

# *The Social Integration and Support of the Rural Floating Population*

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**Abstract**—With the deepening of reform and opening-up and the establishment of the socialist of market economic system, plenty of rural surplus labor forces have moved from countryside to city. Rural floating population makes a great contribution to the construction of cities and the development of economy, and they are becoming an indispensable group of city life and construction. But, this kind of group has not been integrated into cities in reality and at the edge of the cities. Therefore, in order to change the living condition of rural floating population, improve their social status, make them integrated into the city society quickly, it is with great significance to establish a social support system which include government, community, non-governmental organizations and rural floating population themselves.

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## I. THE PROBLEM

In China, since the middle of 1980s, with the deepening of reform and opening-up and the establishment of the socialist of market economic system, the original and rigid dual social and economic system is breaking. The rural population goes out and find non-farm jobs, this has become a significant social economic phenomenon. It not only changed urban and rural dual structure widely, but also caused the change of the social class structure. The statistic shows that, as of 2003, the number of rural floating population who come into cities to find jobs has been 160 million. Rural floating population is a group of powerhouse in city development; they undertake the most of construction of infrastructure, manufacture and service industry, some dirty, heavy and tired work, they make a great contribution to instruction of cities and development of economy, and they are becoming an indispensable group. The appearances of great number of rural floating population cause to the problem of it have more and more attention in the society.

The reality shows that, rural floating population is being in an awkward state in common. Though they live in cities, in other aspects, rural floating population cannot integrate into cities smoothly and in the edge of cities, not being real “citizen” and show apparent shortcomings in social integration. While lack of social integration may bring direct social risk as for social safety and stabilization. Therefore, it is with great significance in eliminating rejection, realizing fairness, improving the social integration of rural floating population as for themselves or social harmony and stability of our country.

In this practical background, the social integration of rural floating population and social support come into the view of academic research gradually, and obtain the attention of government and general public day by day. Based on this, changing the present state of rural floating population, enhancing their social status, making them integrated into the society rapidly, these not only influence the problem of fairness of rural floating population, but also The inevitable requirement of modernization development in our country, so that, establishing network which aims at rural floating population is particularly important and urgent.

## II. SOCIAL SUPPORT

“Social support” was introduced and used for the spirit of etiology in 1970s firstly, as to research the relation between social support and the physical and mental health, and then, it was used by sociology and psychology widely. But, until now, in regard to social support has not had a clear definition and unity. In the existing social scientific literature, the understanding for social support can be divided into two parts: one is that it comes from outside support, including direct material support and the existing and participation of social network, group relationship, “it is summarized that people live in the family, friend and social organizations which can satisfy their social, physiological and psychological needs”; the other is emotional support, that is , individual is respected, supported, understood and come into being emotional experience and satisfaction.

In the context of sociology, social support means that some social networks use certain methods of material and spirit to a kind of society to help free the weak selective social behavior. On the understanding of social support, we can divide it into three aspects, the subject of social support, the object of social support and the copula of social support.

The subject of social support is also the problem of who carries forward social support. Chen Chengwen said that the subject of social support is named social support network. Social support network concludes individual, group and country. While, according to different subjects, it can divide into three forms or levels: individual support, group support and country support. Because the government is the entity of the country, is representative organ, country support is also called government support. This makes people grasp the overall structure of the social support correctly. The object of social support is the problem of supporting someone or the

object of social support. There is no doubt that the object of social support are the vulnerable groups in the society, they are in the inferior position on occupying resources, they need support and help from country, society, group, individual and so on. The copula of social support is the appearance of social support, that is to say, the methods and forms of social support are used for vulnerable groups which conclude two parts: material support and spiritual support.

Based on the above understanding of social support, this paper talks about the problem of social support in rural floating population that comes from the view of the subject of social support. Therefore, as for the social support network is also concluded the support of country (government), group and individual.

### III. BUILDING THE SOCIAL SUPPORT SYSTEM OF RURAL FLOATING POPULATION SOCIAL INTEGRATION

The social integration proceed of rural floating population entering in cities is a bidirectional interaction proceed for as the main body of the rural floating population and as the object of the social environment. Then, the quality of integration, on the one hand, it depends on as the vulnerable groups rural floating population integrate into cities forwardly or not; on the other hand, it depends on social environment decreasing social exclusion maximize or not, provides sufficient support system to improve integration for vulnerable groups. These social support systems include macro level of social policy, main medium level of market economy (enterprise) and micro level of personal relationship network.

