

Press release

**Enhancing Sustainable Agroforestry
for Resilience in Quang Ngai**

Quang Ngai, December 20, 2024 – In response to the unprecedented threats posed by climate change, World Vision International in Viet Nam in collaboration with the People's Committee of Ba To District has launched the project named "Enhancing Sustainable Agroforestry for Resilience in Quang Ngai" (ESAR).

The initiative is funded by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs through World Vision International in Viet Nam, with a grant amount of over 83,000 USD, providing critical funding to implement sustainable agroforestry and climate adaptation strategies in the area.

The ESAR project, with a budget of over two billion VND, funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark and implemented by World Vision International in Viet Nam, will contribute to realising sustainable agroforestry strategies and climate change adaptation in the area.

Quang Ngai, a central province of Viet Nam, is severely affected by climate change, experiencing frequent extreme weather events, such as typhoons, floods, droughts, and landslides. Traditional farming methods, particularly slash-and-burn agriculture, have exacerbated environmental degradation, leading to deforestation, soil erosion, and decreased agricultural productivity. The last decade has seen Quang Ngai lose over 3,000 hectares of forest. This loss has significantly impacted ethnic minority communities who rely heavily on agriculture and forestry for their livelihoods.

In this context, the project "Enhancing Sustainable Agroforestry for Resilience in Quang Ngai," will promote sustainable agroforestry models and build community capacity to better adapt to climate change. In particular, the project focuses on training government officials, social organisations, and farmers in sustainable agroforestry techniques and climate change response strategies. Community groups will also be established to promote knowledge exchange and support sustainable agricultural practices. These interventions align with the Danish government's development cooperation strategy for 2021-2025, focusing on enhancing climate resilience and sustainable development in vulnerable areas.



World Vision International in Viet Nam is applying Regreening Community model for ESAR project

Mr. Ngo Tho Hung, Humanitarian, Emergency Affairs & Climate Resilience Specialist at World Vision International in Viet Nam, remarked *"World Vision International in Viet Nam is currently implementing Area Programmes in four districts of Quang Ngai, including Minh Long, Tra Bong, Son Ha, and Ba To, to contribute to improving the well-being of children in these areas. Through ESAR project, we aim to restore and protect landscapes, enhance resilience to climate change, and ensure sustainable natural resources for future generations."*

The project will be piloted in Ba To commune of Ba To district, Long Hiep commune of Minh Long district, Son Giang commune of Son Ha district, and Son Tra commune of Tra Bong district. 120 farming households in these four project communes will receive support to plant native trees which contributes to forest soil improvement and creates better livelihoods for farming households.



Overview of the launching event.

Mr. Lu Dinh Tich, Vice Chairman of Ba To District, shared: "World Vision International in Viet Nam is effectively implementing programmes in Quang Ngai Province. The upcoming ESAR project will help improve livelihoods for the community while contributing to reforestation of barren hills in four districts. On behalf of the local government, I highly appreciate the organisation's efforts in mobilising additional resources to support our community here. We are willing to support the implementation of the project to bring out the best outcomes."



Representatives from World Vision International in Viet Nam and the People's Committee of Ba Tơ District participated in the launch event of the ESAR project.

About World Vision International in Viet Nam

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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