

Press release

**World Vision Việt Nam distributed a US\$ 10,141 - worth emergency aid package to quarantined groups in Nậm Pồ District, Điện Biên Province due to the COVID-19 pandemic**

**Điện Biên, 28 May 2021** - To timely assist Điện Biên Province in responding to the COVID-19 impact, this afternoon (28 May 2021), World Vision Việt Nam, in collaboration with Điện Biên Department of Foreign Affairs, distributed a US\$ 10,141 - worth emergency aid package to 1,523 people from the F1 group, medical staff, and frontline forces from 12 quarantine areas in Si Pa Phin Commune, Nậm Pồ District.



*Photo 1: Representatives of World Vision Việt Nam and the Department of Foreign Affairs of Điện Biên Province at the handover ceremony*

Specifically, this emergency aid package has two main components: One contains essential commodities, such as drinking water, milk and canned fish/meat to ensure appropriate nutrition for 1,268 F1 in 12 concentrated quarantine areas. The other includes medical supplies with protective bodysuits, antiseptic water, and masks to best protect 255 doctors and frontline workers from any potential infection of the virus.

“COVID-19 has brought a serious economic, health and mental impact on people, especially for children of ethnic minorities. World Vision Việt Nam hopes that this aid package will contribute to addressing people’s most urgent needs in concentrated quarantine areas,” said Đặng Văn Bài – Zonal Manager for Điện Biên and Hoà Bình Province, World Vision Việt Nam.

This aid package is part of World Vision Viet Nam's COVID-19 national response and recovery program. Up to now, more than US\$ 800,000 has been disbursed to repair the damages caused by the COVID-19 pandemic on people's lives in World Vision Vietnam's project sites nationwide.



*Photo 2: Nguyễn Xuân An – Manager of Tùa Chùa and Mường Chà Area Programs, World Vision Việt Nam and Điều Bình Dương – Specialist, Department of Mass Mobilization of Nậm Pồ District*

Nậm Pồ is the poorest district of Việt Nam, where transportation is extremely difficult, medical conditions are poor, and the market is underdeveloped. The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly reduced food and medical supplies in the district. Up to now, Nậm Pồ District has recorded 44 cases of COVID-19 (out of a total of 60 infections in Điện Biên Province). These cases were linked to schools, putting 1,268 people in the F1 category, of which 897 are children.

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**About World Vision Việt Nam:**

World Vision is a Christian relief and development humanitarian organization, working to improve the quality of life of people, especially children, who are marginalized and living in poverty. World Vision helps all who are in need regardless of their religion, race, ethnicity or gender. World Vision started working in Việt Nam in 1988. Since then, World Vision has implemented many relief and development programs, partnering with the Vietnamese government, other NGOs, and communities. World Vision's long-term development programs are currently operated in 18 cities and provinces throughout Việt Nam.

World Vision Việt Nam has operated in Điện Biên Province since 2006. Up to now, with an annual budget of approximately US\$ 2 Million, the organization has Area Programs in four districts, including Điện Biên Đông, Tủa Chùa, Mường Chà, and Tuần Giáo. World Vision Việt Nam's main operation in Điện Biên Province includes improving nutrition for children under five years old, child protection, household livelihood development, community capacity building, human trafficking prevention, and in-kind supports for children and people in the project areas.

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