

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
Water Cellars	19,060 wells	Gansu
Senior Citizens' Nursing Homes	10 centers, 148 units	Anhui, Jiangsu
Low-Fluorine Brick Tea (Established under the Experimental Zone (Fujian, Sichuan, Xinjiang regions))	15 experimental zones	Fujian, 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	8,000,000 individuals	Gansu, Jiangsu, Fujian, Henan, Hunan, Zhejiang, Guangdong
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, Guangdong
"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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