



Situation in **China**: What you need to know about the PIP-Law

What is the situation?

In November 2021, the government of the People's Republic of China enacted a new "Personal Information Protection Law" (PIP-Law). According to this law, data of Chinese citizens may not be stored outside the country.

This particularly applies to sensitive data, such as information on children under the age of 14. Transferring or sharing this data outside China is subject to a data security check and special permission from the relevant authorities.

Sponsorship projects haven't been suspended, as project implementation doesn't relate to sensitive data collection and transmission.

The current status

The local government of the areas where Plan operates has asked us to suspend the collection of data for the annual progress reports for the time being. Implementation is expected to resume once the detailed guidelines of the PIP-Law have been introduced. This will ensure that all our activities comply with the new law.

Plan is working closely with lawyers and the relevant government departments to obtain special permission to collect, store and transfer this data outside of China. In the meantime, we continue Plan projects and programmes with children, youth and communities.

99 Girls' Education and Transition (GET) Project is my favorite. It offers training and support services to 12-16-year-old adolescents and equip them with life skills. The project provides continuous support and influence for youth in school and also cultivates the capacity of teachers and social workers to serve young people.

– Xiaoxiao, Plan Staff Member, Yunnan



Families of Sponsored Children affected:

11,536

What has been Plan's reaction?

Plan is working to positively impact the sponsored communities we work in and to benefit children, adolescents and young people.

In the past few months, the Plan International China team has been responding to the situation in a variety of ways. We are engaged in legal consultations to find the best way to get the permission needed for resuming the data collection-related work.

The management team has been negotiating with partners, proposing innovative sponsorship options, and discussing relevant issues with other non-profit organisations. Throughout the entire process, Plan maintains communication with local government partners.

Above all, we are working together with partners to ensure the children and families are still able to access projects and programmes.

Are sponsor letters reaching the affected areas?

No, not at this time. Due to the strict implementation of the PIP-Law, sponsored children are not able to receive letters.

We understand how happy children and sponsors are to receive and send correspondence, so we can understand that this news is disappointing. We will send you up-to-date information as the situation changes.



Child participating in a barrier-free creative activity in Shaanxi.



Thank you for your continued trust and support. We continue to work hard to create opportunities and possibilities for children in the community. We will work closely still with all parties to promote the development of the community and create a more beautiful and harmonious environment for children to grow up.

– Ren, Programme Area Manager, Yunnan



(Ren, Yunnan's Programme Area Manager)

What are Plan's focus areas?

The Plan China Team is making every effort to ensure that projects are implemented as planned, empowering children and their families in areas of:



Early Childhood Development



Child Protection



Education



Youth Employment