

Press Release

**World Vision and the Ministry of Education and Training Signed
a Cooperation Agreement on the Implementation of the Campaign: “Ending Physical
Violence against Children at Home and School for the Period 2018 – 2022”**

Hanoi, Vietnam - On 4 April 2019, World Vision and the Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) signed a Cooperation Agreement on the implementation of “Ending physical violence against children at home and school” campaign.

World Vision and MOET will join hands in a sequence of programmes and activities in 14 provinces of World Vision’s project areas. The partnership aims to build and maintain a safe, healthy and violence-free educational environment for children by promoting behavioral transformation education for teachers and students.

Studies have shown that physical violence has detrimental impact not only on social skills and human interaction of a child but also on the development of the society.

“Because of the harmful effects of violence against children, MOET has always wanted to join hands with organizations and individuals to repel violence,” said MOET Vice-Minister Nguyen Thi Nghia.

Within the framework of this partnership, World Vision and MOET will collaborate to promote the practical knowledge and skills that teachers and students can put into use to prevent violence against children at school.

Specifically, positive discipline will be introduced to teachers as an alternative and more effective method in teaching and reinforcing good behaviors among students without having to hurt them verbally or physically. Meanwhile, behavioral transformation is the focus of the activities targeting students, helping them to recognize the risks of violence, thus increase the capacity to respond to and protect themselves from violence.

“Schools play an important role in shaping children’s attitude, behaviors, and personalities. That’s why it is World Vision’s consistent approach in all child protection programs to cultivate the value of love at homes, schools and communities. Only when a child is treated and nurtured with love and care can he have a positive look at the world around him and treat others with kindness,” explained Tran Thu Huyen, National Director of World Vision in Vietnam.

This partnership with MOET adds to World Vision’s sustained effort in working closely with government partners to end violence against children, contributing to achieving the well-being of children in Vietnam.

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Background information:

About World Vision:

World Vision is a Christian relief and development humanitarian organization, working to improve the quality of life of people, especially children, who are marginalized and living in poverty. World Vision helps all who are in need regardless of their religion, race, ethnicity or gender.

World Vision started working in Vietnam with emergency relief assistance in 1988 and opened an office in Hanoi in 1990. Since 1990, World Vision has implemented many relief and development programs, partnering with the Vietnamese government, other non-governmental organizations and communities. World Vision's long-term development programs are currently operated in 37 districts of 18 cities and provinces throughout Vietnam.

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