately when required. We also encouraged management groups to communicate with local distributors and retailer shops for marketing their products.

Product design and packaging:

With the help of professionals, we made 3 designs for the products-tea, dried mushroom and honey. Product quality is essential the good packaging is also very important for marketing. While staff were doing products marketing and promotion, we also tried to pass on the knowledge of leprosy, hoping to raise more public's awareness.

Improve the hygiene and environment in villages

90% of villages are of poor sanitation standard with problems existed in especially the disposal of livestock manure, human waste and garbage. Those problems will affect villagers' physical health in both direct or indirect ways, while in the meantime, put their health at risk. By December 2015, HANDA has convened villagers' meeting in 6 villages respectively with 202 people participated. At the meetings, we discussed on environmental sanitation issues. Villagers not only recognized the importance of obtaining good basic environmental sanitation conditions, but also are willing to take actions and improve the villages' environmental conditions. After the meeting, we worked together with villagers to develop the work plan on how to improve the sanitation condition. By December, 30 new built dry latrines in Malutang, trash pools were built in Maowangdong, Longdongwan and Dahuodi villages.

Scholarships Program

Due to the social discrimination, family financial difficulties and other reasons, children in the leprosy villages in Yunnan Province are still unable to receive equal and good education. HANDA started scholarship program in 2000 to ensure that all school-age children can have equal education and to improve the education in rehabilitation villages. In 2015, eight parents meetings were held in seven villages; six volunteer teaching activities were organized; sixty night students received grants for 2014-2015 academic year and 2015-2016 academic year, totaling 46,900 yuan; two teachers received living allowances, totaling 21,600 yuan; ten university students received student loans, totaling 50,000 yuan. The volunteer teaching activities, grants and allowances for teachers not only lighten the financial burden of students and teachers, but also encourage the confidence of students and parents to have schooling and promote the education in rehabilitation villages.

Organize Parents meetings

Parents meetings aim to know students' study from their parents, parents' support for education and problems in education, tell parents the importance of education and standards for the application and distribution of grants and student loans as well as collect teaching demands to carry out scholarship better. In this year, eight parents meetings were held in seven villages, attended by 187 people.

1. On July 19, a parents meeting was held in Dahuodi, attended by fifteen people including ten parents, two workers and three students. Through this meeting, we knew the students' study, obtained the number of school-age students, discussed how to solve the difficulties in students' schooling and told parents the standards and procedures of applying for HANDA Grants.
2. On August 11, a parents meeting was held in Longdongwan Village, Qingshuihe Township, Ninglang County, Lijiang City, attended by forty four people including thirty parents, ten students and four workers. During the meeting, firstly we let the parents know that students have the right to receive nine-year compulsory education and parents have the right to ensure that students can go to junior high school. Secondly, we learned of the difficulties that parents had encountered when paying their children's schooling and discussed how to solve these difficulties with them. Lastly, we explained the standards of applying for HANDA Grants and student loans as well as made an agreement with villagers about the distribution of grants.
3. On August 18, a parents meeting was held in Hongshiyan Village, Shizong County, Qujing City, attended by forty people including twenty parents, thirteen villagers, five students and two workers. Through this meeting, we knew the problems of the education in this village. Additionally, we found that the enrollment rate was low among the students in the village and parents were going through a hardship to pay children's tuition fee and living expenses in junior and senior high school by borrowing money.
4. On August 19, a parents meeting was held in Shuitou Rehabilitation Village, Shizong County, Qujing City, attended by twenty people including ten parents, five villagers, three students and two workers. Firstly, we visited every student's home to learn about their study. Secondly, in the meeting, according to the students' study, we discussed with parents about how to support their children's study besides money. In this meeting, a group of teacher leaders also explained the standards and procedures of applying for HANDA Grants and student loans and encouraged students not to give up their study because of financial problems.
5. On October 15, a parents meeting was held in Jiudaoyakou Rehabilitation Village, Tianxing Township, Qiubei County, Wenshan State, attended by seventeen people. Firstly, we told parents that students have the right to receive nine-year compulsory education and parents have the right to ensure that student can go to junior high school. Secondly, we shared the meaning of education with parents according to the development of Jiudaoyakou. Some parents said that their wages were lower than others because of their illiteracy. Lastly, we explained again the standards and procedures of applying for HANDA Grants to parents and made an agreement with villagers that in the future grants would be applied transparently according to the standards.
6. On October 18, a parents meeting was held in Malutang Rehabilitation Village, Zhulin Town, Qiubei County, Wenshan State, attended by ten parents. In the meeting, we first shared the situation of education in Malutang. Some villagers said that until today, this village never had a high school student, let alone a university student because parents and village officials had paid little attention to education. They hoped that they could continue receiving support from HANDA to improve their education. Combining with the above sharing, we told parents that students have the right to receive nine-year

