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Promoting Agro-forestry in the Mountains of Southwest China —improving climate change adaptation practices for vulnerable rural communities

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This project started at the end of 2014, The project site is located at Ganpu Village, Li County, Aba Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan Province, with Li County Forestry and Grassland Bureau as the main partner.

Note: FY24 is the last year of this project, and this is an impact summary report for the project.

CI China and Ganpu Village of Li County deeply appreciated Daikin's support of this project, at the end of this 10-year project, three main impact aspects are summarized as follows:

1. Ecological Benefits

- 1) During the past 10 years, a total of more than 27,000 seedlings and 1,200 kg of tree seeds were planted.
- 2) A 35-ha agroforestry pilot site (in Sichuan and Yunnan Province) and a 1,000-ha community-protected area were established, and the villages enhanced patrolling of the forest and expanded to all their collective forest.
- 3) 432,600 ha of forests have been positively impacted and indirectly protected/restored by the project.
- 4) Through project evaluation, there are no longer sheep destroying the seedlings in Ganpu Village and surrounding areas.
- 5) Continuous monitoring has shown the increasing biodiversity status at Ganpu Village from 2015 (12 bird species and 22 insect species in the project site and surrounding areas) to 2023 (51 bird species and 76 insect species).

2. Social Benefits

- 1) With the help of the project, Ganpu Village is becoming an "Eco-Star" and an example of the "Rural Revitalization" strategy. Agriculture and collective forest-protecting study groups often visit the Ganpu project site.
- 2) The conservation agreement model applied in this project has improved the enthusiasm of the community to protect forests and has been recognized by the local government.
- 3) Instead of pesticides, villagers learn and apply environment-friendly methods to deal with bacteria and pests, such as using Bordeaux Mixture, Lime Sulphur, etc., to protect the whole ecosystem.
- 4) Ganpu Villagers' conservation awareness has been improved. Villagers learn and apply environment-friendly methods to deal with bacteria and pests.

3. Economic Benefits

- 1) With the project's introduction, an income as the rent for more than RMB18,000 per year (from 2018 to 2038s for 20 years), i.e. RMB 360,000 Yuan goes directly to Ganpu village. It has been supporting solutions to village public affairs, and villagers can also get some bonuses added to their daily lives.
- 2) The poorest villagers mostly women, have been hired to work at the project's pilot agroforestry sites. That means around RMB 250,000 yuan per year, and RMB 5,000,000 for 20 years of income to the villagers.
- 3) After the project, Ganpu Village is more confident to apply for government funds. In 2021 alone, Ganpu Village successfully applied a 10-million-RMB development fund, which is a great improvement compared to 300 to 400 thousand RMB of other villages.

Above are the impacts of the Daikin Phase 1 Project. At the same time, there are lessons learnt during the past 10 years. For example, in future projects, more attention needs to be paid to multi-literal political contexts and avoid sensitive areas; try to keep the project team and key partners more stable; more timely communication with internal and external members, etc.

Conservation International has successfully launched a 10-year Daikin Phase 2 Project in Hongya County, Meishan Municipality of Sichuan Province, and will try to make the Phase 2 project more impactful with Daikin and partners.









