



## Completion Report

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Reporting Period: November 2017 – March 2018

### Mountain Rain Reservoir - China

**Budget:** \$18,300 – fully funded!

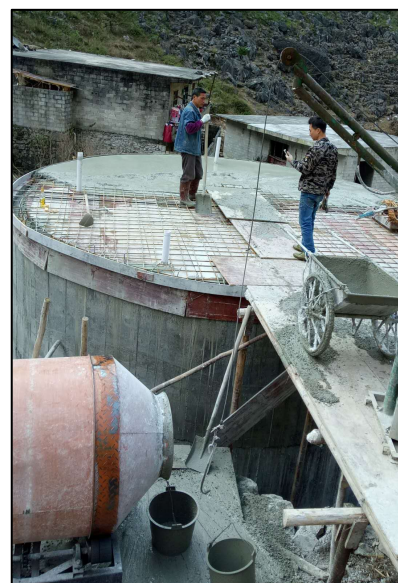
**Update:**

This project is in the mountainous region of Guangxi Province where our partners work with the Zhuang and Yao ethnic minority groups. It is an area where the land is 90% rock with only 10% land suitable for farming. It has huge limestone karsts that make for dramatic scenery but provide difficult living conditions for the villagers who live off the land earning a meagre \$150 per year on average. Water collection in this area is a problem. During winter and spring there is not enough rainfall for survival and agricultural needs and when relief comes in summer and autumn it is often too quick and bringing floods and disaster to the valley areas where the people cultivate the land. To help counter this up and down survival this project allowed the local villagers to work together to construct a 100 m<sup>2</sup> reservoir which encouraged ownership and a strong sense of team work to help their own community.

Work began in November 2017 and the project hand-over was completed on 10 March 2018 with a short ceremony to mark this important occasion. They also plan to have another ceremony once the rains start. The villagers provided casual labour in moving the rocks and building materials from the quarry site to the building site.

Our partners report, *“Other reservoirs are in the area and so the villagers have been trained in how to care and maintain the tank. A village committee has been formed to look after the maintenance of the reservoir. It will enable them to get through the summer with clean, accessible water.”*

*The reservoir under construction.*



In particular this project has helped the women who are assigned the duty of coming down to the valleys in search of water from the underground streams every day. During the peak drought period, the rivers dry up completely. They start their journey at 5 am and carry two full buckets slung on a pole back up the mountains. Half often spills out enroute due to the mountainous terrain and rough tracks. This is carried out twice daily leaving little time for chores and agricultural work and is back-breaking work. Thanks to the new reservoir, they now have more time for other duties and farming, and health has improved as more water is available for drinking and washing needs.

Our partners said, *“Villagers will not need to buy water during the summer months, saving money for other needs like food and education. This is a wonderful blessing.”*

*Mrs Wei and her family now have access to clean water nearby.*