

# Path Analysis of Rural Social Work Intervention in Precision Poverty Alleviation in Sichuan Province

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**Abstract:** The targeted poverty alleviation policy is one of the important methods to solve the problem of poverty in China. After the implementation of the targeted poverty alleviation policy in China, some results have shown positive. However, due to the shortage of resources and talents for poverty alleviation, there are still some shortcomings in the targeted poverty alleviation work. In the process of targeted poverty alleviation, if we can promote social work to participate in targeted poverty alleviation and use a wider range of social forces to provide more professional and targeted assistance work for the poor, we will achieve the final sprint for the success of targeted poverty alleviation in China and a well-off society. Based on the actual situation of China's current targeted poverty alleviation work, this article takes the relationship and content of rural social work in Sichuan Province as part of the targeted poverty alleviation as well as the difficulties it faces. The analysis focuses on the path of rural social work in Sichuan Province to targeted poverty alleviation and aims to provide more reference suggestions for targeted poverty alleviation in China.

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## 1 Introduction

The poverty environment facing Sichuan's targeted poverty alleviation work has its own characteristics. Through observing the rural poor areas and the poor in Sichuan Province, we can find that "large dispersion and small concentration" are the main characteristics of

rural poverty in Sichuan<sup>[1]</sup>. At present, many rural poor areas in Sichuan Province often face natural disasters. The existing natural resources are not fully utilized, the cultivated land is small, and the natural environment is relatively avocados as well as the number of poor people is high. In addition, due to insufficient professional resources such as medical care and education, the cultural quality and awareness of poverty alleviation of the poor in the region are still relatively low. They are greatly troubled by the lack of environmental resources, economic foundation development and poverty alleviation professionals in targeted poverty alleviation work<sup>[2]</sup>. In the study of path analysis of Sichuan rural social work to targeted poverty alleviation, it is of great social research value to take root in the basic environment of poverty in the region and explore the role that social work can play in poverty alleviation.

## 2 Overview of the connotation of rural social work in precision poverty alleviation

### 2.1 The concept of social work

Social work was originated from Western countries. It refers to charitable activities that provide benefits to disadvantaged groups. The focus is to promote people's participation in social work, help some people through social working and establish an equal and mutually beneficial relationship<sup>[3]</sup>. Moreover, a large part of the role of social work is to guide and help recipients to build confidence in poverty alleviation and master the practical ability of poverty alleviation. Besides, it is the emphasis on the idea of "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime". The work changes the subjective initiative of the poor people in aid, radically reduces poverty, and

solves poverty problems.

## **2.2 Connotation of targeted poverty alleviation**

Targeted poverty alleviation is a poverty alleviation policy put forward by China in response to the goal of building a well-off society in an all-round way and the actual situation of the poor in the vast areas of poverty alleviation in China. The focus of precision poverty alleviation is to avoid extensive poverty alleviation work. Starting from the precise excavation of the root causes of poverty and the accurate identification of the poor. Targeted poverty alleviation in a more scientific and efficient manner and the precision of precision poverty alleviation as well as ideological level alleviation through culture is the focus that needs attention in practice<sup>[4]</sup>.

## **2.3 The correlation between rural social work and targeted poverty alleviation**

The involvement of rural social work and the implementation of targeted poverty alleviation are closely related. Social work emphasizes on helping the victims to acquire the ability to proactively solve problems and escape difficulties. Besides, social work intervention in targeted poverty alleviation can help poor households to solve poverty problems from their ideological roots, reduce the inefficient problems of poverty alleviation in the past, and stimulate the poor's own poverty alleviation potential<sup>[5]</sup>. In addition, the intervention of social work can also promote the rational mobilization of social resources. Using social resources, government support and other related work coordination methods to achieve the integration of targeted poverty alleviation and social work. Therefore, it has an important role in improving the efficiency of targeted poverty reduction.

## **3 Content analysis of Sichuan rural social work involved in precision poverty alleviation**

Based on the actual situation and characteristics of rural poverty in Sichuan Province, the content of Sichuan rural social work involved in targeted poverty alleviation mainly includes the following aspects.

### **3.1 Aid in improving poor households' ability to escape poverty**

Firstly, the content of social work involved in precision poverty alleviation relies on the professionalism of social work to help poor households in reducing their

exclusion from poverty alleviation actions. Thus, poor households can get rid of poverty on their own initiative effectively and improve their ability to eliminate poverty proactively. Secondly, social work intervention can play a role in helping the poor build poverty alleviation ability in targeted poverty alleviation.

