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VIETNAM ANNUAL REPORT

Our Impact **Update**



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Message from National Director

A life in all its fullness

Dear friends,

Being a child-focused organization and driven by our Christian faith, we constantly strive towards life in its fullness for every child, especially those born into underprivileged circumstances and marginalized by poverty. "Life in its fullness" is more than having a shelter and a full stomach, it also means having a life that is filled with care, love, hope, and life-enriching values.

With that vision in mind, we placed a strong emphasis on helping parents provide their children with good and active care. Through our nutrition clubs and intensive rehabilitation centers for malnourished children, we guided mothers and fathers in child caretaking, from diet to illnesses prevention and treatment. I was very cheerful to learn that 639 malnourished and severely malnourished children gained weight and completely escaped malnutrition in this past year.

On working towards our vision, we also continued to promote the model of children's club and life skills education. Throughout Financial Year 2019 (FY19), 20,220 children learnt about essential skills and values in life, practiced them, and gained confidence to speak about issues affecting them, be a change agent, and advocate for positive changes at various levels, from classrooms to policies.

We constantly took intentional efforts to deepen our commitment to the most vulnerable children in Vietnam. Among those

was tightening our mapping and targeting tool in order to precisely identify the most vulnerable children in the communities, fully understand their needs, and purposefully include them and their families in relevant project activities. Within FY19, we were able to reach and benefit up to 12,996 most vulnerable children across 37 Area Programs.

These are some positive results in our work to name a few. I would like to cordially invite you to continue reading more about how your faithful prayers, donations, collaboration, and support have contributed to building a life in its fullness for children in Vietnam.

Tran Thu Huyen
National Director



Our National Impact

212 000 CHILDREN
were reached.

including **12 998** MOST
VULNERABLE CHILDREN

20 220 CHILDREN

participated in actions that support ending violence against children.

52 LOCAL ADVOCACY INITIATIVES

were led by children to deliver recommendations to school and local leaders for resolving child protection issues.

53 285 ADULTS

participated in awareness raising sessions and had access to child protection information.

7 202 PARENTS

demonstrated increased knowledge in positive discipline and other child protection issues.

2 NATIONAL POLICIES were issued to strengthen child protection system with World Vision Vietnam's support.

639 CHILDREN

escaped severe malnutrition through intensive rehabilitation centers.

5 498 PREGNANT WOMEN & CAREGIVERS

with children under 2 received counselling on nutrition and infectious diseases prevention.

11 180 HOUSEHOLDS

with children under 5 built new handwashing facilities.

6 709 HOUSEHOLDS

with children under 5 built proper sanitation facilities.

281 FARMERS' GROUPS

had increased business development skills and knowledge of market linkages.

19 948 FARMERS

learnt techniques in livestock and raising crop planting,

66% of them have applied and thus improved their production.

7 683 SAVING GROUPS' MEMBERS

improved their saving capacity and had access to micro loans in times of needs.

1 019 ADOLESCENTS

received job orientation, life skill education, vocational training, and support for business startup.

3 018 HOUSEHOLDS

were supported to promote their products (organic rice, pork, chicken, coffee, honey, etc.) to a larger market at much better prices than before.

458 COMMUNITIES had their disaster preparedness plan updated.

379 904 US DOLLARS

was spent on disaster risk reduction activities, from awareness raising to disaster relief.



We are World Vision



Our Mission

World Vision is a movement of people called to improve the lives of vulnerable children around the world. We believe that a country, and a world, where all children are protected and free from extreme poverty and able to reach their full potential is possible.

We are driven by our desire to ensure that every boy and girl has what they need to grow in mind, body, and spirit. Our more than 40,000 staff work hard to empower children to live lives filled with joy, to fulfill their God-given potential and to go further than they could ever have imagined.

Guided by more than 70 years of experience and expertise, our dedicated staff employ proven, effective development and relief practices to empower communities to become self-sufficient and bring real, lasting change.

As a leading global partner, we labour alongside supporters, stakeholders, families and communities to transform lives and bring hope and, as a result, all our lives are enriched. Together, we and our partners have positively impacted the lives of more than 212,000 vulnerable children in Vietnam and 200 million vulnerable children around the world.

