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 the 19 Experimental Zones for Tibetan Compatriots)	Established 19 experimental zones	Tibet, Sichuan, Yunnan, Qinghai, Gansu (Tibetan groups and cont
Jetties	2 units	Fujian
Hospital Buildings	2 hospitals	Fujian, Shanghai
Financial Aid and Scholarships	105,802 individuals	Anhui, Hebei, Jiangsu, Guizhou, Jiangxi, S
Emergency Relief Aid, Large-scale Aid, Distributions	Since 1991, Tzu Chi aid distributions have been held in Asia, Europe, and North America	Disaster areas in Fujian, Guangdong, Zhejiang, Heb
Day Care Centers	13 centers	Anhui, Jiangsu, Henan, Hunan, Zhejiang, G
Da Ai (Great Love) Houses	4,882 households	Anhui, Jiangsu, Henan, Hebei, Hunan, Jian
Children Welfare House	1 home	Hubei
Bone Marrow Delivery	1,303 cases	Guangdong, Zhejiang, Beijing, Shanghai, J
"Project Hope" Schools	56 schools	Anhui, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Hebei, Fujian, Gui
"Bright Movement" - Vision Care	7,356 individuals	Jiangsu, Fujian, Hebei

**Statistics from 1991 to 2012.

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