Bridging the urban-rural divide?
A case study on rural land transition in Sichuan Province, China

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Abstract
Rising concern over urban - rural economic disparity in China in the early 2000s spurred a series of policy initiatives to increase rural people's quality of life. A recently launched Rural Land Transition Program in Sichuan Province promotes processes of urbanization and aims to increase land-use efficiency and increase rural incomes by consolidating fragmented land plots. In this paper we examine the case of the Renshou Village land transition pilot project. Results of our evaluation suggest that the goals of achieving greater economies of scale in agricultural production and increasing rural incomes via urbanization have been a mixed success.

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