We are privileged to serve and work to see relationships restored and communities transformed. And, we humbly acknowledge that without the goodness of God and the generosity of donors, we would not be able to do what we do.

Our Vision

Our vision for every child, life in all its fullness,
Our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so.

Core Values

We are Christian.

We are committed to the poor.

We value people.

We are stewards.

We are partners.

We are responsive.

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Keeping Our Promise

Our strategy is a **promise to vulnerable children**. We will work relentlessly until girls and boys:

- ✦ enjoy good health and are protected from disease.
- ✦ are educated for life and enabled to fulfil their potential.
- ✦ are cared for, protected and participating.
- ✦ are loved and love others.

At the same time, we recognize that this promise cannot be completely fulfilled unless children can enjoy living in a safe environment. Yet more than one billion children - even those as young as 12 months old - are affected by violence every year.

In response to this issue, World Vision launched a five-year global campaign to end violence against children in every context that we work. In Vietnam, from 2017 to 2022, we work with government partners, international agencies, media agencies, corporates, families, schools, and children themselves to take actions in ending physical violence against children and building a safe, nurturing environment for children at home and school.

For many **boys and girls**,
the most common place where
physical violence
against children
is committed is at
home and **school**.



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Overview of priority sectors in Vietnam

Child protection

We continued to help children improve their self-protection skills, life skills, and living values through children clubs and communication events while also empowering them to voice up about child protection issues through child forums, dialogues with decision makers, and child-led advocacy initiatives. Parents and caregivers had their awareness and capacity increased in practicing positive discipline and strengthening family bonds, which enabled them to raise their children without violence.

In FY19, we signed a five-year agreement with the Ministry of Education and Training on ending physical violence against children at school. Through this agreement, we aim at achieving a safe and friendly educational environment through school-based violence prevention and behavioral change education.

Nutrition

Our nutrition intervention contributed to reducing malnutrition rate across our 35 area programs. Specifically, stunting rate reduced from 31.3 percent in 2018 to 29.2 percent in 2019, and underweight rate from 18.9 percent to 17.7 percent. In FY19, we strongly promoted our timely and targeted counselling model through home visits to increase caregivers' knowledge of nutrition and health care for children under 5. We also focused on common disease prevention through improved household water, sanitation and hygiene.

For bigger and longer lasting impact, World Vision and other seven INGOs established SUN Civil Society Alliance whose independent and credible voice will influence actions towards improved child nutrition.

Livelihoods

Household livelihoods are essential to sustaining child well-being. Therefore, vulnerable households with children were included in livelihoods intervention such as breed/seed provision, technical trainings, and trainings in producing biologically or environmentally friendly products.

Strategic partnerships were formed with private sector to develop local value chains, increase farmers' access to advanced technologies and technical support, and secure corporate buy-back agreements for farmers.

Our livelihoods and nutrition interventions were integrated to assist caregivers in securing food availability, diversifying diet, and increasing income, altogether improving their capacity for proper nutritional practices.

Humanitarian & Emergency Affairs

As one of the Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction Partnership signatories, we pledged ongoing commitment to work alongside Vietnamese government, donors, and key development actors in disaster response, relief, and advocacy.

Micro Finance

With simple procedures and a low interest rate, our Micro-Finance Program was accessible to 12,937 clients in FY19, of which 85 percent were female. Total disbursements throughout the year amounted to over 9,026,000 US dollars, improving the well-being of 21,165 children.

The loan size averages 719 US dollars per client. Ninety-four percent of the loans were for either agricultural production or small business operation. Six percent of the loans were for non-business purposes such as medication and training.

Ninety-two percent of 5,652 surveyed clients reported an increase in their family income.

Tackling Modern Slavery

In 2018, 702 potential Vietnamese trafficking victims were received by UK authorities, most of which were involved in criminal activity such as cannabis farming. In response to this issue, we are partnering with British Council and IOM in tackling modern slavery in Vietnam with the funding from the UK government.

The project is constituted of three pillars - Prevention, Prosecution, and Protection - with the overall goal of reducing individual and community vulnerabilities to modern slavery including human trafficking. Taking charge of the third pillar, we will focus on enhancing the capacity of Vietnamese government in identifying, protecting, and tailoring support to specific vulnerable groups.

