# Take advantage of demographic dividend opportunities to Achieve Health Poverty Alleviation Goal in China:

## Achievements, Gaps, and Future Policy Orientations

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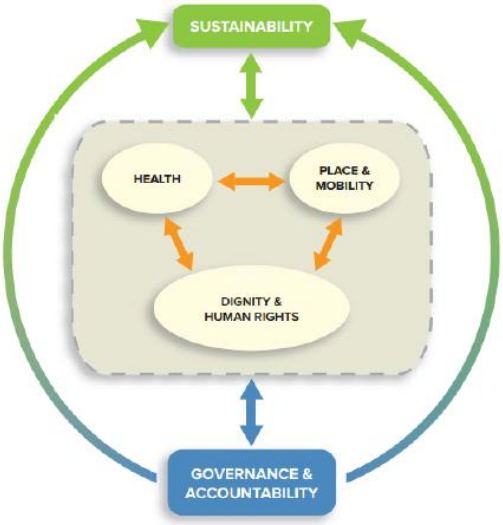
## Sustainable development and SDGs

A consensus of 17 Goals and 169 targets by the 193 Member States of the United Nations

## ICPD PoA and SDGs

- World leaders in September 2014
  - Re-affirmed their commitment to the Programme of Action of ICPD
  - Agreed on a framework of actions to address the unfinished agenda of the ICPD PoA and promote rights, health and dignity for all

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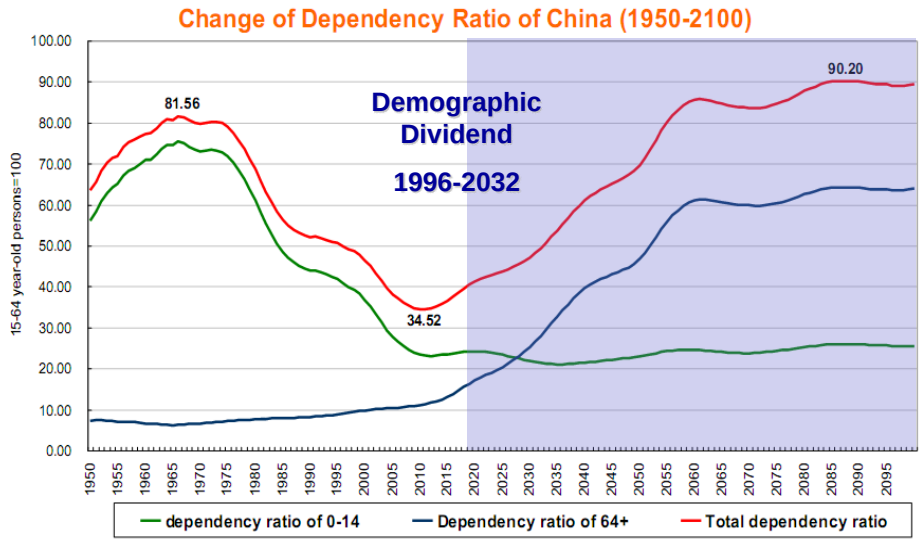
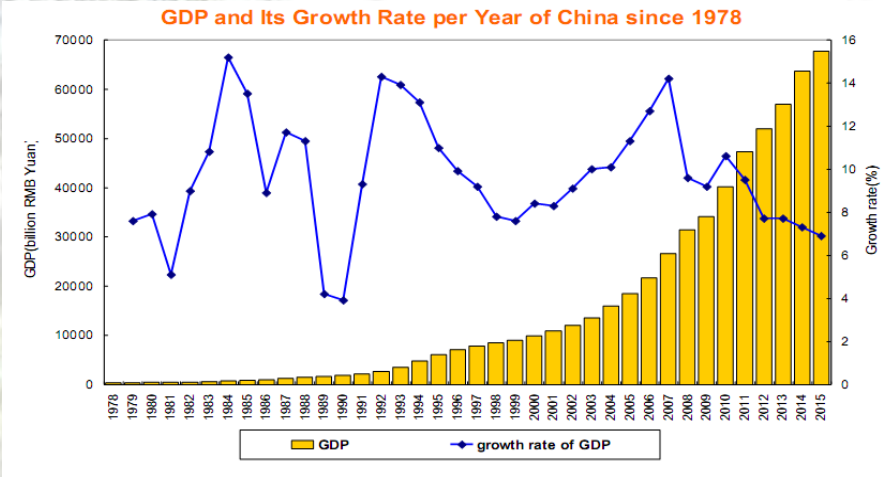
# 1 Background




Source: Population Division of Department of Economic and Social Affairs of UN (2015), *World Population prospects: the 2015 Revision*,

Economic micrale accompanied with economic reform policy and demographic dividend together



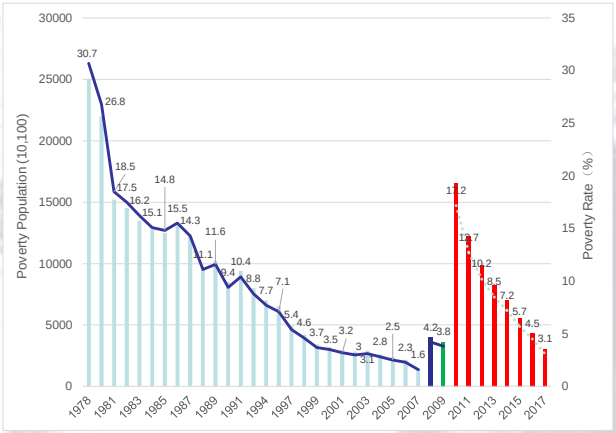

Source: SSB(2015), *China Statistic Yearbook'2015*

Note: data are calculated at current prices

## Rapid economic development created an good chance to advance poverty allievation goal during same period

- There is a remarkable reduction in poverty since economic reform
- More than 220 millions of rural people was lifted out absolute poverty within one generation
- China is the first developing country to achieve the MDG Poverty Reduction Target

