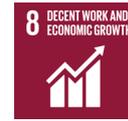


CAPACITY STATEMENT CHILD PROTECTION



In Vietnam, among the child population of 24.8 million, almost 7% are considered as the most vulnerable children (MVC)¹. World Vision Vietnam identified 6 critical issues in child protection, including physical and sexual abuse, online violence, child-trafficking, child labour, child marriage, and child injury.

- 8,442 cases of child abuse were detected between 2015 and 2019².
- 43.4% of surveyed children began using internet between age 9 and 12, but only 15.6% children had basic knowledge of the potential risks and harms³.
- 7 in 10 trafficking victims are women and children⁴.
- more than 1.7 million children were working children, making up 9.1% of the national child population⁵.
- underage marriage rate was reported to be 21.9% among ethnic minority groups⁶.
- 370,000 children get injured every year due to traffic accidents and falling. Child injury accounts for 35.5% of child deaths with drowning as the leading cause⁷.

¹ Department of Child Affairs, Ministry of Labor - Invalids and Social Affairs, 2020

² Government report at XIV National Assembly meeting, 2020

³ Tackling Online Child Sexual Exploitation Project, World Vision Vietnam, Baseline Report, 2018

⁴ Trafficking in Persons Report, U.S. Government, 2021

⁵ Vietnam National Child Labour Survey, International Labour Organization, 2018

⁶ Committee for Ethnic Minority Affairs, Workshop on Reviewing 5 Years of Implementing the Project on Child Marriage and Consanguineous Marriage, October 2020

⁷ Statistics by Health Environment Management Agency, Ministry of Health

Priority Focus

Goal: Protect children from abuse, violence, exploitation and injury

Objective:

- + Empower children to effectively protect themselves and peers
- + Improve capacity of families, caregivers and community to protect children
- + Promote the community-based Child Protection Committees and community services to prevent violence and protect all children, early intervention and protection services to at risk and victim children
- + Enhance development and implementation of policies on child protection and child injury prevention

Approach: The program design employs a holistic system approach, bringing greater focus on strengthening the critical roles and assets of the key actors, formal and informal, who are responsible for child protection through the coordination of Child Protection Committees at all levels.

 **FY20 expenditure**
4.28 million US dollars

 **Children impacted**
54,071 including
25,454 most vulnerable children
(Quarter 1-2/FY21)

 **Technical staff**
3 Child Protection Experts
at national level
(Manager and 2 Specialists)
1 Program Effectiveness Specialist
5 Technical Officers at zonal level
36 Program Staff at district level

 **Technical models**
Child Protection & Advocacy
Celebrating Families
Positive Discipline
Home Visiting
Child-Led Advocacy Initiatives
Adolescent Programs (IMPACT)
Dare to Discover
Smart Navigator Toolkit
Voice Up For Change

Technical Expertise

At national level, World Vision Vietnam has a full-time Child Protection Technical Program Manager and one full-time Child Protection Specialist who have profound experiences in developing technical guidelines, building capacity for staff and partners, policy advocacy, and monitoring the implementation of child protection interventions.

At field level, 5 Technical Program Officers and a network of development facilitators and project staff are efficiently carrying out child protection activities in 18 provinces/cities across Vietnam.

Our strong network with governmental and non-governmental technical partners at all levels also allows us to constantly hone and share our expertise in Child Protection interventions and Child Participation practices.

Advantages & Strengths

The presence of field staff at the **grassroots level** across 36 Area Programs in Vietnam during a timeline of 10-15 years has enabled us to step into the people's shoes, understand their lives, identify the most vulnerable children and be responsive to communities whenever needed.

As **child participation** is considered as one of the core approaches, children and adolescents are empowered to take action to resolve their own issues and contribute to the decision making process in the child protection system through capacity building, child forums and children's clubs.

Transforming attitudes, norms and behaviors of parents and caregivers through **positive parenting** is another strength of World Vision Vietnam's Child Protection Program which enhances the connection between caregivers and their children.

World Vision Vietnam also focuses on building capacity of Child Protection Committees to improve the formal and informal child protection **coordination mechanism** with village collaborators and community groups, enabling them to timely identify the risks and protect children in need. Importantly, World Vision Vietnam supports Child Protection Committees to enhance **child protection services** for children at risks and victims of violence and abuse including reporting, responding and referral services.

Advocacy and **networking** for policy changes at national level and policy implementation at local level are our strategy to achieve long lasting impact. Our policy recommendations have been incorporated into strategic national policies and provincial policies on child protection issues.



Partnerships

At the national level, World Vision Vietnam worked with the **Ministry of Labor - Invalids and Social Affairs** (MOLISA) through the child protection program, child participation program, and child injury program period 2016-2020. Recently, we engaged with MOLISA to advocate for the National Action Program for Children in the 2021-2030 period. In 2019, World Vision Vietnam advocated for MOLISA's guidance on child protection at commune level, and defining the roles and responsibilities of Child Protection Committees and Child Protection Task Forces. World Vision Vietnam also collaborated with MOLISA, **Ministry of Public Security** (MPS) to implement the projects on anti-human trafficking; with the **Ministry of Education and Training** to implement the programs and projects on ending violence in school. Since 2019, World Vision Vietnam has started a new collaboration with the **Ministry of Information and Communication** (MOIC) in advocacy efforts to develop the national program on child online protection and effective use of internet. We are a member of the **Vietnam Network for Child Online Protection** led by MOIC and MPS.

