

World Vision, China Medical University Hospital Join Hands to Provide Clean Water for Children in Thach Thanh District, Thanh Hoa Province

Thanh Hoa, January 31, 2024 – China Medical University Hospital (CMUH) collaborated with World Vision to launch a campaign aiming at bringing clean water to the communities in need in Vietnam. The campaign, titled "Sending Love Away: Providing Clean Water for Children - Medical Staffs Walk Together", will provide clean water and improve water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) practices in Thach Thanh district, Thanh Hoa province.

The press conference was held at the CMUH in Taiwan, with virtual connection to Thanh My Kindergarten in Thach Thanh district of Vietnam.

Thach Thanh, located 70km away from the provincial center, is one of the particularly difficult districts of Thanh Hoa province in the central of Vietnam. Around 40% of households drink unfiltered water, and many kindergartens and elementary schools have to provide children with drinking water without proper treatment. In addition, the local people's WASH practices are still poor. Such challenging situations have led to 20% of children under five in Thach Thanh suffering development delays.



Local people lack safe water filtrations and storage

The donation of 1 million Taiwanese dollars (equivalent to approx. VND 780,000,000) from CMUH will go to the construction of water supply systems, toilets and handwashing facilities in five targeted communes of Thach Thanh district. Communication sessions will also be implemented to improve WASH practices among local people, especially children.

The press conference was kicked off with a short film named "Walk for Love", where Mr. De-Yang, CHOU, the President of CMUH led the senior managers and employee representatives to actively participate in public welfare.



The short film "Walk for Love" called for joining hands for public welfare

"In Taiwan, there is always clean tap water available whenever you turn on the faucet. I have never realized the situation that taking several hours walking through mountains and rivers to take the water for daily use," said Mr. De-Yang, CHOU. "Lacking of water, polluted water and insufficient sanitation facilities will seriously affect food security, livelihood options, and even children's right to education in vulnerable areas. I hope that through this press conference, everyone will pay attention to the WASH issues."



Representatives from CMUH and World Vision Taiwan participated in the activity of filtering the dirty water and made it become clean, which represents the meaning of this “Sending Love Away” campaign. Also, this action symbolized providing endless love and hope for children.

Children from Thanh My Kindergarten in Vietnam also performed a hand-washing dance. The cute smiles on their little faces and the innocent and shining eyes conveyed joy, as if they could finally wash their hands with clean water!



The Hand-washing dance by children in Thanh My Kindergarten

“The valuable support of the China Medical University Hospital through World Vision Taiwan will bring clean water to 2,500 people, thereby helping local children and communities enjoy good health and thrive,” said Mr. Ngo Cong Thanh – North 2 Zonal Program Manager, World Vision International in Vietnam. “World Vision is committed to implementing the project effectively, creating positive impacts to the child wellbeing in Thach Thanh district.”



Ms. Caroline Li - CEO of World Vision Taiwan, handed a painting by children in Thanh My Kindergarten to CMUH

Improving WASH conditions and practices is among the top priorities of World Vision’s Health & Nutrition technical program in Vietnam. Our WASH interventions, including Community-Led Total Sanitation and Household Water Treatment & Safe Storage; Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation; and Child Hygiene and Sanitation Training have been implemented to identify and resolve the root causes of diarrhea and other waterborne diseases. In 2023, with the support of sponsors and donors worldwide as well as local partners in Vietnam, we were able to install 2,020 household sanitation facilities and helped 10,463 people across Vietnam gain access to basic drinking water service./.

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As a leading child-focused organisation, World Vision is driven by our desire to ensure that every boy and girl has what they need to grow in mind, body, and spirit.

World Vision works alongside governments, sponsors, communities and children to create positive impacts and, as a result, the lives of communities and children are enriched. Our staff in nearly 100 countries work hard together with our partners to positively impact the lives of more than 200 million vulnerable children around the world, including more than 200,000 in Viet Nam.

World Vision is privileged to have received the Registration Certificate for its operations in Viet Nam since 1988. In 2023, we receive supports from the Government of Viet Nam in implementing our programmes and projects in 14 cities and provinces across the country.

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About China Medical University Hospital

China Medical College Hospital was opened on November 16th, 1980, by Professor Ting- Fu Wang as its first superintendent. Prof. Chang-Hai Tsai took over as superintendent in 1995. Through his vision and excellent leadership, China Medical University Hospital (CMUH) soon expanded into a medical center. In 2001, he began to chair the China Medical University Board of Trustees and Medical Healthcare Systems.

Since then, the third superintendent, Prof. Cheng-Chieh Lin, has been a great successor with many achievements. From 2009 onwards, the current superintendent, Prof. Der-Yang Cho, an outstanding Neurosurgeon, led CMUH into a world-class medical center.

Under the leadership of Chairman Chang-Hai Tsai, the hospital has extended its services and set up a medical system throughout Taiwan. CMUH has grown from a regional hospital to a medical center to a Joint Commission International (JCI)-accredited hospital with over 6,000 beds. It is now the second largest healthcare system in Taiwan, providing excellent medical services and education in Western and Chinese medicine.

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