

Hope in a changing climate

Loess Plateau's success: The Wang Family

I remember when I was a kid, the water would terribly off the slopes. Now that the trees have grown, this doesn't happen any more. Before the soil was very poor. It was difficult to grow anything on it. The land we used to cultivate was large, but it produced little. Now we have less land, but it produces more. So things have improved. In the beginning, I didn't think much of the project. I was only a few years old, so I didn't think that much. I was a bit afraid.

Now we eat noodles and rice. Life has improved. Before, the best we had was millet. When conditions were bad, we did not even have millet.

Before, we hardly had anything to eat or wear. Life was really difficult. It's much better now. Now we eat well and dress better. Conditions have really improved.

Our standard of living has clearly increased. Our revenues are much higher than before. Now everything is much greener than before. It's much better. Before everything was so barren, there was nothing. Now it's green.