



Merry Christmas

& Happy New Year!

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The global pandemic has had an enormous impact on the world and Viet Nam is no exception. Not only are we fighting the third wave of the outbreak, we have also suffered from the consequence of climate change including large storms/hurricanes with their horrible consequences in many areas such as floods, landslides etc... Given such a difficult environment, through the great effort and dedication of staff, we have accomplished all the project activities as planned though there was some time the work has been suspended due to the lockdown and/or extreme weather conditions.

I would like to thank you for your great support over the year in helping fulfill the following work as described below. Please consider supporting or continuing to support our work.

Have a happy holiday and healthy New Year.

Le Quang Khanh. In-country Director, VNHIP.

## Inclusive education for children with disabilities (CWDs)

- 175 children with disabilities were provided better access to inclusive education and 100 teachers and school leaders trained on inclusive education
- 9,500 students and teachers participated the outdoor activities on the occasion of the Lunar New Year, International Children's Day, the Mid-Autumn festival and We Ring the Bells

- 5 children with learning disabilities are supported by specialized teachers working as home tutors



### Mid-Autumn Festival for children with disabilities (CWDs)

Mid-Autumn Festival marks a festival time for all Vietnamese children where they can play with colorful lanterns, watch fun lion dances and receive colorful gifts.

VNHIP and RCI organized the Mid-Autumn Festival at 20 schools for more than 9000

### Training course on Reproductive Health for youth with disabilities

Thanks to the training course from the Research Center for Inclusion on Reproductive Health for the youth with disabilities. Students from Inclusive Education Support Center in Da Nang have improved their knowledge of their bodies and changes during their puberty.

With this knowledge, they can protect themselves and their friends from sexual exploitation which can happen to young people with disabilities. In addition, this course was a good opportunity for them to meet and learn with new friends who come from other provinces such as Quang Tri, Hue, and Ho Chi Minh city.



students and teachers, including 175 students with disabilities in Nam Giang and Dien Ban district.

The purpose of the activity is to ensure that no child with disability is left out of what is meant to be a celebration for all children.



### Educational assessment for CWDs

The assessment of children with disabilities (CWDs) is necessary for examining students' capacity and choosing suitable teaching methods to address their learning needs in school.

VNHIP carried on this educational assessment



for 53 CWDs of 11 primary schools in Dien Ban town, in Quang Nam province with professional support from teachers of the Da Nang Inclusive Education Support Center. The results of this assessment will help teachers build teaching methods that are suitable for each target student with disabilities, so that they will have the best results from teaching.

### Rehabilitation for CWDs

In order to improve the health care accessibility for children with disabilities (CWDs) in Nam Giang mountainous district, VNHIP and the Da Nang Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Hospital provided medical treatment and rehabilitation devices as well as consulted parents about supporting CWDs at home.



### New project on Inclusive education



To continue the success of the Inclusive Education (IE 2396) project for children with disabilities (CWDs) from 2018 to 2020, VNHIP has started a new one, IE 2626 (the second phase of IE 2396) in the next 3 years in Dien Ban Town, Quang Nam province.

In this phase, both primary and secondary schools will established a Support Unit for Inclusive Education to enable CWDs to learn and integrate efficiently in mainstream classes. In addition, this unit provides technical materials to teachers and parents in supporting CWDs.

## HIV Care Saves Lives

- 150 HIV infected children (HIV-IC) participated the outdoor activities on the occasion of the Lunar New Year, International Children's Day, the Mid-Autumn festival

- 65 HIV-IC received in-kind and/or in-cash for schooling and/or basic needs. 30 children received a bicycle/electric bike.
- 30 HIV-IC participated training courses on life-skills.
- 28 HIV-IC's families received a small grant to create an income-generating business
- 8 HIV youths received in-cash support for their vocational training or university tuition fee
- 30 HIV-IC received health insurance cards
- 5 HIV-IC without caregivers who live in the orphanage center received financial support.

## National Action Month for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control



Responding to National Action Month for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control, VNHIP launched a meeting and parade to raise the community's awareness of HIV prevention in Phuoc Son - a mountainous district in Quang Nam province, Vietnam. There were 450 students as well as various departments of the local government who participated in this meaningful event.



This is an important activity of the new project **"Increase Access of HIV Information and Care for Hard to Reach and High Risk Groups in Central High Land of Vietnam"** funded by Gilead Sciences. With this funding, we can contribute to Vietnam's target 90-90-90 and the HIV epidemic reduction.

## Training course on HIV/AIDS health education

A training course on HIV/AIDS health education run by the head of the HIV/AIDS department of the Quang Nam Center for Disease Control (CDC) was organized for local health care workers. In addition, they gained more knowledge in counseling skills from an expert psychologist.

Community actors, including community network members, village health workers, women union cadres and youth union leaders play an important role in popularizing HIV prevention information in communities.

VNHIP held a training course on HIV prevention for them in order to provide basic HIV/AIDS knowledge, health education, communication skills and counseling skills. With this, they can



become health educators to promote health information in their communities and workplaces.



### Livelihood for families affected by HIV

VNHIP has been working with families and disadvantaged children with a focus on not only medication access and education but also financial support towards livelihood strategies.

This aims to strengthen their resilience and improve their living standard based on sustainable economic development, especially after being affected by Covid-19 and disastrous floods.

## Integrated Rehabilitation of people with leprosy



VNHIP has started a new project named **"Integrated Rehabilitation of people with leprosy-related disability in Lien Chieu District, Da Nang City"** with support from the Sasakawa Health Foundation (SHF) and Research Center for Inclusion (RCI) starting in April 2020.



After being halted twice due to COVID-19, our project restarted with Mid-Autumn Festival to bring people with leprosy-related disability and their children in Hoa Hiep Nam ward, Lien Chieu district together to celebrate.

## Assisting the poor and most vulnerable in central Vietnam to re-establish their life after floods



The past October has seen massive rainfalls resulting in widespread flooding and landslides in all over provinces in Central Vietnam as a result of La Nina. This is the worst flood in Vietnamese in the last 40 years. According to the report of the Central Steering Committee for natural disaster prevention on these floods and landslides: more than 150 people died; 38 people were missing; 571 hectares of rice were flooded; 6,989 hectares of crops were flooded and damaged; 5,876 cattle and 685,225 poultry were washed away; 16 national highways; 163,150m of national highways and 161,880m of local roads were flooded and damaged in many provinces. During this time, the people of Central Vietnam are in desperate need of help to overcome difficulties and rebuild their lives.

VNHIP raised funds to help families and communities damaged by this flood. We hope to provide them the necessities to include food and medicine (diarrhea medicine, antipyretic medicine, bandages, eye drops). We also are providing cash support for families whose homes have been swept away or badly damaged so they can rebuild the house and buy livestock and seedlings. We are supporting hospital fees for poor families with dead, missing or injured members due to floods...

We thank all of you who donated to this meaningful project and are especially thankful for the support from the physicians with National Jewish Health.

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