

HIV care saves lives



Background

HIV has become an increasing problem in Viet Nam. Mothers can pass the infection on to children and the disease is often clinically silent for many years. These families are difficult to locate because HIV has created a significant social stigma in rural Viet Nam.

Families are often shunned and children are unable to attend school. When it is discovered that a child has HIV, other parents don't want their children in school with them. Because of this stigma, families often move around regularly and do not seek medical care or often don't seek HIV testing of their children. The majority of the children living with HIV are orphans and are living with their grandparents.

VNHIP has been working with families to help them both with the financial impact of not having a steady income and the associated social stigma by working on community and school education. We support the children to order for them to get medication for their disease and to travel to Ho Chi Minh for treatment when necessary. VNHIP supports 19 children living with HIV in Quang Nam province, and will extend its help for more than 50 children living with HIV in Da Nang city.



**Vietnam
Health
Improvement
Project**



Dental care for the children living with HIV



Inclusive education for children living with HIV

Goal

Our main purpose is to improve the health and well-being of the children living with HIV in Quang Nam and Da Nang city

Our approach

VNHIP's project raises public awareness and provides a comprehensive development of the kids, including health, education, life-skill development and livelihood/economical development. We focus on the following four areas:

- Organize behavior change communication and campaigns on awareness raising and stigma reduction for children living with HIV.
- Work with health services and other organizations to detect HIV early in children at risk, provide health and dental care, improve access to medication, and support children without caregivers to be cared for in the orphanage centers.
- Improve the accessibility to education for the children living with HIV by working with school teachers and parents of other children to increase their acceptance at school and provide the needed financial support (to cover scholarship, books, clothes, bikes, food at school, etc.). VNHIP will organise social events and training to improve the social and life-skills of the children living with HIV.
- Provide grants for basic needs and livelihood improvement (food, clean water, safe house, clothes, hygienic toilet), and loans for income generation for the families .

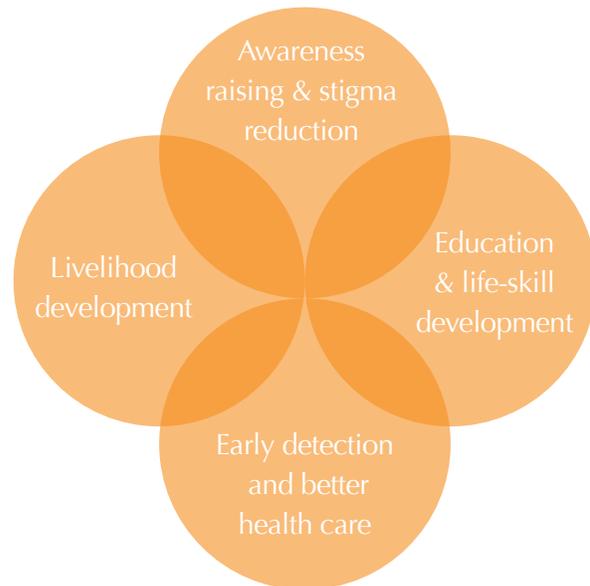


Shadow-drama for life skill development

Target group

The project focuses on children and youth living with HIV under 25 years old. They are often orphans living with grandparents.

Four areas of the project on "HIV Care Saves Lives"



You can help!

**\$40 USD /
month**

Covers basic needs of food and health care services

**\$150 USD
/ year**

Covers school fees, books, uniforms and notebooks

\$900 US

Allows a family to participate in income generation activities and livelihood improvement

Contact us

Phone: +84 5103 937 333

Fax: +84 5103 937 334

Email: vnhip@vnhip.org

Website: www.vnhip.org