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Primary medical care is vital for the health of vast population of China. Amity Foundation launched a rural medical care project which started from building village clinics and training village doctors. The village doctor on the picture is explaining the dose of medicine to a villager.

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December 1, 2017 is the 30th World AIDS Day. The theme of China’s 2017 World AIDS Day campaign is to share responsibility for AIDS prevention, share health rights, and build a healthy China.

According to the news report, as of December 1, 2017, HIV has caused more than 35 million deaths worldwide. In 2016 alone, 1 million people worldwide died of HIV-related illnesses. However, it is estimated that only 70% of people carrying HIV are aware of their infection status. Among them, the African region is the most seriously affected. Last year, new infections in Africa accounted for nearly two-thirds of the world’s new HIV infections. From 2010 to 2016, the number of AIDS cases and deaths in China showed an upward trend. From January to October 2017, the number of AIDS incidence reached 46,206, which is nearly three times the number in 2010. The fight against AIDS has a long way to go and requires the joint efforts of the whole society.

Health is an inevitable requirement for promoting all-round development of people. In 2017, Amity’s Public Health work continued to aim at “Health for All”. By promoting the construction of primary medical
system and disease prevention and control system, Amity improved the awareness and behavior of the target groups on health and built capacity for medical workers. We strive to achieve universal health coverage to build a sustainable and healthy China.

In 2017, Amity’s Public Health team implemented 28 projects in 22 cities and counties in 12 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities. The projects involves clinics construction, community health check, medicine package distribution, testing, drug support, HIV care group activities, community health promotion, medical staff and volunteer training, visit and exchanges, riding campaign, college HIV/AIDS prevention lectures and anti-domestic violence support. The number of direct beneficiaries reached more than 293,000.

In terms of primary medical care, Amity leveraged on Internet platforms to promote brand projects on the one hand, and make innovations to expand offline service on the other hand. Furthermore, on-site visits enabled witness of the results of our projects while various media enabled wider promotion.

In terms of AIDS prevention and control work, Amity continued to promote a community-based integrated prevention model in rural areas. In addition, Amity is dedicated to improving the living environment of HIV-positives, assisting local communities in seeking overall development, and deepening cooperation within the sector. Through a series of activities, Amity cultivated organizations specializing in HIV-AIDS prevention and treatment, helping them improve their ability in project planning, fundraising, implementation, and monitoring.

In addition, in response to the invisible “disease” of domestic violence, Amity Public Health team took advantage of its network in resources and advocacy, cooperated with our partners and supported professionals such as lawyers, psychological consultants and social workers, in an aim to help more women. In 2017, the project provided 34 people with medical assistance, shelter for residence, and legal aid. Amity hopes that, with our help, more women may regain their lives.

Health for all is Amity’s final target. Let’s walk hand in hand towards the target.

Qiu Zhonghui
Vice Executive Chair of the Board
General Secretary
Twenty-one years of AIDS/HIV prevention

Amity Foundation is the first non-profit organization to carry out AIDS/HIV prevention and treatment work in China. As early as 1996, Amity was the first to launch public awareness project on AIDS prevention in Yunnan. Later, Amity’s work was divided into three stages: key relief, comprehensive prevention and policy advocacy, each taken a 10 years’ period.

△ Anti-drug and HIV/AIDS prevention training

△ HIV/AIDS prevention brochure distribution
At the first stage, Amity’s work focuses on public knowledge of self-protection and medical aid to HIV positives and patients. In the 1990s, AIDS/HIV spread rapidly in China as people are very unfamiliar with the disease. Amity launched a series of public awareness and behavioral intervention projects such as education on prevention and medical staff training. At the same time, Amity tried to control the development of the disease by providing medical assistance to HIV positives and patients and helped them and their families to carry out self-assistance.

However, during the implementation, Amity found that in China’s remote areas, where AIDS/HIV is in high prevalence, the existing work could not solve many social problems brought about by AIDS/HIV. Amity began to learn from its community development projects and carried out community-based comprehensive prevention and control projects in Yunnan, Guangxi and other provinces, which starts the second phase for Amity’s HIV/AIDS prevention work.

