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Abstract : This is a joint action research project collaborated by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Yunnan University. The project site is an urban village located at the edge of Kunming City of Yunnan Province. By adopting Asset Building Community Development (ABCD) approach, this project aims to explore multiple assets in this marginalized migrant community in order to respond to problem of social exclusion and meet the needs of migrant groups. This community development model generated through this action research will not only contribute to indigenization of social work in China, but also inform Chinese government's policy of building harmonious society.

Social Impact : This action research creates social impact in three aspects:

- 1) Empowering local community- A women eco-economic co-operative has been form for long-term community development and improvement in income and living environment. A migrant labor union has also been formed to protect the right of migrant workers;
- 2) Social work education – The project site has been set up as social work practicum site and served as service learning site for local and international students;
- 3) Policy implementation – The research cooperated with Provincial Women's Federation to promote the implementation of the anti-domestic violence law and also cooperate with provincial labor unions to improve the rights and interests of migrant workers.

