

Your Annual update from China

We would like to share an update from Yunnan, where so much progress has been made - thanks for your support!

Over the past year, Plan International's programmes have led to life-changing impacts in Yunnan. We have raised children's awareness of their rights so that they can protect themselves from violations. Pre-school curriculums have also been reviewed and improved to ensure quality early education is in place. Gender equality was also promoted in Yunnan. Providing adolescent girls with career planning guidance, they can start exploring their interests, skills, and potentials- free from negative stereotypes that might hold them back.

Healthcare has been improved by Plan International's programmes as well. Not only that the skills of village doctors were strengthened, but the quality and availability of childcare services were also enhanced. Children now have more timely access to essential healthcare.

These are only a few of the incredible achievements taking place in Yunnan. We couldn't be more grateful to you for making them happen. Read more to find out how your generosity is changing the lives of children across the region.



"I would like to thank all the staff members of Plan International for providing a better living environment for us and making my studies and life better."

Luo, 13, sponsored child from Yunnan

our impact

1818 CHILDREN
BENEFITTED FROM OUR
RIGHTS PROTECTION
NETWORK

80 pre-school
DIRECTORS TRAINED TO
IMPROVE the quality of
EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION

68 TEACHERS
COMPLETED TRAINING
ON PSYCHOLOGICAL
COUNSELING

4 SCHOOLS RECEIVED
NEW TAP WATER
EQUIPMENT

Helped **2** DISASTER-AFFECTED SCHOOLS
BUILD new ENCLOSING WALLS

Life for children in Yunnan

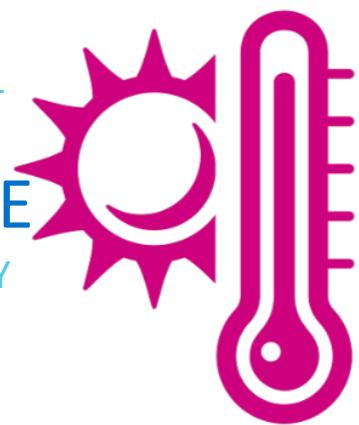
Yunnan is located in a mountainous area in Southwest China. The region is rich in biological resources, with over 40 wild animal species, ranging from leopards, monkeys and wild boars to snakes, pythons, and parrots. 10 rare or endangered plant species can also be found in Yunnan, such as the Masson pine and horse chestnut.

Yunnan is also rich in cultural heritage. The Bronze-drum Dance and the Flower Fair are just two of the many ways people come together in the region to celebrate their heritage through music, costume, and decoration.

Life for children in Yunnan can be very difficult, especially for the youth living in poverty-stricken mountainous areas. These remote locations often deny children access to higher quality education. Many boys and girls in these areas lack the knowledge of good hygiene habits which risks their health. Gender-based violence is also common in Yunnan. It is not rare for girls to experience harassment due to the lack of awareness of gender equality.

SUBTROPICAL
MONSOON

CLIMATE
WITH A RAINY
AND A
DRY SEASON



30%

OF THE POPULATION LACKS
ACCESS TO SAFE WATER

60%

OF CHILDREN ARE LEFT BEHIND
DUE TO MIGRATION

89%

OF PEOPLE CAN'T ACCESS TO
SANITARY TOILETS



WE STARTED WORKING IN YUNNAN
IN

2011



Population

48

Promoting Childhood Development

Many children living in rural areas of Yunnan receive lower quality of education, thus their cognitive development has been hindered. The youth living in remote villages are often not well prepared for life challenges after they graduate from school.



Plan International is working to better early childhood development by improving pre-school level education services in Yunnan

Plan International helped improve the pre-school standards in Yunnan. We organized annual inspection activities to regulate the education services for children. Pre-school directors were trained to improve the management of early education, integrate creative arts in the curriculum, and to improve health care and hygiene practices for children.

Pre-school teachers also received training to raise their gender-awareness, so that they will adopt teaching methods that promote gender equality. Other topics that were covered through our training programmes include parent-child education activities, safety and health knowledge.

This impactful programme was the result of a combined effort between Plan International, the Guangnan County Education Bureau, pre-school teachers, local volunteers and village doctors.

Creating Safe Classrooms

Many schools in Yunnan do not have a systematic mechanism for addressing gender-based violence. Headmasters and teachers do not have the skills or knowledge to prevent these incidents. There is also a gap in students' understanding of self-protection and ways to prevent gender-based violence on their school campuses.

To combat this issue, we conducted social gender training for teachers. We provided educators with additional toolkits for preventing school bullying. Our programmes also targeted students through hosting class meetings to discuss types of bullying and establishing clubs to spread awareness of bullying prevention and gender perspectives. 1,818 children benefitted from this programme.

"In the past, I was often bullied by older schoolmates. I did not dare to tell my teacher about this because I was afraid of their retaliation. Now they do not do that anymore, so I can go to school without any worries."

Chen, 11, a sponsored child in Yunnan



Plan International is teaching young people to prevent bullying in the

Your support is changing lives

With your support, we will continue to ensure that children's rights are respected, and they are able to thrive.

We have accomplished so much in Yunnan through our programmes, but there is still more work to be done! Over the next year, we are going to continue promoting our child protection initiatives to ensure that every boy and girl knows their rights. Our programmes will engage the wider community, so every person can work together to protect children's rights and create a social atmosphere that encourages youth participation. By investing in early childhood development and protection, we will help build a safe and nurturing environment for all children in the region.

Our approach in Yunnan also involves preparing young people to step to adulthood. To do this, we will carry out programmes focusing on youth employment, to give them support in accessing sustainable livelihoods. Through helping young people get employed, we will give them the tools to thrive independently in their communities.

These are just some of the many ways your kindness will continue to touch the life of your sponsored child and other children in Yunnan. Thank you!



Message from Shi Yu
Programme Unit Manager, Yunnan

"Thank you for sponsoring a child in Yunnan! Many of the children in Yunnan are from poverty-stricken ethnic minority families living in remote areas, where resources and information are scarce. With your support, we are improving children's lives and allowing them to thrive!"