The involvement of the whole community into HIV prevention and control, care for the infected, anti-drug and community development allows better control of HIV/AIDS and drugs and helps improve the life of the people and create a stable environment for community resilience. On the other hand, Amity is also concerned about groups with high-risk behavior, such as MSM (men who have sex with men), migrants, young students and female sex workers. Especially in communities with these special groups, incorporation of such prevention and treatment into community development has achieved desirable results. In the process of integrated prevention and control, Amity made constant exchanges and discussions with domestic and international peers and learned and shared many new ideas and working methods.

With the advancement of medical technology and the development of antiviral drugs, Amity found that the biggest challenge faced by HIV-positives is the stigma, discrimination and denial from the society. The negative
social environment prevents HIV-positives and patients from timely treatment and help from the government, social organizations and other groups.

Amity’s HIV/AIDS prevention project is stepping into a further stage. By continuously extending cooperation within the sector, Amity is building a cross-border HIV/AIDS prevention and cooperation platform, and supporting grassroots organizations to create a friendly social environment for HIV-positives. During this process, Amity incubated social organizations specializing in HIV/AIDS prevention service by supporting their capacity building in project planning, fundraising, implementation and monitoring. Among them, there are projects like the three-year HIV/AIDS prevention riding, employment training for HIV-positives, narration of HIV-positives, and medical treatment experience.
Guarding the health of villagers

Primary medical care is vital to protect the health of vast population of China, especially for women, children and the elderly. However, in the rural area of central and western China, usually the life and health of all villagers in a village relies on only one clinic, one village doctor, and one medicine kit. Due to urban-rural difference, regional difference and adverse natural conditions, the resource for rural primary medical care remains scarce, which results in difficulties for villagers to receive timely, quality and cost-effective basic medical and health services. We have to say that, the overall health condition of villagers, especially in the remote area, is not optimistic.

Given the current primary medical care conditions in the rural area, based on Amity’s extensive experience in this field, Amity Foundation joined hands with Alibaba Public Jury in launching a rural medical care project which started from building village clinics.

In the old days...

There were no hospitals or clinics at all. The village doctors had to rent a room themselves to give diagnosis and treatment. The room was adjacent to the street and was very noisy. The area was small. Patients had to have their infusion on small seats inside or outside the room. It is hot in summer and cold in winter. They had an old clinic in the village. The infrastructure was poor and the equipment was outdated. Without infusion support, the village doctors came up with an idea to bend iron wires into hooks and hang them up at the window to serve as infusion support.
Today...

After more than one year of efforts by volunteers, their love was brought into the mountains of Honghe County, Honghe Hani and Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province to build three clinics. Although the clinics look small, the facilities are complete. The three new clinics are guarding the health of the villagers now.

With the construction and use of the new village clinics, nearly 10,000 villagers have received care and help. In addition, there are several village clinics under construction, which, once completed, will benefit nearly 40,000 villagers.
December 5th this year is the 32nd “International Volunteer Day”. As a representative of the online volunteering groups, volunteers from Alibaba Public Jury contribute to Amity’s Rural Medical Project, sending their service to the remote mountains and building a guarding place for the life and health of the poor villagers.

Here, Amity Foundation would like to express our gratitude towards the volunteers for their great dedication!

Because of volunteers life becomes colorful and philanthropy becomes wonderful!
Protection requires joint efforts from the whole society

Narrator: Xuan Xiping, Director of the Center for AIDS Prevention of Jiangsu Provincial Center for Disease Control and Prevention

I am the director of the Center for AIDS Prevention, Jiangsu Provincial Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“Jiangsu CDC”). I have been working here since 2006 and it’s been more than ten years. In this position, I participate in disease prevention and control from perspectives of both administration and of professional physicians. HIV/AIDS is a special kind of disease with much higher sociological attributes than the disease itself. Common conditions like high blood pressure and diabetes can be treated properly if you refer yourself to the right doctor, since they will not lead to human-to-human infection. But HIV/AIDS is not. For infected individuals, it is a challenge that every one of them has to face and also a disease that is infectious. From this perspective, we should attribute a variety of social characteristic to the disease as well.

