

**World Vision Viet Nam and World Vision Japan Launched a
New Project on "Human Trafficking Prevention for Women and Girls"
in Dien Bien Province**

Dien Bien, Vietnam — On 16 June 2020, World Vision Vietnam and World Vision Japan launched a new project to end human trafficking and violence against women and girls in Tuan Giao and Muong Cha district, Dien Bien province.

The goal of this project is to empower women and girls to protect themselves and peers from the risks of human trafficking and violence, with a special focus on strengthening their economic status.

According to the Department of Social Vices Prevention and Combat - Ministry of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs (2017), Vietnam recorded 2,596 cases of human trafficking from November 2014 to May 2016 with almost 97% of the victims being female. Many of them came from mountainous areas - border with China, of which Tuan Giao and Muong Cha districts have been assessed as high-risk locations.

“Understanding that women’s empowerment is the key to reduce the risks of violence and human trafficking, World Vision commits to help women become more autonomous and financially equipped with broadened life perspectives by joining hands with local partners in Dien Bien province to provide the project’s female participants with trainings in various areas such as livelihoods, leadership, and employability skills for manufacturing and office jobs,” stated Chigusa Ikeuchi, Specialist, World Vision Japan.

“Recognizing the signs of violence and human trafficking is the first step in stopping these heinous acts. The communities at all level will be working closely with World Vision to transform the mindset and behavior of young people and their families on what is defined as a happy and fulfilled life. By offering a community center to each village, the Project is creating a meaningful platform for all members in the communities to come together, become better informed on the issues, speak up and take action to end violence and human trafficking against women and girls,” expressed Ho A Cang, chief of Sang Long 2 village.

The Human Trafficking Prevention for Women and Girl project is funded by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the framework of the Grant Assistance for Japanese Non-governmental Organization (NGO) project. The project is expected to be implemented in three years with a budget of \$1,689,170.

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