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CHINESE TAKES A NEW APPROACH TO FAMILY PLANNING

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NARRATION

STREET SCENE

16 ½ China, with 1.3 billion people, is striving to keep its population under 1.4 billion by 2010. The key to achieving this goal hinges on the ability to change the attitudes of couples, particularly those living in rural regions, towards family planning.

VILLAGE

7" Shanzukou village in Hainan in southern China is home to over 200 Li ethnic minority families.

LI AT CLINIC

10" Li Hui Hong, a family planning health worker in the village for thirteen years, said women here once sceptical of family planning, have now become more open.

LI ON CAMERA

9" LI HUI HONG (in Chinese/WOMAN)
"When we first came to visit the village, people didn't like us at all. They perceived us as representing the authorities. As soon as they saw us, they all ran away and hid. "

C/A LI WALKING

3" "...but now it's different. Villagers are happy to see us."

LI GREETED BY COUPLES AT HOME	<p>22” <u>NARRATION</u></p> <p>The change in people’s attitude is largely due to a new approach to family planning, In 2003, when a system of annual birth quotas for villages was abolished, officials gave a new goal to family planning workers. Instead of being concerned with imposing birth targets, meeting clients’ needs was to become the top priority.</p>
LI GIVING OUT BROCHURES/SHOWING GREEN LETTERS	<p>8” This approach is supported by the UN Population Fund, UNFPA. The goal is to help people make informed choices.</p>
SIRI AT WORK	<p>3” Siri Tellier is the UNFPA Representative in China.</p>
SIRI ON CAMERA	<p><u>SIRI TELLIER</u> (English)</p> <p>8” “By providing better services, people will voluntarily choose to have fewer children rather than that being imposed on them.”</p>
MOBILE CLINIC	<p><u>NARRATION</u></p> <p>13” A mobile clinic now visits the village regularly offering free reproductive health services. Information and contraceptive choices are available at no charge to help couples plan their families.</p>
LU WITH NURSE AT SONOGRAM	<p>10” For the first time, villagers have easy access to prenatal services. A nurse told Lu Li Ping, now eight and a half months pregnant with her first child, that she would need a caesarean.</p>

NURSE SPEAKING	<p><u>NURSE</u> (in Chinese/WOMAN)</p> <p>6.5” “The baby’s head hasn’t turned around yet. But don’t worry. Now medical technology is advanced, and we can give you a caesarean.”</p>
LI AND FP LEAVING HOME	<p><u>NARRATION</u></p> <p>5” The same afternoon, a vehicle is arranged to take Lu to the hospital for further examination.</p>
LI GETTING INTO VEHICLE/ LU ARRIVING HOSPITAL	<p>10” Women like Lu now have more control over their reproductive decisions. They no longer need to wait for official authorization to have a baby, as required in the old system.</p>
LU ON CAMERA	<p><u>LU</u> (in Chinese/WOMAN)</p> <p>7” “It’s good. We have freedom. The new regulations allow us to have children any time we want. We have choices.”</p>
FAMILY PREPARING LUNCH	<p><u>NARRATION</u></p> <p>18” The choices have extended to couples who can have more children. In 2004, Hainan officials lifted the birth spacing requirement. Ethnic minority families who, under Chinese law, can have three children if the first two are girls, are no longer required to wait four years between birth.</p>
MAYOR WALKING	<p>4” Mayor Lu Wen Liang said villagers are extremely happy about the new rule.</p>
MAYOR ON CAMERA	<p><u>MAYOR LU WEN LIANG</u> (IN CHINESE/MAN)</p> <p>8” “They can have children any time. They can have</p>

one following right after another. No one would oppose them anymore.”

NARRATION

FP WEIGHING BOY IN
CENTRE

12” The Hainan model has now been adopted by over 800 counties across China. How to prevent a higher birth rate while protecting people’s reproductive rights is one of the tough challenges facing China.

HU WALKING

6” Deputy Director of the Hainan Population and Family Planning Bureau Hu Da Ji is hopeful...

HU DA JI (IN CHINESE/MAN)

HU ON CAMERA

14.5” “In countries such as Japan and Korea, following their economic development, many people preferred to have smaller families. As our economy continues to improve, we will see more people changing their traditional views on family size and family planning.”

NARRATION

FAMILY PLANNER LI
COUNSELLING COUPLES IN
HOME/COUPLES THRASHING
RICE

20” In Shanzukou village, couples now welcome family planning services. By committing health workers to reach out to villagers with the best services to help women make informed choices, China has taken an important step forward in its effort to achieve its demographic goal while protecting individual rights and choices.

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