

Aid Work in China

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The impetus for Tzu Chi's aid work in China was a series of devastating floods in 1991 that caused massive destruction in the eastern part of the country. Feeling the suffering of the disaster survivors deeply, Master Cheng Yen made the decision to initiate a major relief effort.

Since then, Tzu Chi has continued to carry out aid work in China, constructing new villages and relocating people living in the mountains of Guizhou Province where land and climate conditions have confined generations to poverty. Tzu Chi volunteers have built water cisterns in drought-stricken Gansu Province, provided tuition aid to poor children, and conducted yearly winter aid distributions to help the rural poor survive harsh winter conditions.

| Type of Aid | Quantity | Benefiting Provinces |
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| Water Cellars | 19,060 wells | Gansu |
| Senior Citizens' Nursing Homes | 10 centers, 148 units | Anhui, Jiangsu |
| Low-Fluorine Brick Tea (Established under Experimental Zone (State Special regions)) | 15 | Shandong, Sichuan, Xinjiang |
| Jetties | 2 units | Fujian |
| Hospital Buildings | 2 hospitals | Fujian, Shanghai |
| Financial Aid and Scholarships | 105,802 individuals | Anhui, Hebei, Jiangsu, Guizhou, Jiangxi, Shaanxi |
| Emergency Relief Aid, Large-scale Aid Distributions, Winter Aid Distributions | 8,000 | Gansu, Jiangsu, Fujian, Henan, Guangdong, Zhejiang, Gansu |
| Day Care Centers | 13 centers | Anhui, Jiangsu, Henan, Hunan, Zhejiang, Guangdong |
| Da Ai (Great Love) Houses | 4,882 households | Anhui, Jiangsu, Henan, Hebei, Hunan, Jiangxi |
| Children Welfare House | 1 home | Hubei |
| Bone Marrow Delivery | 1,303 cases | Guangdong, Zhejiang, Beijing, Shanghai, Jiangsu |
| "Project Hope" Schools | 56 schools | Anhui, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Hebei, Fujian, Guizhou |
| "Bright Movement" - Vision Care | 7,556 individuals | Jiangsu, Fujian, Hebei |

**Statistics from 1991 to 2012.

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