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Guided by the belief that every life has equal value, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation works to help all people lead healthy, productive lives. In developing countries, it focuses on improving people's health and giving them the chance to lift themselves out of hunger and extreme poverty. In the United States, it seeks to ensure that all people—especially those with the fewest resources—have access to the opportunities they need to succeed in school and life.

Founded in 2000 and based in Seattle, Washington, the foundation is led by CEO Sue Desmond-Hellmann and Co-chair William H. Gates Sr., under the direction of Bill and Melinda Gates and Warren Buffett. Since its inception, the foundation has made grant payments totalling $33.5 billion[1].

China has achieved remarkable success in addressing health inequity and poverty over the past 35 years. Its domestic reforms, increasing global engagement and emerging capacity for innovation only serve to reinforce our faith in China's potential as a catalyst for development worldwide – it is our mission to unlock that potential in a way that benefits China and the rest of the world. In working towards this goal we have two main approaches:

[1] As of March 31, 2015

To continue to support China in meeting domestic health and development challenges in the following key areas:

• **HIV prevention:** The rapidly growing number of people living with HIV in China reached nearly half a million in 2014. We have been working with the Chinese government and community-based organizations (CBOs) to expand HIV prevention among those most at risk of infection and to provide care and treatment to those living with HIV. Currently, the focus of our program is to deepen the participation of CBOs in HIV control, and advocate for relevant policies, such as the inclusion of rapid HIV tests in the National Guideline for Detection of HIV/AIDS.

• **TB control:** Almost 1 million people develop tuberculosis (TB) in China each year. In addition to a high burden of the disease, China has one-fifth of the world's cases of multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB), which is especially difficult and costly to treat. Our program focuses on developing and implementing innovative MDR-TB control models and expanding them

into a comprehensive approach for all TB cases that integrates with health systems, creative financing mechanisms and the use of new tools such as molecular diagnostics and medication monitors.

• **Tobacco control:** China is the world's largest producer and consumer of tobacco. We are working with partners to advocate for national policies to reduce the economic burden and health hazard of tobacco use, and to launch public campaigns to make smoking in public places an undesirable and unacceptable behaviour.

• **Promoting philanthropic partnerships:** China has the potential to significantly increase the level and impact of charitable giving. We work with a wide range of partners in China—including government, academia, social organizations, and individual philanthropists—to advocate for improved policies in China's philanthropic sector and encourage charitable giving.

To support China as a stronger development partner for the rest of the world through the following programs:

• **China-Africa Partnership:** China's experiences, funding, and manufacturing and technology capabilities align in many ways with the foundation's goals for market-driven development solutions in Africa. We have established partnerships with government agencies and private enterprises in China to identify and address opportunities in China-Africa development cooperation, with the goal of facilitating China's increasing contribution to African's development initiatives.

• **Global Development Platforms:** We are leveraging global development platforms including UNGA, APEC, G20, and the BRICS Summit to engage the Chinese government in discussions about setting and achieving ambitious global development goals for the next 15 years.

• **Low-cost vaccines and other health products:** By leveraging China's growing health R&D and manufacturing capabilities, we identify, develop and deliver high-quality, low-cost health products. These have included low-cost solutions for vaccination against "brain fever", affordable contraceptive implants, rapid TB diagnostic kits, and HPV screening tests.

• **Regulatory improvement for medical products:** Through WHO and other partners, we provide technical assistance and other support to improve China's regulatory system and capacity for medical products.

• **Agricultural development:** We work with China's government, private sector, and financial institutions to develop and transfer relevant technologies, approaches, and models that are most in demand in African countries to help their farmers grow more nutritious food. Initiatives range from introducing higher-yield rice varieties to improving tef cultivation.

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