

VIETNAM



AREAS OF INTERVENTION

Save the Children started operation in Vietnam in 1990, among the first non-governmental organizations to arrive in the country after the “doi moi”, or reform. We have been among the leading INGOs in the country, having supported millions of children in the past 26 years.

OUR WORK

Education

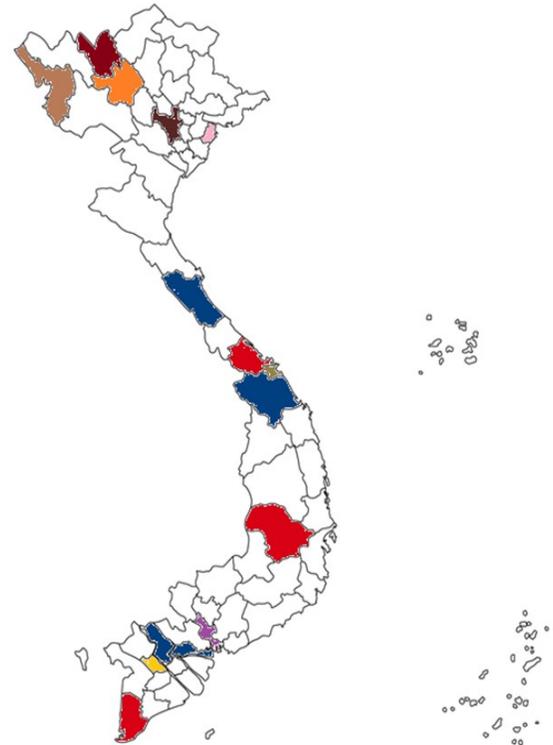
Education is currently our biggest program portfolio. We have a total of seven projects in seven provinces covering 100 communes, benefiting 61,000 children, most of whom are ethnic minorities.

Child Sponsorship is our biggest education program. Our education projects have received support from six members (SCUS, SC Italy, SC Australia, SCUk, SC Hong Kong and SC Japan), three corporate donors and nearly 6,000 individual sponsors. Our programs cover sub-themes such as basic education, school health and nutrition and early childhood care and development.

Health and Nutrition

Our health and nutrition programs primarily focus on ethnic minorities. We have been working to improve maternal and newborn health in disadvantaged provinces in Vietnam in close partnership with the Ministry of Health and academic institutions. We have also continued the implementation of Vitamin distribution, reaching all the 63 provinces in the country, and been focusing on improving food security and access to water and sanitation.

Our child nutrition programs have both direct and nutrition sensitive interventions and through improving the dietary diversity via food security and proper infant and young child feeding practices. Whenever possible, our nutrition programs integrate with health interventions particularly among newborn or infant children.



- Nutrition, Health and Education
- Humanitarian Responses, Education
- Education, Child Sponsorship
- Child Rights, Child Protection, Youth Development; Humanitarian Responses
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- Health (APII)

Child Protection

Our child protection program currently covers Ho Chi Minh City with an emphasis on marginalized and migrant children. We make use of the education system as entry point to promote the elimination of physical and humiliating punishment in schools by encouraging student's participation, creating an improved learning environment and applying positive discipline and at the same time using a community-based approach to further promote child protection at the community level.

Child Rights Governance

Our child rights and governance programs focus on marginalized children such as LGBT street children and youth in Ho Chi Minh City and ethnic minority children. We aim to promote awareness about child rights and child participation, in particular rights of the child to be protected and have access to education by engaging parents and local community groups. The CRG programs are growing with more engagement in different sectors.

Humanitarian

Our emergency program covers the typical components on DRR and humanitarian response. Our school-based DRR is mainly focused on promoting schools' preparedness for risks and improving students' lifesaving skills. We also put emphasis on increasing the most vulnerable people's resilience by improving the local authorities and community members' preparedness to reduce the impact of disasters on their lives and livelihood. In 2015 we implemented DRR projects in seven provinces, covering 27 communes and responded to a flood disaster in the northern region.

Livelihood

Our livelihood programs currently focus on migrant youth, providing them with employability skills to succeed. In addition, we offer financial education for high school and college students. In our livelihood projects, we use universities and schools as the entry point. We have been implementing the Skills to Succeed project in two cities and financial education projects in 15 high schools and 10 colleges in two locations.

2015 OUTREACH



POLICY ADVOCACY HIGHLIGHTS

- Establishment of the Bank for the Poor, currently Vietnam Bank for Social Policy
- Extension of mandatory paid maternity leave to six months from four months
- Teaching Vietnamese as a second language for ethnic minority children
- National Action Plan for Reproductive and Sexual Health Education in lower secondary schools
- National Guidelines and Training Package for Newborn Care