### **3.2 Lead poor households to implement poverty alleviation actions**

In addition, the involvement of social work also affects the role of leading and advocating poverty alleviation for poor households in precision poverty alleviation work. Firstly, social work content advocates fair and objective understanding of the poor. Secondly, it can contribute to provide more poverty-stricken labor positions for the poor in the society. Thus, changing the concept of poverty alleviation actions of the poor, eliminating the negative attitudes of the poor in life as well as promoting the poor to take an active role in poverty alleviation<sup>[6]</sup>.

### **3.3 Improve the supply of precision poverty alleviation resources and services**

In the implementation of targeted poverty alleviation work, certain funds and resources and services are required to support the process. One of the main contents of social work intervention is to assist the government and civil affairs departments in solving problems of poverty alleviation resources and services in targeted poverty alleviation. Social workers' long-term experience and advantages in social work can aid in crisis in poor families effectively.

### **3.4 Stimulate the viability of targeted poverty alleviation**

Inadequate survivability of targeted poverty alleviation in targeted poverty alleviation is the major reason to the slow progression of poverty alleviation. The main content of social work interventions in targeted poverty alleviation is through social employability training and employment counselling. Therefore, it is crucial to solve the problem of the survivability of the poor people, improve the market competitiveness of the poor as well as resolve the problem of targeted poverty alleviation from the root<sup>[7]</sup>.

## **4 Analysis on the dilemma faced by Sichuan rural social work intervention in precision poverty alleviation**

The current promotional effect of targeted poverty

alleviation work in Sichuan Province is affected by various conditions such as the local economic environment, the quality of the poor, etc. It is difficult for social work to involve in targeted poverty alleviation, mainly in the following aspects.

#### **4.1 Lack of diversity in participants at targeted poverty alleviation work**

Currently, the government's related and functional departments are still responsible for the targeted poverty alleviation work in Sichuan's rural areas. Others, such as finance, education, and social institutions have yet to own sufficient participations. In other words, the participation of social forces is relatively small. Thus, this caused problems such as insufficient resources in the promotion of poverty alleviation models and the implementation of poverty alleviation. As a result, it is difficult to achieve results on targeted poverty alleviation work and there are many disadvantages of the targeted poverty alleviation work<sup>[8]</sup>.

#### **4.2 Insufficient enthusiasm and awareness of poverty alleviation for targeted poverty alleviation**

In the targeted poverty alleviation work, the poverty alleviation targets themselves have insufficient initiative and awareness of this matter, which is the main issue in the current social work intervention in targeted poverty alleviation. By taking rural Sichuan as an example, in some areas, targeted poverty alleviation's publicity and policy promotion are not in place. Thus, this leads to poor households being passive and waiting for government relief. Moreover, they do not understand the targeted poverty alleviation policy and lack of enthusiasm in applying for and understanding poverty alleviation subsidy policies. In addition, many of the targets for poverty alleviation are the elderly, the weak, and the disabled who have relatively low cultural quality and education. These groups have less enthusiasm in poverty alleviation and poverty alleviation actions and cannot join the ranks of poverty alleviation actively<sup>[9]</sup>. In summary, these weak and negative consciousnesses of poverty alleviation are problems that need to be solved when social work is involved in targeted poverty alleviation.

#### **4.3 Lack of professional social work institutions for poverty alleviation work**

Another problem that social work faces in the process of targeted poverty alleviation is the lack of

professional social work agency that specializes in poverty alleviation.

Since the concept of social work originates from the West, the development, promotion, work experience, work skills and understanding of social work of social work in our country are still relatively weak. Although many people have a positive attitude to join social working and participate in targeted poverty alleviation, there is no relevant institution that can provide participatory work. In addition, the existing social work agencies are also facing shortages of working capital, insufficient talents and weak infrastructure in the areas to be assisted in interventions in targeted poverty alleviation. Social workers are unable to enter the local area to participate in targeted poverty alleviation and are unwilling to enter these extreme poverty situations of targeted poverty alleviation in the region<sup>[10]</sup>. As a conclusion, the lack of social institutions and organizations has led to many difficulties in social work intervention in targeted poverty alleviation.

#### **4.4 Weak professional experience of social workers in poverty alleviation**

The shortage of professionalism in social working is another involved in precision poverty alleviation. The development of social working requires higher theoretical knowledge and practical experience. Moreover, in the face of precision poverty alleviation, social work intervention needs to consider a series of issues such as the goals, environment, and practice methods of precision poverty alleviation<sup>[11]</sup>. China's precision poverty alleviation work is still in the process of exploration and continuous improvement. Social work intervention in specialized poverty alleviation is still in the initial and exploration stage. Besides, the lack of experience and the accumulation of relevant theoretical knowledge, the inadequacy of social workers' professional skills in poverty alleviation as well as the inadequate understanding of precision poverty all contribute to the difficulties in developing and inheriting in the intervention of precision poverty alleviation in social work.

