

PARTICIPANT BIOGRAPHIES

Yuan Wenli, originally from Henan province, an area highly affected by HIV/AIDS, started Henan Golden Sunshine in 2005, after her son contracted HIV. Subsequently Yuan helped establish the Henan Regional Network of Women Living with HIV/AIDS in 2010 and in 2012 became the secretary of Women's Network Against AIDS - China (WNAC). WNAC is a grassroots membership organization working with women living with and affected by HIV/AIDS in China. WNAC aims to strengthen the leadership of women living with and affected by HIV/AIDS, protect their rights, make their voices heard, and advocate for a gender strategy in the AIDS response in China. Currently, WNAC has 24 member organizations from 11 provinces throughout China.

Andrew Miller has twenty one years of professional experience in the private and international development sectors from Hong Kong, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Malawi and the United States. He started his career with Population Services International (PSI) in 2004 in Kabul, and then moved on to the 'Warm Heart of Africa' – Malawi - in 2005 for three years. Another three years of service as Senior Program Manager for the PSI Asia/Eastern Europe region followed in Washington D.C, until his move to Kunming, China in July 2011. In China, he leads a team of 35 Chinese nationals, and is responsible for the direct implementation of HIV/AIDS prevention, care, support and treatment interventions targeting most at-risk populations (MARPs) and the delivery of capacity building activities to Chinese CBOs and grassroots organizations so that they can play an even greater role in the fight against HIV/AIDS in Yunnan and Guangxi.

Lin Chunxu (Shirley Lin) is the Pact China Program Manager. Based in Kunming in southwestern China, she is responsible for overseeing a USAID supported AIDS and Livelihood Development program, which has worked with local partners to reduce the economic vulnerabilities caused by HIV through small and medium enterprise development. She has coordinated the organization of workshops, trainings, manuals and related curricula that have strengthened the capacity for local groups to implement livelihoods projects in China. With this support, several partners have expanded the scope of their activities and independently transitioned to alternative, long-term sources of funding. Shirley is also responsible for managing Pact's involvement in a capacity development project. Under this program, Pact has worked with local organizations to support the ownership of HIV programs among civil society organizations. Shirley's work with Pact began in 2008, and she has previously served as Senior Program Officer. In these capacities, she was responsible for supporting several groups in the field; providing technical support and mentoring that helped to shape the success of the livelihoods program. In these positions, she honed her skills as a high-quality facilitator; delivering several trainings on AIDS and livelihoods, as well as capacity development. Prior to working for Pact, she worked in the private sector for 7 years as an Operations and General Manager for two international companies. She is a graduate of Nankai University, Tianjin, and is fluent in both English and Mandarin Chinese.