compulsory education and parents should ensure that students can receive proper education. Lastly, we explained the standards and procedures of applying for grants and student loans, ensuring that parents and students understood these standards and principles very well.

7. On October 21, a parents meeting was held in Liangshuijing Rehabilitation Village, Qiubei County, Wenshan State, attended by ten people. Firstly, we learned about the students' study through parents. Then, we told parents that every child has the right to receive nine-year compulsory education and parents should ensure that their children's rights shall not be infringed. Lastly, we provided students with grants and explained again the standards and principles of HANDA Grants.
8. On November 21, another parents meeting was held in Dahuodi, attended by thirty one people including ten parents, fifteen students, three members from HANDA leading group and three workers. By chatting with each other, we knew the study and school life of fifteen students studying in Niuchang High School and Gaoqiao High School, who had been refused to attend to junior high school due to discrimination before. We also encouraged students to work hard and overcome difficulties. Then, we learned of the publicity achievement that HANDA had made in the village and schools, knowing that students from first grade and fourth grade had been merged with students from Shisun Village into one class. Lastly, we told parents that as long as children were willing to go to school and parents also supported them, if they had financial difficulties, they could apply for grants and student loans according to HANDA edu-aid standards to help students finish their study.

Volunteer teaching activities

In 2015, six volunteer teaching activities were held in five villages, participated by forty six volunteers. These activities are mainly about carrying out reading courses and health courses as well as tutoring students, which has cultivated students' interest in reading and enthusiasm for study as well as improved the health awareness of villagers and students.

1. From January 15 to January 27 in 2015, eleven volunteers from Yunnan University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Yunnan University and other universities held a winter camp in Jiudaoyakou Village, Qiubei County, Wenshan State. This activity centered on painting and reading courses. Besides that, they offered some courses about health and safety and helped students their homework. Additionally, they visited students' families to know them better as well as collected and sorted out the information about this village.
2. From January 16 to January 31 in 2015, seven volunteers from Yunnan University, Chuxiong Normal University, Southwest Forestry University and Yunnan University of Business Management held a winter camp in Longdongwan Primary School in Lijiang. This activity centered on painting and reading courses. Besides that, they also helped students do their homework, carried out some interest courses including English and music courses, visited students' families to know them better as well as collected and sorted out the information about this village.
3. From January 18 to February 1 in 2015, eight volunteers from Yunnan Agricultural University held a winter camp in Liangshuijin, Wenshan State. This activity centered on painting and reading courses. Besides that, they also helped students do their homework, carried out some interest courses including English and music courses, visited students' families to know them better as well as collected and sorted out the information about this village.
4. From January 26 to February 6 in 2015, eleven volunteers from Yunnan University, South China Normal University and Guangdong University of Business Studies held a winter camp in Maowangdong Primary school in Wenshan. This activity centered on painting and reading courses. Besides that, they also

helped students do their homework, carried out some interest courses including handcraft, music, science and other courses, visited students' families to know them better as well as gathered all villagers to make dumplings. One of the volunteers, Haifei Wang, said, "I went to Maowangdong again. Along the journey, the scenery was so familiar and people there were nearly unchanged. I still remember all children's names and every day we fifteen people spent there last year. What makes me happy is not what I still remember but that people there still remember me. One year has passed and volunteers have come and gone, but they still remember me. Suddenly, I have a feeling of coming back home."