### **5 Path analysis of rural social work intervention in precision poverty alleviation in Sichuan province**

The poverty-stricken population in the rural poor areas of Sichuan Province is widely dispersed and concentrated in a small area. The basic environment

of poverty caused by harsh natural environmental factors such as earthquakes requires the exploration and generalization of a more suitable set of social work interventions to help the poor. Based on the analysis of the main contents of the current rural social work intervention in precision poverty alleviation and the difficulties faced, we can take the following ways to combine precision poverty alleviation with social work in the path of social work intervention in precision poverty alleviation.

### **5.1 Construct diversified and professional poverty relations**

The inclusion of social work in targeted poverty alleviation has greatly expanded the main body of intervention, which can promote the establishment of a more diverse and professional poverty alleviation relationships. In the past, rural Sichuan Province had problems such as insufficient government energy and shortage of manpower for poverty alleviation in the development of targeted poverty alleviation work. After the intervention of social work, it paid more attention to analyze the changes and needs of the poverty alleviation objects. Moreover, it can strengthen the effects of precision poverty alleviation work from the aspects of human and natural environment and the development of the poor<sup>[12]</sup>. When social work is involved in targeted poverty alleviation, the establishment of a poverty alleviation path should focus on tapping more social work organizations and volunteers. Thus, they can establish a more stable relationship with the targeted poverty alleviation partners and reduce the perception of poverty alleviation partners in their negotiations with government agencies. In addition, it is crucial to reduce the poverty pressure experienced by poverty alleviation partners in their negotiations with government agencies. They are encouraged to build a more diversified professional poverty reduction relationship from a humanistic perspective to fulfil a mutual trust between social work poverty alleviation partners and poverty alleviation partners. Thus, respect and recognition also facilitate the further development of precision poverty alleviation.

### **5.2 Strengthen cultural poverty alleviation and transformation in targeted poverty alleviation**

The advantage of targeted poverty alleviation is the accuracy in selecting the poor. It is accompanied by a focus on culturally targeted poverty alleviation, allowing material poverty and spiritual poverty to go

hand in hand. In the exploration of the path of social work involved in targeted poverty alleviation, we can use the power of social work to carry out more targeted cultural education and publicity on poverty alleviation. Through cultural transformation and cultural poverty alleviation, the ideology of poor people in rural areas of Sichuan can be fundamentally changed. Therefore, the poor can establish the idea of enduring hardships to lift themselves out of poverty<sup>[13]</sup>. In addition, with the help of cultural education and publicity for social work, it will not only stimulate the poverty-stricken people's will to eliminate poverty from the perspective of root-cultural poverty reduction, but also encourage the sustainable development of targeted poverty alleviation in rural areas of Sichuan.

### **5.3 Establishment of a government-led social work professionalism in precision poverty alleviation institution**

Focusing at the problem of lacking professional social service agencies for social work intervention in targeted poverty alleviation in rural areas of Sichuan, the government can lead the construction of social work intervention for targeted poverty reduction. Thus, building more professionalism of social work in targeted poverty alleviation agencies. Through the establishment of social precision poverty alleviation services in rural villages and towns in Sichuan, people in poor areas have more opportunities to access precision poverty alleviation and social work services<sup>[14]</sup>. In addition, we can provide more poverty alleviation training and professional skills training to the people in poor areas and help build social support network resources. Promoting social work to engage in targeted poverty alleviation can be carried out based on a clear and organized plan, reducing the social pressures and risks faced by poverty alleviation, and thereby achieving more efficient targeted poverty alleviation.

### **5.4 Strengthen the professional capacity of poverty alleviation of social workers for targeted poverty alleviation**

In exploring the path of social work involved in targeted poverty alleviation, another important point is to strengthen the professional capacity of poverty alleviation of social workers for targeted poverty alleviation and train professional social work talents. The rural government of Sichuan Province can set up social work service stations in poor areas and use part of the funds for precision poverty alleviation to

subsidize the training of social work talents. Plus, they can attract talents from college student village officials, foreign social workers, and three talents and one-aid talents as well as provide training for social workers on poverty alleviation knowledge, poverty alleviation, and practical skills in poverty alleviation. Lastly, they can use more dual-talent talents with social work and targeted poverty alleviation skills to advance rural poverty alleviation in Sichuan<sup>[15]</sup>.

## 6 Conclusion

In summary, the involvement of social work in Sichuan Province in targeted poverty alleviation is of great value in promoting poverty alleviation in Sichuan. Then, the implementation of poverty alleviation in terms of awareness of poverty alleviation, poverty alleviation actions, etc., and the ways and methods of more social work in targeted poverty alleviation are also equally important. Thus, it is encouraged that we continue our research further.

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