



China is aiming to ensure that all its rural residents are living above the poverty line by 2020. As of the end of 2015, 55.75 million rural Chinese were living below the line, meaning they had a per capita net income of less than 2,800 yuan (430 US dollars) a year.

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MORE QUALIFIED FOR PUBLIC FUNDRAISING

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Currently, only a handful of charities are allowed to raise money from whoever they like, while the others are restricted to drawing on specific groups of donors.

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The bill says legally-registered charities that have been operating for at least two years will be able to apply to the civil affairs department to be allowed to raise funds from the general public.

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Recognizing that Internet fundraising has been widely used but also widely subject to fraud, the bill requires charities to post clear information either on government-designated websites or on their own.

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Groups or individuals raising funds from the public without a license will have to return the donation and may face a fine of up to 100,000 yuan, according to the bill.

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HIGHER TRANSPARENCY, FEWER SCANDALS

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The reputation of Chinese charities took a hit in 2011 when a woman claiming to manage an organization under the Red Cross Society of China used social media to flaunt her wealth and extravagant lifestyle.

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The public has been calling for more transparency and tighter internal management of charities ever since.

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In response, the bill says charities must publish their articles of association and information on their executives and supervisory bodies. They should also give annual reports complete with financial statements, details of projects launched as well as staff pay and benefits.