5. From January 29 to February 9 in 2015, eight volunteers from Love Angels Action Community of Kunming University held a winter camp in Luosongdi Primary School in Guangnan County, Wenshan State. This activity centered on painting and reading courses. Besides that, they also helped students do their homework, carried out some interest courses including handcraft and music courses, visited students' families to know them better, collected and sorted out the information about this village as well as gathered all villagers to have dinner together.
6. From August 1 to 15 in 2015, workers and internships from HANDA held a summer camp in Longdongwan, Lijiang. This activity centered on courses about painting, music, diary, drama and reading to cultivate children's self-cognition, strengthen their sense of belonging to their hometown and improve their reading abilities. At the beginning of writing class, children were shy and afraid of expressing themselves. However, after a ten-day course, they not only learned how to write diaries, but also knew how to express their feelings through diaries and writing class. They poured out their experiences and gradually accepted their hometown which they hated very much before. At the beginning of the preparation for graduation party, children were too shy to move and lacked team spirit. Nevertheless, at the end, when the show did not work well, the team gathered to discuss the problems and asked for another chance to stand on the stage to reshow their hard work.

Distribution of Scholarship

Grants aim to help students with family financial difficulties from primary school, junior high school and senior high school. This money helps to reduce the number of students who have to leave school because of financial pressure and make sure that more school-age children can have equal opportunities to receive good education in leprosy rehabilitation villages.

In 2014-2015 academic year, there were 619 students studying at school in 46 rehabilitation villages where HANDA had carried out its work. In this year, a total of 68 students in need, including 18 from primary school, 28 from junior high school and 22 from senior high school, received grants from HANDA, totaling 46,900 yuan. At the same time, in June 2015, six students including one female student took part in National College Entrance Examination, with one among the first batch of undergraduates, two among the second batch of undergraduates, one among the third batch of undergraduates and two junior college students.

Student Information Sheet of 2015 National College Entrance Examination					
Number	Location	Name	Gender	School	Grades
1	Tengmiehe	*wen Wang	Male	Fengqing No.1 High School	414 (Science)

2	Tengmiehe	*an Peng	Male	Lincang No.1 High School	490 (Arts)
3	Tengmiehe	*jun Hui	Male	Fengqing No.1 High School	570 (Science)
4	Maowangdong	*yuan Yang	Male	Qiubei No.1 High School	472 (Arts)
5	Longdongwan	*hua Ma	Male	Ninglang No.1 High School	353 (Arts)
6	Eryuan	*xiang Chen	Male	Eryuan No.1 High School	370 (Arts)

The story of Jinping Zan

Jinping Zan lives in Hongshiyan Rehabilitation Village, Shizong County, Qujing City, Yunnan Province. His parents are both affected by leprosy and belong to Grade 12 according to the disabilities of eyes, hands and feet. They cannot walk by themselves and can only walk by walking sticks, wheelchair and other assistive devices. Their life mainly depends on the government allowance, which is less than 150 yuan per month. As Jinping grows up, the household spending is higher and higher. On the knees of Jinping's mother, there are many old and new scars. It is because that his parents have to improve their income to support his study by crawling on the ground to work. Jinping not only has excellent grades, ranking among the top fifty in the county, but also is expected to make great achievement in study in the future to change his fate and provide a comfortable old age for his parents. However, he doesn't have the heart to see his parents overwork, so he comes back home every weekend to help them finish the heavy work, such as driving cattle to plow up the land and cutting firewood on the hill.

Knowing that, HANDA helped Jinping raise 3000 yuan scholarship loan to her. When Jinping's parents received this allowance, they held hands with HANDA staff, moved to cry. Jinping said that he would do his best to study hard, reward those who had helped him by practical actions and comfort his parents.

Provide allowances for two substitute teachers

From January to December in 2015, we provided 21,600 yuan for two teachers, including 7,200 yuan for Bao Yang and 14,400 yuan for Yongshu Tao. With the support of allowances, these substitute teachers can ensure their basic income and needn't to worry about their basic family life but pay more attention to teach students in rehabilitation villages.

