

**Domestic Violence in China: Research, Intervention and Prevention
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About the Newsletter

As usual, the present Newsletter is a new issue of the bi-monthly publication of the project *Domestic Violence in China: Research, Intervention and Prevention* (hereafter sometimes referred to as the "anti-domestic-violence project"). An abstract of the Newsletter in English is available. Generally, the Newsletter includes:

- 1) Briefings on meetings, seminars, workshops, visits and other events;
- 2) Exchange of experiences; comments and observations of project participants;
- 3) Theoretical reflections upon research methods, concepts and gender-related viewpoints;
- 4) Legislative research, including problems with present legislation and legislative suggestions
- 5) Information and materials from abroad;
- 6) Suggestions, including analysis of problems and recommended solutions;
- 7) Responses to suggestions.

The Newsletter is intended to be a channel through which the project network partners can share ideas and results, take part in decision making, monitor project management, supervise project implementation and urge more participation in project work. Contribution of papers, ideas, suggestions and other involvement in our project are warmly welcome.

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Opening Remarks

The 10th newsletter is the first issue for the year 2002. Here, the project management committee would first like to extend New Year's greetings to all project members and those who devoted their time and energy to combating domestic violence. May all of you enjoy good health and a happy New Year. And may every sub-project, every institution affiliated with our work and every network member make greater achievements in the cause of anti-domestic violence in the New Year.

In the year 2001, our project achieved a great deal. By the end of February 2002, three survey sub-projects had finished their work. Some research reports have been evaluated by experts. Other sub-projects have finished draft research reports. The sub-projects to raise people's anti-domestic violence awareness have made great achievements. The Media Advocacy Network Sub-project has not only brought the problem of domestic violence into the mainstream media, but has also established a special framework to publicize the work of anti-domestic violence. The Female Victims of Domestic Violence Oral History Sub-project is now in its later stage of interviewing. The Training Materials Sub-project has completed the first draft of sections of a 10-part series of training materials and now is pre-testing and revising these materials.

The three sub-projects involved in intervention in domestic violence have also achieved much progress. The Legal Aid Sub-project has provided legal aid in 15 typical cases of female victims of domestic violence. The Pilot Urban Community Intervention and Pilot Rural Community Intervention Sub-projects have established community intervention networks with multiple organizations in order to cooperate in fighting against domestic violence, both in the Fengtai district and in Yanqing County. The Urban Community Intervention Sub-project has also set up the Pilot Medical Intervention Sub-project in Tieying Hospital. In addition, the Resource Center for combating domestic violence against women has continued to expand its collection of books and materials and has provided timely information about the work of anti-domestic violence in and out of China for all sub-projects. Our project has also set up a special information system to offer information and materials about combating domestic violence in and out of China to all project members and the general public. The website is www.stoptv.org.cn. The Gender Training Sub-project has provided gender training many times not only to all of the project members, but also to institutions where network members work.

On the basis of the progress of the sub-projects mentioned above, in November 2001 we convened a seminar on combating domestic violence. At the seminar, the proposal "Make out Best Effort to Work for the Prevention and Elimination of Domestic Violence against Women" was passed.

Recently, organizations in Hebei, Hunan, Hubei, Liaoning, Zhejiang, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, Ningxia, Jiangxi, Anhui, Guangxi, Zhengzhou city in Henan province and Lanzhou city in Gansu province became members of the anti-domestic violence network. This work is the result of the efforts of all project members and the anti-domestic violence network. Here, the Project Management Committee would like to

express its appreciation.

This newsletter is a special issue on the annual reports of all sub-projects for the year 2001. To carry out the principles of financial openness and transparency, we are publishing the 2000 audit report and the financial report. The 2001 financial statement will be published together with the audit report after it is audited by the auditing department.

The newsletter is a medium for joining together all the members of the project and the network in and out of Beijing, and through which we share our experiences and materials to promote the progress of the whole project. We hope that in the New Year 2002, all the members of the project and the network in and out of Beijing will make the best use of the newsletter and contribute actively to it. Everyone is welcome to comment on the efforts to promote the progress of our project and to fulfill its objectives.

**Project Management Committee
February 2002**

News in Brief

1. On December 29, 2001, the first evaluation meeting regarding the project's achievements was held in the project Resource Center. The goal was to evaluate the research report of the Case Studies Sub-project.
2. On January 9, 2002, the members of the general project group held the first office meeting of the year in the project office.
3. On January 17, 2002, a working meeting for the anti-domestic violence project was convened in Yanqing County. About 60 people participated in the meeting, including members the Pilot Rural Community Intervention Sub-project; leaders of the police station, procuratorial organs, court and judicial departments in Yanqing county; and leading cadres of companies and 15 village and town women's federations.
4. On January 20, 2002, the magazine *Rural Women Knowing-All of China Women's Daily* convened a meeting to review the achievements of the rural women's scholarship program for the Practical Skills Training Center for Rural Women (from July 2000 to January 2002). This was the same day that the fifth batch of rural women trainees finished their studies. The rural women's trainees told us the importance of the rural women's school and what they had learned, in particular how to be a real human being and how to face difficulties in life.
5. On February 21, 2002, the film and television program center of Beijing TV held a press conference regarding the broadcasting of the TV serial "Do Not Speak To Strangers." This show, which contains 23 episodes, is a story about anti-domestic violence. During the press conference, Wang Xuebing, who is an image ambassador of the "Domestic Violence in China: Research, Intervention and Prevention" project, gave a speech about the TV serial and the importance of the work of anti-domestic violence.

