



# Disaster Social Work Service-Learning in Sichuan

## Project TRANSCEND 心友所蜀計劃

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- 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



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# 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!*

