
***Opportunistic Infections:
The Governance of HIV/AIDS in China
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PROBLEM STATEMENT and METHODS

This project explores unequal access to health care services in two rural communities in Henan Province, and the implications these disparities have for broader rural health care reform in China. In particular, I will focus on the Four Frees and One Care policy for people living with HIV/AIDS, examining the implementation of this policy and the impact it has on rural communities.

I will be volunteering with Beijing Loving Source, a local non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Beijing with a field office in Henan Province. From the base in Beijing, I will travel to rural communities in Henan every other month. I will employ ethnographic methods and archival research to investigate how individuals infected with HIV/AIDS use health care in the rural areas, the accessibility of these services, disparities in access between these two populations, and the challenges in using health care services as experienced by the communities.