#### A. Government Support

"The government supports for vulnerable groups, it mainly reflected in social management of government who formulate the social policy, and all social members enjoy the benefit and welfare outcomes fairly." Therefore, the government supports for rural floating population express that making fair social policy and enjoying social development achievements. In the process of government formulating policy, it should make sure the fairness. The system of fairness means that in the regulatory framework "make sure that between different environment and different talent enjoy one fair right." This kind of fairness should be carried out in household registration, employment, employment security and other relevant policies. The government support for rural floating population mainly manifested in the following respects:

##### 1) Change urban and rural household registration system:

For a long time, household registration system has become the identity label of citizen or rural people. Because of different household registration, economic resources, social resources and cultural resources are also different. That includes that owe to the identity of "farmer" rural floating population cannot obtain the same social security resources, even though, they will meet unemployment, occupational injury, illness and other danger. Therefore, should be speeding up the urbanization process of our country, attracting more people to cities, reforming urban and rural apart household registration gradually, eliminating rural floating population unfairness of different household registration. Of course, the change of

household registration will not be quick, it needs to do from the view of whole situation, consider the condition, reform gradually toward the country. It is more important that the reform of household registration, carrying out new household registration policy, changing rights and resources which attached to the identity, if this point cannot change in reality, "the same household registration" has no sense.

##### 2) Eliminate policy employment discrimination, building fair employment system:

In order to make rural floating population come into city to work smoothly, live in city, it should change traditional employment discrimination policy, in the basis of changing the policy of the household registration, building fair employment system. Fair employment policy concludes some details as follow:

Firstly, creating equal employment opportunity. The government uses the power of policy to create equal employment opportunity between rural floating population and citizens, provide equal employment rights to rural floating population.

Secondly, employment service is equal to employment treatment. With the modern administration concept changing from "management of government" to "service government", the service function of government is more and more apparent. Providing harmony employ environment to rural floating population is the duty of the government. The government should decrease troubles and resistances for rural floating population in employment. City public security, taxation, industry and commerce, sanitation, traffic management and other government administration should regulate the fee and management to rural floating population. In the same time, realize fair employment treatment. The government should carry out relevant policy to secure them basic wages and provide them fair treatment in employment. Building the minimum wage system and doing "equal pay for equal work" in reality.

Thirdly, building fair employment security system. The government should carry out relevant measures for administration, secure the safety of rural floating population. The government should make a clear regulation, for example, employer should sign labor contracts with labors and provide stable jobs and cannot alter contexts, stop it or fire employers freely, though employers are fired legally, they should have some compensation and force employers to do, and rural floating population can obtain labor employment security in reality.

##### 3) Establishing a social security system to meet the needs of rural floating population:

Today, because of the exclusion of the system, social security system towards the rural floating population still remains absent. It is imperative to establish a social security system which is in line with the needs of rural floating population. The specific approach is to take the classification of levels of security methods. The stratification here is based on the specific circumstances of the rural floating population and divided into different categories. At present, according to the basic situation of our country, there are three different types:

the first is the long-term retention type, which means the floating population that work in the city for many years and in the future still want to live in the city; the second is the "migratory bird type", namely the population that work outside during the slack season and come home when it comes to the busy farming; the third is living in the cities for a short term but will come back home in the future. In the above three types, the most badly in the need of protection is the first. From the specific content of the security point of view, in turn it should include work-related injuries, seriously medical care, unemployment, the minimum living security, pension, etc. Social security for the rural floating population is a kind of survival guarantee. Beyond the basic survival, there can be other support measures.

#### *4) Establishing a fair policy to improve the education level of rural floating population children:*

The children of the rural floating population have the same rights to receive education. However, the education of children of floating population in rural areas is not optimistic at present. They stay at home or follow their parents to come to the city, especially the children who come to the city with the parents. They are blocked in the outside of the formal school; get the unequal rights to receive education because of registered permanent residence, school choice fees and other strict requirements. Some local departments also start schools for migrant workers; however, there are serious problems in educational level and management. Therefore, the government must introduce relevant policies and regulations, proving equal rights to receive education for the rural children as same as the urban children. It is the responsibility of the government to give compulsory education to the children of floating population in rural areas. At the same time, we must constantly improve and reform the education system and regulations and make national policies and regulations to be implemented. Establish the relatively perfect compulsory education management system and guarantee fund investment and operation mechanism. Otherwise, the education of children of floating population in rural areas will fall through and make a negative impact on their growth.

