

**CHINA**

**Improving nutrition and food safety for  
China's most vulnerable women and  
children (MDGF- 1991)**

*Children, Food Security and Nutrition*



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| <b>Total Budget:</b>                | <b>USD 6,000,000</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                        |                  |
| <b>Budget by Agency:</b>            | WFP: 209,720                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | FAO: 1,048,600         |                  |
|                                     | WHO: 1,735,540                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | UNDP: 567,100          |                  |
|                                     | UNICEF: 957,650                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | UNIDO: 581,010         |                  |
|                                     | UNESCO: 418,880                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                        |                  |
| <b>Participating Gov. Entities:</b> | Ministry of Health, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Ministry of Education and education system, Ministry of Agriculture, as well as local media                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                        |                  |
| <b>Start Date:</b>                  | 8 December 2009                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Approval Date:</b>  | 7 July 2009      |
| <b>Est. End Date:</b>               | 8 December 2012                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Signature Date:</b> | 20 November 2009 |
| <b>Disbursements:</b>               | First Disbursement:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 8 December 2009        | USD 2,183,210    |
|                                     | Second Disbursement:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                        |                  |
|                                     | Third Disbursement:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                        |                  |
| <b>In Brief:</b>                    | <p>China's impressive progress on reducing hunger has relied mainly on increasing incomes and food production. As rural/urban disparities in income and nutrition widen to globally unprecedented levels, it will require a more targeted approach to reach the 123 million people still undernourished, including 7 million stunted children. Inadequate feeding practices and poor food safety compromise the gains made to date in child health and nutrition. The programme will: improve evidence on under nutrition in China for targeting and policy making; promote safe and healthy feeding practices, including exclusive breastfeeding and locally-appropriate complementary food; and improve food safety. It will target 1.2 million children and women in 6 of the poorest counties with demonstration projects as a basis for scaling-up to national policy. It will use the UN's partnerships in poverty alleviation, agriculture, health, nutrition and education to bring international expertise to the fore.</p> |                        |                  |

**Outcomes:**

- Policy decisions and targeting are informed by reliable and up-to-date evidence on the magnitude, distribution, types and causes of under nutrition in China;
- Under nutrition and micronutrient deficiencies reduced among poor women and children in selected demonstration counties;
- Food-related illnesses reduced through safer food production and preparation for children;
- National child nutrition and food safety policies, guidelines, regulations and standards are revised according to results of the pilots, and lessons are scaled up nationwide.



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| <b>Regions of Intervention:</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pan Xian and Zheng'an Xian (Guizhou Province); Huize Xian and Wuding Xian (Yunnan Province); Luonan Xian and Zhen'an Xian (Sha'anxi Province)</li> </ul> |                 |
| <b>MDGs</b>                     | MDG1 T1.C; MDG4 T4.A; MDG5 T5.A                                                                                                                                                                   |                 |
| <b>Beneficiaries</b>            | <b>Direct</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Indirect</b> |
| • <b>No. Institutions</b>       | 113                                                                                                                                                                                               | 25              |
| • <b>No. Women</b>              | 85,760                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1,884           |
| • <b>No. Men</b>                | 52,890                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1,684           |
| • <b>No. ethnic groups</b>      | 68,030                                                                                                                                                                                            | 0               |

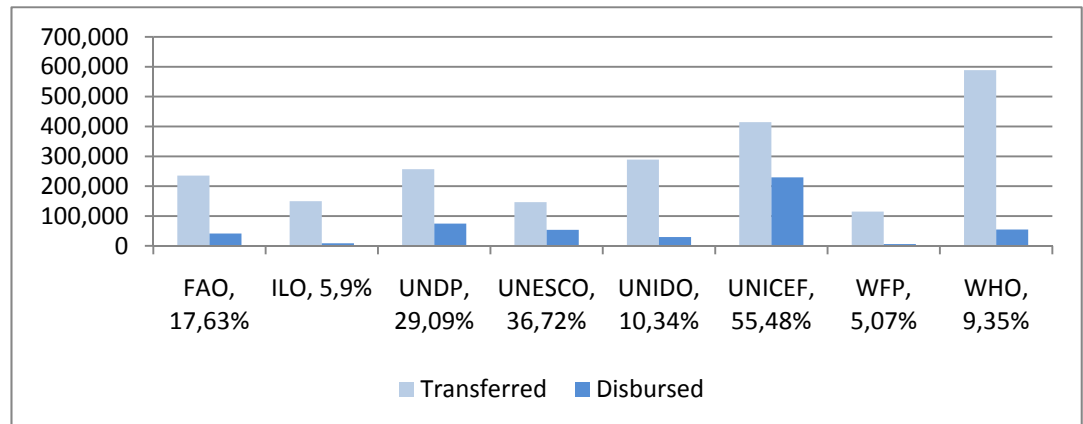
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**Status**  
 Although at a starting phase, during the reporting period, the Joint Programme components have been progressing according to the schedule. Due to the change of situation now from the time the project proposal is developed, all the participating UN agencies took great effort to work jointly with their national counterparts to make necessary revisions to the original annual workplan to make sure it is more suitable and feasible for implementation.

**Estimated financial execution status as of the June 30, 2010 biannual report:**

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| <p><b>Disbursed Budget:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.32 % over the Total approved budget</li> <li>• 22.67 % over transferred budget</li> </ul> | <p><b>Committed Budget:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19.18 % over the Total approved budget</li> <li>• 52.23 % over transferred budget</li> </ul> |
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**Delivery rate by Agency Graphic:**



**Main Achievements:** None to report yet as programme is just starting.

**Other important achievements**  
 By the end of June, all the participating UN agencies have submitted the revised work plan for review of Joint Programme Management Committee.  
 All the Joint Programme activities have been started and working team established, questionnaire for baseline survey developed. Rural HH sampling for four counties was completed for comprehensive food security indicators.

Does the JP incorporate gender considerations in the **activities/outputs/outcomes**? (example)  
 Training materials and other services initiated by the project to identify the special needs of women and children in poor rural area to ensure that the JP responds to their needs.

Does the JP include gender specific **indicators** in the monitoring plan?(example)

Does the JP mention gender relationships as part of the **challenges** analyzed? (specify)