By the end of 2016, Jiangsu Province had reported more than 20,000 HIV positives, among whom there were more than 19,000 survivors. When we talk about the control of an infectious disease, one of the key areas is to manage and control the source of infection. It is necessary to teach HIV positives a number of “shoulds and should-nots”, for example, the disease should not be transmitted to other people. However, there is serious lack of manpower in this work. For example, in Jiangsu Province, we have more than 100 CDCs, but in each CDC there are only two people taking charge of HIV/AIDS work, which means in total around 200 working staff are managing and taking care of more than 20,000 patients. Actually, ever since 2006 when I was first engaged in the work, I found that we have insufficient staff and coverage. Therefore, it is necessary to involve social resources in this field. We not only need to pay attention to the demands and changes of a patient’s mind and mood, but also their difficulties encountered in life. From this perspective, the involvement of social organizations is obviously important.

How to leverage on social resources to care for this group? Amity Foundation is doing good. First of all, they provide this group with financial and psychological help and care. Many of Amity’s projects, in addition to love and care, offer HIV positives opportunities to learn, live and work as normal people, giving them the ability to save and support themselves. And, patients who are living in poverty can acquire life skills through these programs. By cooperating with these non-profit organizations, we can help more people and even make self-help through the resources they provide. Therefore, non-profit organizations play a very important role. HIV/AIDS is a disease with obvious social characteristics. We sincerely hope that more social organizations will participate in the work of HIV/AIDS prevention, just like Amity Foundation.
From an infected patient to a volunteer

Narrator: Chen Jun, member of Shanghai Youth AIDS Health Promotion Center

I am a working member of Shanghai Youth AIDS Health Promotion Center and myself am an HIV-positive. After being diagnosed as an HIV-positive in 2013, I contacted Bu Jiaqing, the director-general of Shanghai Youth AIDS Health Promotion Center for the first time. After hearing my story, he immediately came to the hospital to see me. At that time, I didn't know anything about the disease. With the help of Bu Jiaqing, I slowly got to know HIV and came out of despair. After four years of treatment, my physical condition gradually improved, and then I volunteered to join the work of the Center.

We often introduce relevant knowledge to HIV-positives through online and offline activities, including drug use, drug types and side effects. I am happy that the work we have done up to now has brought care and warmth to all HIV-positives and mitigated discrimination and emotional abuse on them to the greatest extent. Here, I would like to call for more respect and care for HIV/AIDS sufferers. Let's build a discrimination-free society.

△ HIV/AIDS prevention training

Discrimination hurts more than disease

Narrator: Wu Xi, member of Public Health Team of Amity Foundation

I joined the Public Health Team of Amity Foundation in 2015. My first business trip in Amity was to investigate an HIV/AIDS prevention project. At that time, I didn't know much about AIDS. I was scared when I first had dinner with infected people. Later, after I gradually understood the disease and the project, I felt sorry and embarrassed. But because of this, I believe that lacking knowledge should be the root cause of fear and worry and should also be a fundamental cause of discrimination against HIV-positives.

I have been working on HIV/AIDS prevention for more than two years now. I feel that the biggest difficulty today is the discrimination from the public against those HIV-positives. Most of the people may not realize how harmful the discrimination is to those HIV-positives. Once, we met a person who was seeking help from our project. We told him that we need to get involved in his life so as to help him. However, to our surprise, he finally refused our help. The reason was that he was afraid of his family and friends abandoning him. But this certainly hinders his treatment.

But things are not always going bad. Of course, we did receive love and hope in our work. For example, an HIV-positive was thrown out of the house by his family and was later taken to the HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment project by volunteers. During the recovering treatment, he met his dream girl. She is also an HIV-positive. They fell in love and got married in the end. When they were about to
have a baby, they were reluctant as they worried about the health of the baby. Therefore, Amity got involved again. Under our guidance for the whole process of pregnancy, plan for pregnancy, and production, they successfully did HIV-block and the baby was very healthy. The father was so excited that he burst into tears. At that moment, I really felt that we did something meaningful.