At the grassroots level, World Vision Vietnam has established robust relationships with key local partners such as **provincial/district Department of Labor Invalid and Social Affairs** to implement training on child protection system, case management, counselling skill, and support for the most vulnerable children to sustain programs' outcomes.

In 2021, we are implementing a joint action plan together with **Child Rights Working Groups** and **Child Rights Governance Group** including local NGOs for advocacy efforts on child protection and participation.

In recent years, World Vision Vietnam has expanded the partnership with the **private sector** as an increasingly important actor in the area of child protection. We are implementing the 'Hope in Class' funded by Orion Food Vina Company, which is dedicated to ending violence against children at school.



Technical Models



Child Protection and Advocacy is a process of engaging with key community stakeholders to address the root causes of violence against children through building capacity, partnering and collaborating between formal and informal child protection actors. These partners work together to create a protective environment that cares for and supports all children, especially the most vulnerable. The model consists of a range of comprehensive interventions that focus on improving laws and accountability, increasing social services and support, enabling behaviour change, and strengthening household and child resilience. Interventions are designed based on participatory analysis and planning processes.



Celebrating Families seeks to ensure that families, especially the most vulnerable ones, enjoy positive and loving relationships and are able to have hope and vision for the future. The program equips parents and caregivers with knowledge and skills to create a safe and nurturing environment for children's spiritual nurture in the family context.



Positive Discipline aims at training parents and caregivers on positive discipline in child-rearing. It covers techniques, case studies and advice for alternative forms of discipline to educate children with love and non-violent methods.



Home Visiting creates social connections between communities and parents with most vulnerable children through home visitors who are trained to work with parents to develop action plans on protecting at-risk children when child protection issues are identified.



Child-Led Advocacy Initiatives promotes high-level participation of children aged 10-16 through dialogues with their local authorities on issues affecting their lives and their recommendations to address child protection issues in their communities.



IMPACT+ is designed for adolescents, especially the most vulnerable, to transition well into adulthood as active citizens empowered with competencies, values, confidence and social connectedness. IMPACT Clubs are groups of 10-25 adolescents who meet weekly to have fun, learn and serve their community together. Club members identify community problems, brainstorm possible solutions, identify community resources, and plan and implement community service-learning projects.



Dare to Discover seeks to support young people in their spiritual journey by creating a space and opportunity for young people to further understand and experience love and grace, deepen their sense of purpose in life, and affirm their hope and confidence about their future. It is a workshop module that serves as a supplementary resource and tool for Spiritual Nurture for Children programs.



Smart Navigator Toolkit enables youth aged 12-18 in remote ethnic, rural and poor communities, who tend to migrate or who are exposed to trafficking risks, to learn knowledge and skills on safe migration and to protect themselves from the risks of being trafficked or abused.



Voice Up For Change provides instructions to youth who are involved in Smart Navigator youth clubs on how to create a successful campaign against human trafficking and unsafe migration.

Grant Experiences

1 Tackling Online Child Sexual Exploitation in Vietnam (2018-2021)

Budget: 680,951 US dollars

Donor: End Violence's Safe Online Initiative

Goal: To reduce children's vulnerability to online violence; to provide survivors of online violence with better access to treatment and care; to enable communities protect children from violence and respond to the needs of survivors; to advocate for higher standards in ICT industry that prevent online violence among children; to reinforce child protection laws and perpetrator persecution while protecting survivors' rights.

2 Tackling Modern Slavery from Vietnam (2019-2021)

Budget: 799,995 US dollars

Donor: UK Home Office

Goal: To end modern slavery in Vietnam through changing behavior, increasing prosecutions and supporting the rehabilitation and reintegration of potential and actual victims of human trafficking

3 Human Trafficking Prevention for Women and Girls in Điện Biên Province (2020-2023)

Budget: 1,511,222 US dollars

Donor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

Goal: To reduce the number of trafficking and violence against women and girls aged 12 to 30

4 Building 'Hope in Class' to End Violence against Children at School (2020-2022)

Budget: 212,766 US dollars

Donor: Orion Food Vina Company Limited

Goal: To cultivate a loving and safe environment in schools through (1) building capacity of children to learn and practice positive, loving and cooperative behavior and (2) enhancing the collaboration and involvement of education leaders, teachers and parents in educating children and addressing violence.

Our contributions to child well-being in 2018-2022

The proportion of parents and caregivers able to provide for their children increased from 78% to **88,4%**.

The proportion of small business owners who are now applying new business skills in building networks and resources for business improvement increased from 60,3% to **67,2%**.

The proportion of trained farmers who have applied improved and sustainable agricultural techniques, and thus improved productivity and incomes, increased from 53% to **86%**.

19,706 people became members of saving groups that operated stably under World Vision's and local authorities' supervision and support. Therefore, they are part of a mutual support system and have access to loans in times of needs.

8,159 adolescents were equipped with job preparedness skills through career orientation and vocational training.

50,483 low-interest loans were made with a total disbursement of USD 37.5 million, giving vulnerable households resources to kick-start/maintain/expand their livelihood.



World Vision is a movement of people called to improve the lives of vulnerable children around the world. We believe that a country, and a world, where all children are protected and free from extreme poverty and able to reach their full potential is possible. Since 1988, World Vision Vietnam has been devoted to the most vulnerable children and communities, helping them overcome poverty. Every year, over 200,000 Vietnamese children benefit from our work in three key areas: Child Protection, Nutrition, and Sustainable Livelihoods.