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Abstract : This 3-years project aims to promote practice research in mainland China by adopting the approach of action learning in responding to need of social work development in Chinese mainland. Through providing regular training of practice research methodology for the participants, the project team supports 10 practice research projects in mainland China to develop their practice bases and conduct research on their own practice. At the same time, the practice bases developed by 10 research teams only provide practicum training for social work students, but also benefit to local communities through practice research process.

Social Impact : 1) Social work development in China – In response to the dilemma of social work development in China, 40 social work educators and practitioners were trained up. They learn how to conduct practice-oriented research, evaluate the effectiveness of their own practice, and produce knowledge useful to practice.

2) Social work education – The 10 project sites were developed by research teams, which serves as practicum site for social work professional training.

3) Benefit to local community— Services provided by 10 research teams benefits to different communities and users, including ethnic minority in resettlement community, youth living in poverty, youth at-risk, rural left-behind children, mentally ill, etc.