Here, I appeal to everyone to work together to move towards a discrimination-free society, return respect to everyone, infected or uninfected, and build a healthy China.

I remember a case clearly. The patient’s mother was remarried at his early age and left home. His father was a gambler. Lacking parental care and education, he didn’t know how to protect himself and was infected with HIV. Although he got this so-called “incurable” disease, he was self-reliant. He didn’t ask for help from the society or other people but after others knew he was an HIV-positive, he lost his job immediately. In desperation, he tramped for three months and found us in the end. We raised RMB10,000 for him and developed a treatment plan for him. A year later, he got a job as a security guard in Shanghai. When we saw him again, he looked optimistic. I was deeply impressed by this man. Working in this field, instead of saying we are helping them, it may be better to say that they are helping us. Because they make me understand the meaning of life.

Let’s build a discrimination-free society

Narrator: Bu Jiaqing, Director-general of Shanghai Youth AIDS Health Promotion Center

When I was in university, I was an educator working on HIV/AIDS prevention at our campus Red Cross. I used to feel that HIV/AIDS was something that far away from me. Later, a friend of mine in the university was infected with AIDS virus, which suddenly made me feel that the disease was just around us. Until that time, I still knew nothing about HIV or AIDS. I even didn’t know if this disease is incurable? Will people die of the disease? So I did research myself. During this process, I began to meet some working staff who were engaged in HIV/AIDS prevention work. Then I decided to join their work. Now our center has 100 patients each year on average, including both old patients and new patients.
Passing respect for life through photography

Narrator & Photo: Bao Yong

I started the shooting work for Liu Jiulong’s HIV/AIDS prevention riding since 2015. In 2016, I rode together with Liu Jiulong to support his HIV/AIDS prevention campaign. Before that, I knew little about this disease. It was the first time that I had close contact with an HIV-positive. I remember that once we rode into a town for meals. At first, people around us were curious about our riding. After learning that we were holding HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment campaign, they began to admire us. However, everything changed when they got to know Jiulong was a patient, everyone immediately dispersed to stay away from us. At that moment, I myself, even as a non-infected person, felt strong discrimination, which made me extremely uncomfortable.

In fact, at the beginning, I also had concerns. Lu Liang, a doctor working at Nanchang Epidemic Control Center helped me to dispel my concerns. He is also one of the founders of the riding campaign. He taught me a lot in respect of getting along with the HIV-positives in daily life. Moreover, he invited Jiulong for dinners. Lu Liang’s words and behavior impressed me deeply and encouraged me to get involved in this volunteer work.

For me, I appreciate Jiulong, who, as an infected person, is so brave to stand out to face all the people and that he chose such an action that requires so much physical power. I want to tell everybody that we need someone to stand out to speak for a group that the public may not know well and that the best way to get rid of fear is to get close to them.
China’s National Charity Day: Unleash philanthropic energy

In China, corporate donations amount to 70% of public donations while individual donations amount to less than 20%. This is opposite compared to developed countries. In order to boost philanthropic awareness and engagement, on China’s National Charity Day, the Amity Foundation teamed up with various partners, organized the Philanthropy Innovation Summit 2017 and participated in the Tencent 9.9 Philanthropy Day.

△ About 400 participants attended the Philanthropy Innovation Summit 2017
On September 5, China’s National Charity Day, the “Philanthropy Innovation Summit 2017” was held at the Suning headquarters in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province. The summit, which was co-organized by the Amity Foundation, received strong recognition from the government, various social organizations, enterprises and the public.

