

# AHF *in* CHINA



populations. However, in 2007, for the first time ever, unsafe sex overtook drug use as the main cause of new HIV infections, as knowledge about HIV prevention and condom use is very low. Only 0.5% of new TB cases occur amongst people who are also HIV positive.



AHF provides continuing medical education training

## FACTS<sup>1</sup>

Country Population	1.33 billion
Persons living with HIV/AIDS	700,000
Persons in need of ART	190,000
Persons receiving ART	35,000

### 4 AHF Sites:

Linfen Infectious Disease Hospital *Shanxi Province*

Guangxi Provincial CDC *Guangxi Province*

Nanyang District CDC *Henan Province*

Xinjiang Medical University Hospital *Xinjiang Province*

Patients on ART:	Total patients in care:
1,434	1,622

## BACKGROUND

China is a low-prevalence country (0.1% of adults have HIV) but its population is large. UNAIDS estimates that 700,000 people in China are living with HIV, which may even be an inaccurately low figure due to massive under reporting in rural areas. Currently the epidemic

is concentrated among at-risk groups, particularly injecting drug users (44% of HIV-infected people in China), blood donors and recipients (the sharp increase in AIDS cases in China in the 1990s was attributed to unsafe blood collection and transfusion), sex workers, MSM, and migrant

In 2003, the Chinese government adopted a program called, “Four Frees and One Care.” The program offers free ARVs, free HIV counseling and testing, free drugs for prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT), free schooling for orphaned children, and care and economic assistance to affected households. Opportunistic infection (OI) treatment and testing are not free, however, and many patients drop off treatment because of the cost of care.



Peer counselor with HIV+ orphan at AHF-run Green Harbor Clinic in Linfen

1 UNAIDS/WHO/UNICEF, 2008

# AHF's GLOBAL PROGRAM SINCE 2006

AHF China Cares' programs aim to improve health services, decrease AIDS mortalities, and improve the qualities of life of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA). Main project activities include a clinical preceptorship training program, a doctor exchange program, city and county level continuing medical education trainings, OI drug assistance, patient-peer education, and counseling support.

In Linfen City, Shanxi Province, AHF runs an outpatient HIV/AIDS clinic and collaborates with Linfen Infectious Disease Hospital, which provides healthcare services to almost 80% of Shanxi Province's AIDS patients. At Nanning, AHF provides outpatient medical services in partnership with Guangxi Provincial CDC, which is the largest AIDS treatment center in the province. AHF also collaborates with the Henan District CDC at Nanyang. Since ARVs are supplied by the central government, for all three sites AHF conducts OI drug procurements that drastically improve patients' lives. AHF also provides community-based counseling and education to the general

population by training local NGOs and peer educators in outreach methods and drug adherence counseling.

One of AHF's goals is to establish a sustainable and affordable treatment and care model that improves the lives of PLWHA, so at Xinjiang Medical University, the largest HIV/AIDS treatment center in Xinjiang Province, AHF provides technical assistance and training to build capacity, particularly in HIV/AIDS and OI diagnosis.

AHF has developed a strong partnership network by cooperating with the Chinese Preventive Medicine Association, government Centers for Disease Control, public hospitals, the Global Fund project, and other non-governmental organizations. These partnerships allow AHF to extend its service scale and in 2008, AHF China Cares achieved its primary goal by registering well over 1,000 AIDS patients at its three project sites. Through continued expansion, AHF aims to reach 10% of China's AIDS patients by the end of 2010.

## AHF MODELS OF CARE

### Current Partners:

Chinese Preventive Medicine Association

Guangxi Center for Disease Control

Linfen Infectious Disease Hospital

Xinjiang Medical University Hospital

Henan District Center for Disease Control

### Models of Care:

Direct Care	Technical Assistance & Supervision
Training	HIV Counseling & Testing

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