Disaster Social Work Service-Learning in Sichuan

Project TRANSCEND

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Disaster Social Work in Sichuan

• Principles: “Relate-Create-Donate”
  - relate: team efforts
  - create: experiential learning
  - donate: to care, give and serve

• Project objectives: serve the survivors, equip the students and for curriculum development

• Participants: 26 social work students + 2 journalism students + 5 field supervisors

• Pre-trip Training workshop in March
Disaster Social Work in Sichuan

• Servicing for more than 250 survivors:
  from Mianyang (綿陽市) - IOP
  from Deyang (德陽市) - BNU

• Psychosocial empowerment
  • Group activities in secondary schools
  • Home visits

• Reflections: each day after the service,
  Post trip: log writing and a report

• Public sharing session
Video of Transforming Resilience and Nurturance
Challenges for students
- Tackle with creativity

- What are the needs of the survivors?

- Language and cultural difference

- Limited resources
Students’ Reflections

• Identity as a social worker
• Appreciation of lives
• Enhance creativity
• Promote flexibility
• Continuous support to the survivors
Programme Challenges

- Working in disaster zone
- Unpredicted situations
- Safety
The courage and resilience of the survivors have inspired us to live out the mission of serving others.

Thank you!