**Corporate social responsibility (CSR) is one of the hot topics**

The “Philanthropy Innovation Summit 2017” aims to build a platform for enterprises and encourage them to get involved in the philanthropic undertakings and find resources to support non-governmental organizations. The summit attracted hundreds of social organizations and funding enterprises across the country. About 400 entrepreneurs, social organization representatives and other dignitaries attended the summit, which was covered by more than 20 media companies. How to respond to the most challenging social issues and what is the impact of online charity on corporate social responsibility? These were some of the questions raised in a group discussion. Corporate social responsibility (CSR) was one of the hot topics during this summit. Attendees discussed new methods of promoting innovations and how to create a healthy environment for philanthropy in China.
Expressing gratitude to long-term supporters

The summit was targeting entrepreneurs and social organizations in the Yangtze River area. The organizers expected to stimulate innovation, encourage participation, boost the philanthropic spirit and promote ecological awareness. During the summit, Xu Yongguang, Chairman of Narada Foundation, Yuan Yafei, Chair of SanPower Group, Cheng Gang, Vice Executive Chair of China Foundation Center, among others, gave speeches on subjects, such as: prospects and limitations among philanthropy and businesses. To express gratitude towards more than 100 companies for their long-term support, trust and contribution to social work, the organizers bestowed "Corporate Social Responsibility Awards" and "Responsibility Media Awards" to them. A special prize was awarded to Suning Commerce Group Co., Ltd. for "Outstanding Contribution for Social Responsibilities".

Social enterprises need support to scale-up

Since 2009, social enterprises in China have developed rapidly. Nowadays, several well-established social enterprises try to find in-depth management training, development support and funds to expand their scale and improve social services. However, many commercial investors focus mainly on profits rather than actual needs of social enterprises and the needs of the society. The lack of capital has become a major bottleneck that prevents social enterprises to expand their services to more needy people. During the summit, a social enterprises association was founded. The Association aims to foster the development of social enterprises and organizations in China complementary to the government, social enterprises should become a force to solve societal challenges and provide social services on behalf of the government. Apart from the keynote speeches, and roundtable discussions, the summit also invited practitioners to share their experiences. New and innovative social enterprises and projects were introduced to theme as e.g. “child abuse prevention”, “psychological care for the elderly” or “3D printing of prosthesis”. The further development of philanthropy in China needs the contribution from all societal sectors. An effective use to solve social challenges involve wide participation and cooperation as well as innovative, sustainable and cooperative strategies.
The Tencent 9.9 Philanthropy Day

The Philanthropy Innovation Summit 2017 was held over the course of the Tencent 9.9 Philanthropy Day. This is a period of three days, initiated by the Tencent Foundation, where social organizations and NGOs are encouraged to do online fundraising on the Tencent crowdfunding platform. Donations can be matched by the Tencent Foundation up to the total amount of 299.99 million Yuan. Other companies and organizations provided matching funds as well. The Amity Foundation is entitled to support smaller grassroots NGOs to promote their projects on the Tencent platform. In 2017, Amity supported 454 organizations promoting 652 projects, receiving donations from more than 450,000 people. The Rende Foundation, an affiliated organization of Amity in Shanghai, which also co-organized the summit, supported 192 organizations by establishing fundraising for 278 projects, spurring 395,000 people to action. They donated more than 40 million Yuan for charitable causes within three days. China Development Brief reports that on the third 9/9 Philanthropy Day, 1.3 billion Yuan were donated and 12.68 million donors supported 6,466 charitable projects in total. In the 2017 CAF World Giving Index by the Charities Aid Foundation, China was still ranked as the second least generous country.

△ The Tencent 9.9 Philanthropy Day became an important date in China
Amity strengthens partnerships in Europe

From November 2 to November 3, Amity’s General Secretary Qiu Zhonghui and Zheng Wei, director of Amity’s African office visited Amity’s Swiss partner agencies and joined the International Conference 'Faith in Finance' in Zug.
Participants of the conference, included more than 30 different faith traditions from eight religions, discussed the theme ‘How to Use Faith-based Financial Investment To Better the World.’ “It will enable faith groups to share information, experience, knowledge, research and resources to ensure they put their investments and assets into initiatives to help create a better world for all. This initiative is backed by the UN and by many traditions within the religions,” said Martin Palmer, Secretary General of the Alliance of Religions and Conservation (ARC), which organized the meeting. Elliott Harris, Assistant Secretary-General of the UN environment program, emphasized the important role that faith-based organizations’ investments in sustainable development and environmental protection will play in achieving the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.
The European Alliance of Partners in Europe