#### *B. Community Support*

As China is gradually declining unit system, the community is becoming an important aspect of people to seek support. Community support network is gradually being established, the role they play is also growing. Nowadays, people generally not to find units for help when encounter difficulties in social life but community. [7] However, for rural migrants, we say that they get from the community's support and assistance is still very limited. Although the rural migrants from rural to urban space, they have not really integrated into the urban community. At the same time, the community for their acceptance is not enough while did not put them into the urban community social support network among the rescue. Therefore, it should gradually bring rural migrants into the urban community social support network within the scope of assistance to help migrant solve practical problems of personal security, social security, protect the legitimate rights and interests, Rush, housing and schooling of children and other mainly includes the rural flow population really enjoy more public services, social welfare.

Thus, rural migrants will be able to gradually establish their community consciousness, sense of collaboration, and constantly enhance their sense of belonging and a sense of ownership, promote the integration of the community.

#### *C. Organization and Unit Support*

"Organizations and units" and other titles tend to be city people's innate superiority and privilege for systems, structures and other aspects of migrant rural laborers, the unit just their place of work only. They did not get the same treatment like the city social welfare and services from units or enterprises there, but sometimes they become against the interests of the party. Many studies have shown that re-employment of rural migrants, respect labor remuneration, social welfare and living conditions, etc., are often discriminated against by some of the units, their legitimate rights and interests are often compromised. Even in order to ensure re-employment of laid-off urban workers and the situation will be shut out of the rural labor force. Enterprises (units) in support of rural migrants provide is very limited. Therefore, we should increase the enterprises (units) social support for rural migrants, it is also very important. Unit plays an important role in the social support system for rural migrants. First, the employer should strictly implement the state has adopted various regulations and policies, the elimination of discrimination in employment of rural migrants, while enterprises should be rural migrants "home" to become the protector of their interests and welfare providers. In addition to companies in the material should be more support and assistance to rural migrants, we must also provide them with spiritual support, the organization of cultural life, for them to create a healthy living environment, changing their loneliness in urban society sense and the sense of exclusion, thereby reducing the incidence of all kinds of deviant behavior.

#### *D. Non-governmental Organization Support*

Social support for rural migrants, in addition to support from the governments, organizations, and other aspects of the lack of external units, and from the support of civil society also showed extremely fragile. Civil society is also known as non-governmental organizations or non-profit organizations, third sector. By definition, it refers to the supply of products as the main orientation of quasi-public not for profit as the main objective, not mandatory, and the implementation of voluntary autonomous operation, independent of the government and private sectors, non-governmental organizations. [8] After the 1990s, with the orientation of reform and market-oriented reform of government functions, ranging from a large number of civil society organizations the government, enterprises and gradually developed on the outside. The presence of a large number of community organizations, to a certain extent on the commitment of the government or corporate spin-off of some, such as rural migrants' skills training, rights protection and other aspects of function, played an indispensable role. But generally speaking, China is still relatively weak organization of civil power, therefore, need to vigorously support, a clear social status of civil society organizations from the policy / legal, regulate and promote the development of civil society organizations to provide more social mobility for the rural population stand by.

#### E. Rural Floating Population Self Support

In addition, the rural community to support the floating population of rural migrants their support is indispensable. This support showed an association that supports a personal level. Compared with other social support, which is also supported by rural migrants often get the most readily available. As mentioned earlier, rural migrants living in the city, in the face of difficulties and risks, the first thought is his recourse relatives or fellow friends. This is when we should reflect on the place. In rural migrants here, and enterprises, and support from all levels of the State (Government), social organizations are much weaker, so they live in the city difficult. Support from relatives and friends that obtained in spite of very weak and limited, but that is the most direct backing can be found. Meanwhile, rural migrants should adopt a positive attitude to actively adapt to city life, the early integration into urban society.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

In reality, social integration is an ideal state of rural floating population who living in cities. The process of social integration will continue constantly. In fact, a great number rural floating population move between cities and countryside, they hesitate and wander, however, a part of urbanization process in China is the integration of rural floating population and cities. As far, China and every grade government are carrying out some measures and the policy of guaranteeing

rural floating population; these are good for social integration. But, this kind of group has not integrated into cities in reality and still lived in the edge of cities. Therefore, in order to change their living condition, improve their social state and be the same group as citizens as soon as possible, it is with great significance to build social support system which includes governments, communities, non-governmental organizations and rural floating population themselves.

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