

Statistics on Poverty-Relief and Monitoring Program of Rural Population in China

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Abstract: This paper discusses issues related to statistics on rural poverty relief in China and how solving the poverty issue, in particular the poverty and starvation in rural areas, is a constant objective of the Chinese government. According to the latest survey conducted by National Bureau of Statistics of China, the data indicates that, by the end of 2006 the population in absolute poverty in rural areas stood at 21.48 million, in comparison to the low-income population in rural areas which falls under the classification of just solving the problem of having enough to eat and cloths to wear stood at 35.5 million.

The paper emphasizes that how one tackles those issues is closely related to the building of a successful socialist harmonious society. Therefore, the paper discusses how one of the major responsibilities of the Ministry of Civil Affairs is to provide relief services to the poverty population and collect relevant statistics on poverty relief monitoring.