Afterwards, Mr. Qiu, Zheng Wei and Xie Ying, Executive Director of Amity’s international liaison office in Geneva held a small group meeting of ‘The European Alliance of Partners in Europe’ (ENAP) to discuss a new working model for the future. ENAP is an international partner network established to support the work of the Amity Foundation 30 years ago. This past June, the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of ENAP was held in its birthplace, Hamburg. Although ENAP’s working environment and cooperative support model has changed significantly from the past, it will continue to adhere to the principles of mutual respect and equal cooperation as to promote mutual trust, and mutually beneficial cooperation between China and Europe. The goal is to participate in global governance and to promote peace and development in the international community.

ACT Alliance and World Council of Churches

Subsequently, Qiu Zhonghui met with Isabel Phiri, Deputy Secretary General of the World Council of Christian Churches (WCC) and with Mr. Rudelmar Bueno de Faria, the new General Secretary of ACT Alliance. In his discussion with Isabel Phiri, Secretary-General Qiu expressed his hope strengthening and expanding cooperation with WCC to promote social services in the church. Rudelmar Faria, the new Director ACT Alliance emphasized that in the future, the Alliance will focus on areas of gender, climate change and development and work on the basis of the Sustainable Development Goals.
U.S. Consul General Sean Stein visits Amity

On November 21, 2017, Sean Stein Consul General at the U.S. Consulate General in Shanghai visited the Amity Foundation. General Secretary Mr. Qiu Zhonghui and Associate General Secretary Ling Chunxiang warmly welcomed the visitors at the Amity headquarters in Nanjing.
Mr. Qiu introduced Amity’s history and told the visitors about the current work and the latest developments in Amity and within the sector as latest innovation and internationalization efforts of Chinese NGOs. At the end of the meeting, Mr. Qiu presented Sean Stein a Bible of the Amity Printing Company. Thereafter, they visited the Amity Bakery.

△ Mr. Qiu presented a Bible printed at the Amity Printing Company

△ Sean Stein and Mr. Qiu at Amity’s headquarters

△ Sean Stein making cookies

△ At the Amity Bakery, Sean Stein experienced Amity’s advocacy work for people with disabilities
The Amity Foundation teamed up with its local partners to provide emergency relief items to households in Sri Lanka, which were seriously affected by recent floods and landslides from 14 to 26 September. The disaster relief project ensures affected people receive effective humanitarian assistance, protecting them from further hazards caused by disasters, thus maintaining their dignity.

Amity staff from Hong Kong and Nanjing worked closely with its local ACT Alliance partner the National Christian Council (NCC) and the Church of Ceylon providing kitchen utensils, bedding items, dry rations and hygiene kits to more than 1,800 families, equivalent to more than 7,400 people. The relief supplies were handed out at 8 distribution places according to the needs of the local communities.
The relief aid was designed through a prior need assessment. People are happily receiving aid according to their needs.

“The assessment and packaging was done with the support of local authorities and a trained volunteering network, including the cooperation of inter-religious organizations,” explains Amy, Amity's Hong Kong disaster relief officer. After beneficiaries were identified by the local authorities, trained volunteers reached out to them for further need assessment. According to their needs different aid packages were provided.

The relief work funded by the Hong Kong Disaster Relief Funds facilitated relief to the victims of the floods and help them restore their normal living. Earlier this year, the Amity Foundation sent medical care teams providing medical assistance and emergency aid items.
The Amity Foundation is an independent Chinese voluntary organization founded in 1985 on the initiative of Chinese Christians to promote education, social services, health, rural development, environmental protection, disaster relief, and poverty reduction in the underdeveloped areas of China. Amity projects have benefited more than ten million people both at home and abroad.

The Amity Foundation has more than 80 full-time staffers at its Nanjing headquarters. Hundreds of volunteers work with Amity all over China. The Amity Foundation receives funds from partners abroad as well as in Hong Kong and mainland China.