

People’s Republic of China-Key Figures Highlights

This document aims to provide a brief overview of the most salient features of China’s national cooperative landscape.

China has the following six ICA member organisations:

| Organisation | Website |
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| All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives (ACFSMC) | www.chinacoop.com |
| All China Federation of Handicraft and Industrial Cooperatives (ACFHIC) | http://www.cnlic.org.cn/ |
| International Committee for the Promotion of Chinese Industrial Cooperatives (ICCIC) | http://www.gungho.org.cn/en-index.php |
| Heilongjiang Guhe Cooperative Association (GUHE) | http://www.guhegroup.cn/en/index.php/article/index?id=28 |
| Jiangsu Supply and Marketing General Cooperative (JSMGC) | http://gxhzzs.jiangsu.gov.cn/index.html |
| Fujian Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperative (Fujian Coop) | www.fjcoop.org.cn |

Table 1: ICA members in China

Cooperatives in China are present in diverse sectors including handicrafts, rural credit, agricultural, renewable resources, supply and marketing, retail, and e-commerce, among others.

Public national statistics on cooperatives in China are currently unavailable. Majority of the cooperatives in China can be found in the agricultural sector and comprise of supply and marketing cooperatives (SMCs). In 2019, 95% of the towns and villages in China had primary supply and marketing cooperatives. While ACFSMC is the apex organisation for SMCs it does not represent all cooperatives in China. For the purpose of the Mapping report, we have taken cooperative statistics of ACFSMC for 2017 to be representational of the national context in China. Cooperatives are widely spread out in China and found across four levels- village, county, city and provincial.

NUMBER OF COOPERATIVES

In 2017, there were 30,281 primary SMCs (village-level), 2,402 country-level federations of SMCs, 342 city-level federations of SMCs, 32 provincial-level federations of SMCs, 21,852 cooperative enterprises and 280 cooperative institutes represented by ACFSMC.

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

In 2017, there were 3.4 million employees in all SMCs represented by ACFSMC.

These figures are further developed and broken down in the complete report, available online on the #coops4dev website.