



Surmang Foundation

Improving the lives of 130,000 ultra-poor one mother and child at a

小苏莽慈善医疗中心



Dear Friends,

Late last year, I met with our community health workers at Rangdou and asked what they would do to make our projects better. "I would have started ten years earlier," said one mother. She wept as she added that hundreds of mothers and babies who died needlessly "would be walking the earth today."

We can't regain that lost decade. Pregnant women in the region we serve face a one in 15 chance of dying. In fact, a woman who becomes pregnant on the Tibetan plateau is three times more likely to die within a year than is a US soldier serving in Afghanistan.

What we can do is make sure that in the next decade, mothers and children won't die for want of basic preventative care. Surmang Foundation's doctors and 40 health workers delivered 60 babies over the past year; without the help of people like you, we estimate that 20 would have perished. These mothers and infants are just some of the more than 150,000 farmers and nomads earning an average of 14 US cents a day who received free medical care at Surmang Foundation's clinics. Your help made this happen – you did this.

Peking University recently conducted a study on our programs and concluded that our Surmang clinic is a unique, successful prototype. It has lower operating and per-patient costs but higher quality care than is available in the public health system.

The Chinese government apparently agrees. After last year's devastating Yushu earthquake, the government asked us to apply our model to 4 devastated township clinics. This will be the only public-private partnership of its kind in China. We are proud that this partnership with the government is built on the success that you helped to build at Surmang.

We will do what we do best: train doctors in best practices, apply successful and transparent management, and provide free medical care to remote farmers and nomads, especially women and children. Our five-year goal of treating 75,000 patients at Surmang, and an additional 300,000 patients at Xiwu, Longbao, Xialaxu and Maozhuang. We will need your help to meet our goals:

- Establish a high-speed Internet connection for remote diagnosis and consultation with United Family Hospital in Beijing.
- Provide residential training of physicians and health workers.
- Train a corps of community health workers at 4 new township clinics

We know our plan will work because it already works, and everything we have done

is scalable. As we apply our model on a bigger stage, we need your ongoing support. Please continue the journey we started together by pledging to our Planned Giving Campaign.

Send your pledges or donations via the attached card or visit us online at www.surmang.org and click the DonateNow button at the bottom of the page. Surmang Foundation is a US 501(c)3 tax-exempt nonprofit, EIN 74 2549293.

Thank you for your support,

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