**Change of Poverty Status in Rural China since 1978**




## The evolution of governance of poverty alleviation in China

Approaches to Poverty Alleviation since 1980s

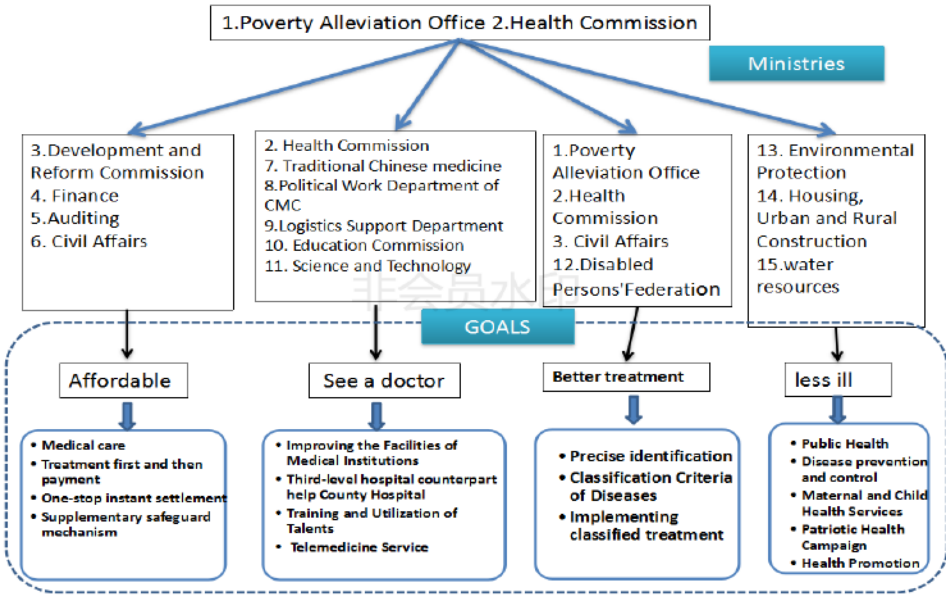
Relief-oriented → work for relief-oriented → Comprehensive -oriented

- However, there are still 16.6 million people (1.7% poverty rate) in 2018 who were below the poverty line in rural China
- It will be a big challenge to realize the proverty alleviation goal (better-off society) in 2020 to get rid of the absolute poverty
- It will also be a good strategy to take full use of the demographic dividend opportunities to achieve the poverty alleviation goal.
- Therefore, health poverty alleviation strategy was included into the action plan of poverty reduction governance

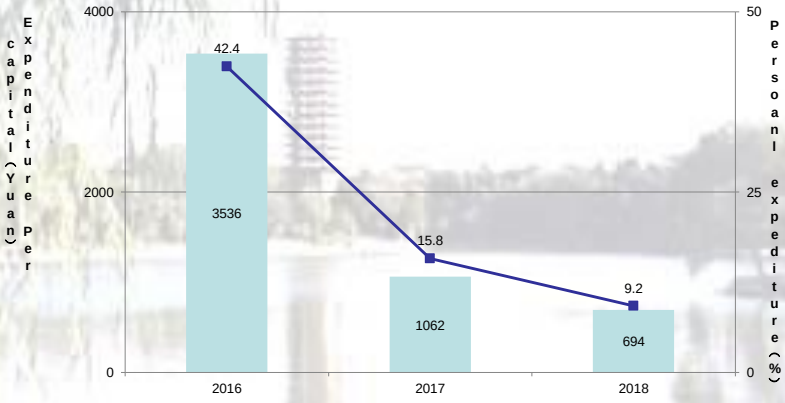
## 2 Major achievements of health poverty alleviation

- Attaching great importance to health and poverty alleviation and coordinating with departments at all levels
- Accurate identification of poverty-causing and disease-returning poor population and comprehensive promotion of classified treatment
- Strictly Controlling Medical Expenses of Poor Population and Improve Policy Guarantee Level
- Guiding high-quality resources to accelerate the sinking and improving the ability of medical and health services in poverty-stricken areas
- Improving the awareness of disease prevention and control among poor people and promoting public health construction in poor areas

## Top-level Framework for Health Poverty Alleviation in China




## Changes of amount and % of individual expenditures since 2016



## 3 Key Gaps of health poverty alleviation

- There is an urgent call to take full use of demographic dividend opportunities to advance the health poverty alleviation goal since it is only one decade that will last
- It is difficult to unify "quality" and "quantity" in health poverty alleviation
- The stable financing system has not yet been formed and the medical security policy for the poor can be maintained
- The ability of grass-roots medical service in poor areas is still weak, and talent has become the bottleneck of development
- The health literacy of the poor needs to be improved urgently, and the health management pattern with prevention as the main factor has not yet been formed

## 4 Future policy orientations

- Make full use of  demographic dividend to achieve the poverty alleviation goal, in particular the health poverty alleviation.
- Establish the concept of big health and promote the construction of healthy countryside
- Perfect Top-level Design and Establishing Long-term Guarantee Mechanism
- Strengthen Grass-roots Forces and Improve Health and Medical Service Ability
- Accurate Policy Implementing and Focusing on Health Poverty Alleviation in Deep Poverty-stricken Areas
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