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### **Research Statement**

#### ***Comparison Analysis -Religious Non-governmental Organizations in the wake of the 2008 Wenchuan Earthquake***

Under the global impacts of public service revolution, Chinese policy makers have reconsidered the roles of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in public service that seem to result in a shift from its exclusive attitude to an encouraging one towards NGOs with religious backgrounds in public service. Usually, the Chinese government is the main support for the integration and provision of relief aid in post-disaster restoration and reconstruction work. 2008 witnessed an unprecedented emergence of various types of NGOs involved in the earthquake relief, including religious ones. Religious NGOs (RNGOs), such as the Amity Foundation, World Vision and the Ciji Foundation which have had previous engagements in public welfare in China showed potential and capacity by acting in a supplemental role to the government in disaster recovery. However, when compared to other non-religious NGOs, it showed that these other organizations were less efficient than these three ones. This research paper therefore seeks to explore the reasons behind these differences to introduce the relations of the CCP and RNGOs in China, from a new perspective.