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Sponsorship

In FY19, all sponsored children in our 35 area programs had the opportunities to actively participate in producing update videos and photos to share with their sponsors about the positive impact in their lives. This helped enhance the meaningful experience of one-on-one connection between sponsored children and their sponsors.

Sponsored children also enjoyed participating in their birthday parties, celebrations of international days, and many other communication events, which were the platforms to promote messages on child rights and child protection. We continuously encouraged and supported children to take lead in organizing those events in order to equip them with necessary life skills and increase their confidence.

We revised our minimum criteria in selecting registered children and thus were able to identify 709 most vulnerable children to add them into our sponsorship program.

In order to better serve our sponsored children, we conducted training in child sponsorship monitoring for community-based organization members, local officials, community volunteers, parents, and caregivers. As a result, 752 children with critical needs were identified and received timely support from World Vision, local stakeholders, and community members.

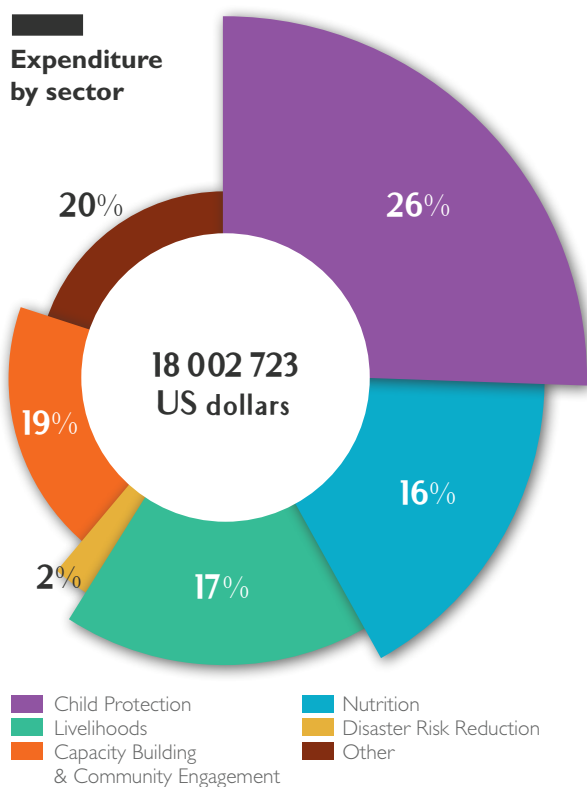
We also used the monitoring reports to address the issues facing sponsored children through our technical programs, namely child protection, nutrition, livelihoods, and disaster risk reduction. In FY19, 83 percent of 74,062 registered children had their family participate and benefit from at least three program interventions.



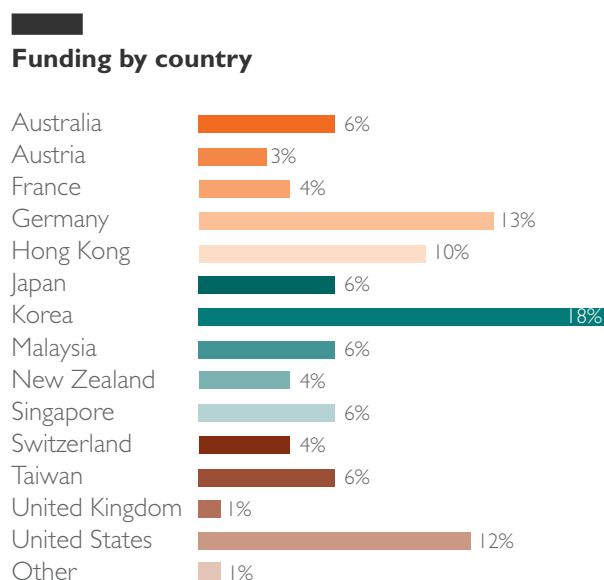
Financial Summary

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In FY19, **18 million US dollars** was invested to improve the well-being of children through World Vision Vietnam's operation of **35 Area Programs** and **6 grant projects**.



Our work is made possible thanks to the valuable grants by international funds, governments, and corporates as well as the faithful donations of individual sponsors from all over the world.



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