At the same time, from August 18 to 21, we gained support from Lixinghang Charity Foundation and invited four teacher representatives from Yunnan rehabilitation villages to attend a sharing meeting in Shanghai. These teachers were invited to go to Shanghai to share teaching experiences and learn among each other. They visited Shanghai Natural History Museum, Shanghai Science and Technology Museum, City God Temple, Lujiazui, Binjiang Avenue and Nanjing Road Pedestrian Street. They also enjoyed night scenes in Oriental Pearl Tower. These teachers learned much teaching experience from this sharing meeting and opened their horizon from this visit, which are significant for future teaching. Teacher Jiafu Yang from Maowangdong Lixinghang Primary School said, "I am very honored to be invited. I am nearly sixty years old and this is the first time that I have taken a plane, like a monkey walking on air. I have never ever dreamed that I could visit the famous places in Shanghai, which is a metropolitan city."

Words from teacher Tao Yongshu:

“Over the past three years, I not only taught others, but also learned a lot. At this school, I have learned a lot, which made my life and teaching more meaningful. Thanks HANDA Rehabilitation & Welfare Association for offering me student loans to help me finish my schooling and reduce my parents’ burden, which comforted my parents and helped me make my dream for tertiary education come true. Thanks HANDA Rehabilitation & Welfare Association for offering me living allowances during my teaching to reduce my financial burden, which allows me to pay more attention to teaching and contribute to improve the education in our village.”

Provide scholarship loans to college students

Scholarship loans aim to provide loans for students who have family financial difficulties when applying for universities. Every academic year, every student can apply for a loan as high as 5000 yuan and these students should pay them back by contract when they graduate. This can cultivate their social responsibility and self-service ability.

In 2015-2016 academic year, we provided ten students with student loans, total 50,000 yuan, including six students renewed loans and four new applicants.

A thank-you letter from Runmei Zhang (a part of it):

With your help, my study and life is not bad. Through my hard work in sophomore year, I was awarded the National Scholarship for Encouragement in junior year. We once applied for a college scientific research project. With one-year hard work, we won the third prize of the Challenge Cup in our university. All of these achievements are made with your help and my diligence. Although we do not have special relationship, you always support and help me. You have your own jobs to do and your own families to take care of, but you offer us help in our life and study all the time. I really appreciate you and thank you very much for your support and encouragement for my study. You provide me an opportunity to study at classroom like other classmates, to learn new knowledge from teachers, to pursue my dream confidently at school and to work hard to make my life goals come true.

For me, senior year may be the last year that I will stay at school. I am afraid of the life after graduation but also look forward to it. I do not know what difficulties I will face after leaving university, but I am sure that everything will be all right. During these years in university, I have developed professional skills, have fostered positive views on life and values and have become a person with more thoughts and knowledge. I believe I will find a suitable job and have a better future.

In the world, all happy families are alike while each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way. Since I was young, I lost my father, which is an adversity. However, I was lucky enough to meet you and to receive your help. Your love has changed my views and my dream. During the difficult time of my schooling, I was once hesitated and even disappointed but finally I persisted. I was not willing to give up, did not want to give up and dared not give up. Although my past is unfortunate, I am lucky compared with many other people. When I was in difficulty, I met many kind people, who constantly helped and encouraged me. Now, although my life is better, it is difficult for a poor family to support a college student. Your help has significantly reduced my family burden.

I have once read an article, in which there is a sentence like this: if love was the spring breeze in March, appreciation would be the new leaf of grass; if love was the sunshine in early summer, appreciation would be the dense crown of trees; if love was the white snowflake in winter, appreciation would be the plump-eared wheat. The love you gave me is the spring breeze in March, the sunshine in early summer and the white snowflakes in winter. Thus, I can have a better life only if I have a grateful heart.

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We look forward to your continuous support in 2016. We hope that you can come with us to help to improve the life quality of people affected by leprosy in Yunnan!