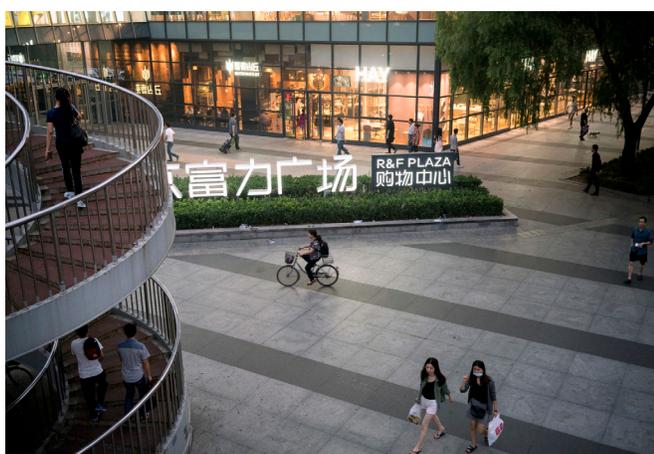


China

Since 1979, The Asia Foundation has partnered with leaders and communities in China to support development and foster aspirations for a better future. Today, our work in China remains as relevant as ever with initiatives around development of the charitable sector, disaster management, empowerment of women, child welfare, and constructive U.S.-China relations. With the rise of China's global influence and impact on Asia regional development, the Foundation also continues to build on decades of programming and expertise to support Chinese international development efforts that are sustainable, informed by international practices, and responsive to local needs. Together with our partners we are committed to a thriving China, and to advancing shared goals of expanded opportunity, increased environmental resilience, and enduring cooperation within Asia and the world.



CHARITABLE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

The Asia Foundation is building on its longstanding work to strengthen the emerging culture of philanthropy in China. Along with government policy initiatives, our development programs promote international best practices and high quality research to encourage innovation and sustainability of China's charity sector.

China's first national Charity Law came into force in September 2016, and provides a defining set of social and ethical standards—a constitution of sorts—for the country's burgeoning charity sector. With our partners, the Foundation is supporting the development of policies to implement the law and foster transparency in the sector.

Drawing upon our previous work to cultivate an enabling environment for China's charitable organizations, the Foundation continues to encourage effective grant-making strategies among Chinese foundations through pilot projects, online resources, and roundtable discussions between charities and philanthropists.

We also helped with the creation of practical manuals offering guidance from Chinese experts for Chinese civil society organizations seeking to improve governance, financial management, and accountability.



DISASTER MANAGEMENT

With its vast territory and diverse climatic and geological conditions, China is one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world. For over a decade, The Asia Foundation has teamed with Chinese government and non-governmental agencies on various disaster management programs, ranging from promoting public-private partnership to enhancing inter-agency coordination in emergency response.

The Foundation and its partners share a belief that in addition to swift government response, equipping communities to help themselves is essential to making the country more resilient. To promote effective community-based disaster management, a key project adapted the U.S.-devised Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program for China and trained Chinese "master trainers" to deliver the basic response skills to communities. The Foundation continues to support program partners in sharing CERT training across more communities, and is helping to adapt and deliver the CERT concept for other Southeast Asian countries including Thailand and Laos.

Given their experience with disaster management and relief at home, Chinese NGOs are increasingly positioning themselves to respond to foreign disasters. The series of earthquakes that

struck Nepal in April 2015 saw the first-ever concerted humanitarian response to a foreign disaster by major Chinese foundations.

The Foundation sent technical specialists to Nepal to support the Chinese team, and the lessons learned helped form the basis of our multi-year effort to build the skills and strategies of Chinese NGOs in the international humanitarian system. As well, the project aims to increase the government's understanding of the contribution Chinese aid organizations can make to international humanitarian efforts.

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

The Asia Foundation has long implemented a broad range of pioneering programs for the empowerment and protection of women and children in China.

With China's first domestic violence law in effect since March 2016, the Foundation is building on its commitment by engaging multiple stakeholders including civil society and government to address domestic violence and provide victim-centered assistance to survivors. At the same time, child welfare remains an ongoing focus for the Foundation, with projects aimed at protecting vulnerable children through strengthening institutional responses to abuse and maltreatment by parents or other caregivers.

Recognizing the importance of economic empowerment, the Foundation also supports business skills training for migrant women and connects aspiring women entrepreneurs with other resources such as lending opportunities. The Foundation's work has enabled hundreds of migrant women to explore new entrepreneurial endeavors.

The Foundation is also working closely with the business sector and industry associations to develop protocols for addressing workplace sexual harassment in the textile and apparel industry.

CHINA'S GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

China's emergence as a global power positions the country to have a profound impact in the region and around the world. The Asia Foundation in

China, as part of a network of 18 Foundation offices around Asia, conducts a series of initiatives that support China's constructive global engagement.

We work with Chinese universities, think tanks, businesses, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and government agencies on programs that advance a shared understanding of development cooperation, sustainable practices by Chinese investors overseas, and the capacity of Chinese NGOs to respond to development challenges in Asia.

Recognizing the contribution Chinese aid programs and NGOs can make beyond China's borders, the Foundation is facilitating a series of case studies that explore local perceptions of Chinese aid in Southeast Asia and its overall effectiveness. Research is conducted through on-the-ground interviews with local communities, NGOs, officials and other stakeholders in countries such as Laos and Cambodia, and compiled to create country-specific case studies with policy recommendations.

With our Chinese partners, the Foundation also produced a manual for Chinese NGOs choosing to work abroad. A valuable roadmap to help navigate foreign customs, regulations, and expectations, the manual is now being expanded to highlight specific countries in the region, including Nepal.

As China evolves into one of the world's largest overseas investors, the Foundation is also supporting efforts to increase the awareness of Chinese companies of environmental policies and local perceptions in host countries. We work with Chinese partners to bridge an understanding that encourages environmentally responsible behaviors and improved capacity for compliance.

The Foundation also continues to build on decades of programming to facilitate cooperative relations between the United States and China, with exchange programs for academics, mid-career professionals, and students in both countries. Also, our longstanding commitment to higher education continues with the Books for Asia program that since 1980 has delivered 3.8 million quality English books to China.

The Asia Foundation is a nonprofit international development organization committed to improving lives across a dynamic and developing Asia. Headquartered in San Francisco, The Asia Foundation works through a network of offices in 18 Asian countries and in Washington, DC. Working with public and private partners, the Foundation receives funding from a diverse group of bilateral and multilateral development agencies, foundations, corporations, and individuals.



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