6. On January 25, 2002, four members of the project, Chen Mingxia, Li Hongtao, Qi Xiaoyu, and Liu Xiaojuan participated in the forum, "How NPO Faces WTO" held by the NPO information center. During the forum all of the participants expressed the belief that currently the NPO plays an important role in society. The domestic NPO organization should learn how to coordinate with foreign organizations and form its own work criteria. It is also important for the NPO to focus on the development of their own staff.
7. On February 1, 2002, the anti-domestic violence project held the first training class on the evaluation of the research achievements of the project at the China Law Society in Beijing.

(by Liu Xiaojuan)

Annual reports

Summary of the work of the whole project in the year 2001

Annual report of all sub-projects in the year 2001

- *2001 Annual report of the General Project Group t
- *2001 Annual report of the Resource Center Sub-project
- *2001 Annual report of the Website Sub-project
- *2001 Annual report of the Gender Training Sub-project
- *2001 Annual report of the Domestic Violence in China Survey Sub-project
- *2001 Annual report of the Judicial Survey and Research Sub-project
- *2001 Annual report of the Case Study Sub-project
- *2001 Annual report of the Media Advocacy Network Sub-project
- *2001 Annual report of the Female Victims of Domestic Violence Oral History Sub-project
- *2001 Annual report of the Training Materials Sub-project
- *2001 Annual report of the Domestic Seminar Sub-project

- *2001 Annual report of the International Conference Sub-project
- *2001 Annual report of the Legal Aid Sub-project
- *2001 Annual report of the Pilot Urban Community Intervention Sub-project
- *2001 Annual report of the Pilot Medical Intervention Sub-project
- *2001 Annual report of the Pilot Rural Community Intervention Sub-project

Project Evaluation

Summary of the Evaluation of the "Research Report of Cases Studies by the Women's Hotline on Domestic Violence"

On December 29, 2002, the first evaluation meeting regarding the achievements of the Hotlines for Female Victims of Domestic Violence and Case Studies Sub-project was convened in the anti-domestic violence project Resource Center. The main goal of this meeting was to evaluate the research report of the case study sub-project. All together eight experts participated in the meeting.

This was the first time the sub-project evaluated its achievements. The participants evaluated the research report of the case study sub-project thoroughly, carefully and earnestly during the meeting. Their comments on the report were sincere and to the point. The evaluators focused on both the positive feedback and the constructive criticism given in the research report, the rich experience of the women's hotline, data processing methods, the literature review and the hypothesis framework. Finally, they put forward suggestions in an amendment. After a day's analysis and discussion, each evaluation expert gave the research report a grade and wrote suggestions. These were collected from each person.

Evaluation Criteria of the Anti-domestic Violence Project

The evaluation of the project's achievements will take two steps. First, the internal evaluation group of the Case Study Sub-project will evaluate the sub-project. Second, the evaluation experts will evaluate the achievements of the Case Study Sub-project. The following criteria are only to be used as a reference. The final written version of the project evaluation criteria will be determined by the evaluators.

1. Anti-domestic violence project evaluation criteria

Contents	Grade	Suggestion
1. Project Design		
1) How was the target group determined? Why? How were the needs of the target group gathered and how were these needs evaluated?		
2) Who participated in the project design? What was the degree of participation and decision-making by the participants or the beneficiaries (especially women or the vulnerable)? How much training and organizational support could they obtain to increase their participation?		
3) How could the project more fully enable participants and the beneficiaries of the project to control more skills, knowledge, funds and economic resources?		
4) Did the project design allow for the beneficiaries and participants' feedback and make adjustments accordingly? If so, how and what was the effect?		
2. Implementation of the Project Plan		
1) What is the main activity of the project? How was it carried out? How valid was it?		
2) What resources were used for the activity? Where did they come from? How useful were the resources?		
3) Did project directors and the executives acquaint themselves with the financial statement of the project? Were they satisfied with it?		
4) How much did each participant take part in project activities?		
5) Did the project fulfill its work on schedule?		
3. Evaluation of the Project Objectives		
1) Did the project reach its expected objectives? Which ones were reached? Which ones were not? Which objectives were surpassed? Why?		
2) Did the project increase the beneficiaries' rights? If so, how?		
3) Did the project enhance the participants' abilities? If so, how?		
4) What did the project achieve or what is the active development of the project? Did it develop creative aspects beyond the project objectives in the course of implementing the project?		
5) What is the main problem of the project? How can this be solved? How can experiences be exchanged? What other		

help does the project need?		
4. Future Plan and Suggestions		
1) Suggestions for the sustainability of the project.		
2) Suggestions for related projects that will be developed in the future.		

2. Evaluation criteria of the research achievements of the project.

(1) Research criteria

Evaluation contents	Grade	Explanation
1. The academic standard of this research		
2. The reliability and validity of the research methodology		
3. The academic value		
1) Contribution to scientific knowledge		
2) Contribution to analytical perspectives		
3) Contribution to methodology		
4. Contribution to social intervention and its validity		

(2) Evaluation opinions

Each evaluation expert was required to write a 1500-word evaluation opinion and suggestion paper.

Suggestions and Responses

The Project Management Committee's explanation

The 2000 Financial Auditing Report

The financial statement of the general project and all sub-projects for the year 2000

Re-publishing ten main rules regarding the project

**Rules regarding the operation of the project*

**Rules regarding the responsibility for the operation of the sub-projects*

**Rules regarding fund allocations for the sub-projects*

**Rules regarding the financial management of the project*

**Rules regarding converting foreign currency into RMB*

**Rules regarding managing documents and information of the project*

**Rules regarding the evaluation of the project*

**The evaluation criteria of the project and its research achievements*

**Rules regarding evaluation of project achievements*

**Rules regarding sharing project data*

List of the project's achievements