

Press release

World Vision International in Viet Nam and ethnic minorities in Dien Bien province together enhance community resilience to natural disaster risks

Dien Bien Phu City, November 22, 2024 – World Vision International in Viet Nam successfully organised a closing workshop to celebrate the achievements of the project "Increasing the Resilience to risks of Ethnic Minorities in Dien Bien" (IREM). The Germany's Relief Coalition (ADH) funded the project and World Vision implemented it over the last 14 months (October 2023-November 2024).

Over one year of implementation, the IREM project has achieved positive results in supporting ethnic minority communities in Dien Bien province to improve their resilience to natural disasters. With the close collaboration between World Vision International in Viet Nam, the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Dien Bien province, relevant agencies, schools and local communities; the project has improved the awareness and capacity among people, teachers and students in responding to extreme natural disasters such as flash floods, landslides, droughts, forest fires, severe cold...The IREM project was implemented in three districts of Muong Cha, Tuan Giao, Muong Ang and Dien Bien Phu city, with the goal of reducing natural disaster risks and improving the lives of more than 66,700 people, including more than 33,400 children, and vulnerable groups such as poor households, children, single parents and people with disabilities.



Two representatives from World Vision Germany, Ms. Susanne Quadros - Country Portfolio Manager and Ms. Corinna Reploeg - Project Finance Manager, shared their messages about IREM Project to the participants of IREM Project Closing Workshop.

The provincial level closing workshop was attended by representatives of the Dien Bien Provincial People's Committee, World Vision International in Viet Nam, Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Education and Training, representatives of departments, agencies, unions of Dien Bien province, representatives of districts, communes and partners of the IREM project. During the workshop, delegates shared and discussed the project implementation results, lessons learned and solutions to maintain and replicate the project results in the future. In addition, the workshop also acknowledged the important contributions of local partners in effectively implementing project activities.



Mr. Tran Van Thuong, Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Dien Bien province, shared about IREM's sustainability.

Mr. Tran Van Thuong, Vice Director of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Dien Bien province emphasised: “The success of the IREM project lies not only in the numbers or results, but also in the long-term significance: building a team of provincial-level core lecturers on Disaster Risk Management and Safe School Framework with more than 50 lecturers certified as provincial lecturers; Disaster Rapid Response Teams in communes, villages, and schools are ready to respond to natural disasters, ensuring safety for people, teachers, and students.”



Mr. Stanislaus Rozario, Director of Finance and Support Services, World Vision International in Viet Nam, share the organisation's commitment to supporting the improvement of child and community well-being through future programmes and projects.

Mr. Stanislaus Rozario, Director of Finance and Support Services, World Vision International in Viet Nam, also shared: *"Beyond tangible results, the IREM project has promoted strong participation from all levels of government, local agencies, teachers, students and community members. This joint effort has played a key role in the success of the project. When the project ends, the results achieved will be handed over to local authorities and communities for maintenance and replication. World Vision is committed to continuing to support Dien Bien province in future programmes and projects, ensuring sustainable well-being of the children and community."*

The Dien Bien provincial workshop was held on November 22, 2024, following three successful district closing workshops held in Muong Cha, Tuan Giao and Muong Ang districts on November 12-13, 2024.



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The District-level Closing Workshop in Muong Ang district, Dien Bien province.



The District-level Closing Workshop in Muong Cha district, Dien Bien province.



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The District-level Closing Workshop in Tuan Giao district, Dien Bien province.



The handover ceremony of the IREM project results between World Vision International in Viet Nam and the Dien Bien People's Committee, the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Dien Bien province, took place on November 22 in Dien Bien Phu city.

About the IREM Project: The IREM Project is funded by the Germany's Relief Coalition (ADH) and implemented by World Vision. The project aims to enhance the disaster risk reduction capacity of ethnic minorities in Dien Bien province, through the implementation of the Community-Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) model and the Safe Schools Framework. The project also focuses on the Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) approach in its interventions.

Germany's Relief Coalition (ADH) is an alliance of German relief organisations working to help people in need with concerted, quick and coordinated emergency relief.

In order to reduce overlaps and supply gaps in German relief efforts, in 2001, ADH was founded by ten renowned relief aid organizations to provide fast and effective help in severe catastrophes. Today, the alliance of 23 aid organizations is active in over 100 countries worldwide.

About World Vision: 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 received support from the Government of Viet Nam.

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