

Introduction and Background

The World of Today

Mankind of today is facing tremendous challenges. Although technological and scientific inventions during the last 50 years have solved many questions, still two third of the worlds population live under 2 dollars a day. Environmental degradation mainly hit the poor part of the population. Malaria, TB and AIDS are taking millions of peoples life every year, most affected are the poor countries and especially at the South African continent. Every year, 1 mill. women and young girls are trafficked around the world, and we continue to have about 300.000 children occupied as child soldiers in the many internal wars. Climate change is about to diminish the amount of Chinese farmland with 30% before year 2100. Weather in India and China will become 3 degrees hotter during the same period. Deforestation, mainly in Asia, is the second biggest reason for increased carbon release in the air.

The key to the solution of many of these calamities is education of all people combined with a mobilization of all progressive forces. The knowledge and the money is available, it is a question about each of us actually taking our responsibility of improving lives for the many during our time at this planet. One and one we can make a difference, but a united effort is needed to actually make a substantial change.

YID Visions

1. YID wishes to be part of this task – developing better possibilities for the many. The education at the Institute is focused on enhancing skills needed for creating changes. The practical actions and programs taking place in Yuxi Prefecture are the visible results of the comprehensive rural development projects, which YID has started in cooperation with HUMANA People to People and with local and international partners.



Development instructor with kids in Africa

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2. YID seeks to be a center for information and cultural exchange, a place where you come to seek knowledge, directions and possible solutions for the many challenges the world is facing today. A place where there is room for development – for each of us, respecting each other, whatever ethnic or cultural background, educational level or age – everyone has to contribute, and everyone will reap the benefits of this international and creative environment.



Child in a poor mountain area in China

3. YID wants to contribute to the improvement of this world by educating visionary human beings, who have the courage not to follow the paved way, but to create new paths. Who have the capacity to get hold of information, to analyze, to plan and implement the plans. We are talking about setting goals and go for the goals – whatever it takes. We are talking about personal commitment. You have to invest yourself if you want something! This involves thoughts, mind and passion! And it involves good cooperation and comradeship. All of this is not something you easily purchase. It demands hard work and stamina and passion for people. And it demands a willingness to change – also yourself!



Students discuss and solve issues together

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The Scope

Scope and Purpose of The Yunnan Institute of Development

- Article 10 The purpose of the Yunnan Institute of Development shall be to provide training to Chinese and international high-school aged students.
- Article 11 The scope of The Yunnan Institute for Development 's business shall include:
- to teach its students theoretical and technical skills to conduct humanitarian projects in China and in other countries and regions;
 - to teach the students to appreciate and foster personally the ideals of teamwork, cooperation and community service; to engage in any other kind or type of educational activity in accordance to Chinese laws and regulations.

Official status:

Recognized as a Chinese-foreign non-profit, non formal educational institution by Yunnan Educational Department

Location: Yuxi in Yunnan Province

Cooperation with Other Parties

- * YID's partner school is Yuxi Normal University.
- * YID cooperates with HUMANA People to People (HPP) and receives grants from HPP as the Development Instructors will be educated to work in an HPP project during the course.
- * YID cooperates with many entities and local governments in Yuxi Prefecture. This concerns implementation of the rural poverty alleviation programs and it concerns contributing to the spreading of information on HIV AIDS in schools.
- * YID cooperates with several private and public donors, who finance parts of the project.
- * YID cooperates with local, national and foreign schools and colleges concerning developing and implementing short term volunteer programs.



Signing before YID starts



In cooperation with Yuxi Teacher College