

## Effects of vegetation recovery and rural development by Grain for Green Project in China

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More than 10 years have past since Chinese government started the Grain for Green project in 1999, for recovery of environment mainly in upper and middle catchment areas of Huang He and Chang Jiang. The policy is characterized by aiming at not only environmental recovery by large-scale afforestation in the catchment area but also promoting development of rural economy through land reclamation and promotion of alternative development projects instead of giving up steep slope cultivation among villages conducting the Grain for Green project.

This paper preliminarily reports present conditions of household economy among rural villages in several districts of Yanan City with special references to alternative development projects and its incomes, based on field observation and interviews conducted in August 2011. The result indicates that there are regional differences in the consequences of rural development plans.

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