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Poverty as an Economic Asset. China's Fight against Poverty in Eastern Tibet



“China completed its fight against poverty in 2020.” This is being proclaimed by the government of the PRC. The official claims supported by statistical data, however, differ quite significantly from the reality. The government programmes to alleviate poverty and “modernise” the countryside set on one-way top-down implementation procedure and overwhelmed the rural population with diverse material and financial subsidies and supports. With the extending time of state assistance to rural population the subsidy investments from the state are reaching unbearable amounts, while many households are still unable to establish alternative sustainable livelihoods.



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