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ChildFund Vietnam is the representative office of ChildFund Australia – an independent international development organisation that works to reduce poverty for children in developing communities.

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ChildFund began working in Vietnam in 1995 and works in partnership with children, their communities, local organisations and governments to create lasting change, respond to humanitarian emergencies and promote children’s rights. Projects are implemented across the northern provinces of Bac Kan, Cao Bang and Hoa Binh, where the majority of people are from ethnic minority groups, often the most vulnerable or marginalised sections of the population.

ChildFund Vietnam’s projects focus on education, water and sanitation, sustainable livelihoods, child rights and child protection, food security, and maternal and child health, including HIV prevention. ChildFund Vietnam also implements the award-winning ChildFund Pass It Back program and prioritises building the resilience of young people, by giving children and youth the opportunity to take part in sports, vocational education and life skills training, and supporting their participation in local decision-making processes.

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FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR



The stories in this year's annual report reflect some of the achievements from our tireless endeavour to build an environment where children can say: "I am safe, I am heard, I am educated, and I have a future."

There have been challenges, but there have also been inspiring accomplishments.

ChildFund Vietnam has been working towards improving child protection systems and ensuring children have a say in decision-making processes. We have also been setting up a mechanism for district authorities to implement child protection policies.

We have been creating pathways for women to become leaders, enabling them to reach their full potential and become gender champions in their communities.

We are also proud to have been able to facilitate meaningful change for children and youth through our unique sport for development program, ChildFund Pass It Back.

This year we reached milestones in developing stronger collaborations with the government, fellow child-focused organisations and civil society. We also improved our internal working system and structure to maximise the strengths of our staff to ensure we could make the biggest impact in the communities in which we work.

But there is still work to be done.

There is still a need to promote children's rights and support the introduction of initiatives that ensure those rights are respected and upheld.

We are continuing to search for new ways to improve our work so we can change the lives of children and families, and empower them to make a positive difference in their communities. Our mission is to ensure our support reaches the most vulnerable and marginalised children and families, including people with disability and people of ethnic minority.

While there are some key challenges to carrying out our work, including language barriers and geography (many communities that we work in are hard to reach), ChildFund Vietnam is committed to overcoming these obstacles.

I hope the stories in this year's annual report give you a snapshot of how we have been fulfilling this commitment over the past year.

The projects outlined in this report highlight the areas ChildFund Vietnam and the communities we work with are most passionate about.

We hope you enjoy reading!

Nguyen Thi Bich Lien
Country Director
ChildFund Vietnam





**I AM
SAFE**



CHILDFUND PASS IT BACK HELPING TO KICK DANGEROUS PASTIMES

Rugby has made its way to the playing fields of one of northern Vietnam's most remote regions.

With few opportunities and little to do in the small villages in these regions, children often undertake dangerous activities such as climbing buildings and roofs.

ChildFund's sport for development program, ChildFund Pass It Back, is providing children in these communities with a safe, fun activity instead, which keeps them fit and healthy, and teaches them valuable new skills.

Participants in the program learn and play the game of tag rugby, with trained coaches such as Mo (pictured above wearing black) leading and inspiring teams of young players. "We have sessions

in the afternoons, which offers young people the chance to play rugby, learn life skills, and make new friends," Mo says.

In addition to playing rugby, players and coaches learn about gender equality, how to plan for their futures and how to be good leaders and role models. "ChildFund is the only non-government organisation that has come to work with us, and ChildFund Pass It Back is the very first program to provide children here with life skills learning," Mo says.

The program is helping to empower children and prevent them from engaging in dangerous and harmful activities in their spare time. In Mo's commune, more than 90% of schoolchildren are now participating in the program.



**I AM
EDUCATED**

QUALITY SCHOOLS, QUALITY LEARNING

In the middle of mountainous highlands, kilometres from any main road, is a new preschool that would not look out of place in any of Vietnam's main cities. It has two spacious classrooms that are fully equipped with books and other learning materials. There is also clean water, and new toilets, washing facilities and a big playground with a slide and jungle gym. Each day, students are provided with tasty and nutritious lunches in the new kitchen.

The new preschool is a stark contrast to the building it replaced. The old school consisted of two tiny rooms and had a leaking roof.

Linh, age 5 (pictured left), is one of 90 children who are enjoying the new preschool. ChildFund Vietnam is renovating and expanding schools in remote and rural disadvantaged communities in Vietnam, like Linh's, to ensure more children can attend school and access a quality education.

Linh's mother says: "Instead of taking our children home or fetching lunches from the main school for them, we can keep doing our work knowing that our children are full and well taken care of."

STRENGTHENING CHILD PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITIES

In disadvantaged communities in Vietnam, many children have limited opportunities to participate in decision-making processes that affect their future and safety.

ChildFund Vietnam is helping to strengthen the participation of children in their communities by equipping them with the skills to confidently voice their opinions on issues that matter to them.

ChildFund Vietnam is also working with parents, caregivers and local authorities to ensure children are included in relevant community events and decisions, and that children's rights are upheld.

Children like Dong, age 12 (pictured right), have been learning about child protection, their rights and have been participating in forums, film festivals and photo exhibitions, among other events, as ways to express their opinions.

Since Dong joined ChildFund Vietnam's Connecting and Creating Leaders project in 2017, he has

progressed from being a shy student in class to a confident communicator and inspirational role model for other children in disadvantaged communities.



I AM
HEARD

ENHANCING THE VOICE, PARTICIPATION AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

In Ngan Son district, in northeast Vietnam, many families of ethnic minority earn a living through agriculture work.

The burden of unpaid domestic chores and care work – which is overwhelmingly carried out by women and girls – and a lack of information about and access to employment opportunities are some of the challenges that families face to sustain their income and enhance their quality of life.

Women are expected to work both in the home and in the field and therefore carry out a disproportionate amount of work in the family. Men are considered the strong pillar for making decisions on matters such as selling

cattle and generating income, which is attributed to the belief that men are more capable than women of doing business.

ChildFund Vietnam is helping to change these views and enhance the voice, participation and economic empowerment of women in Ngan Son district. Through ChildFund Vietnam's Bright Future project, women are developing their skills in agriculture, leadership, negotiation, decision-making and conflict management, so they can boost their household incomes.

Ngan, who has been participating in the project, says: "We have gained a lot of useful information on gender equality and could apply it into our daily lives thanks to the course."



I AM
HEARD



I HAVE A FUTURE



BUILDING STRONG AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

In some of the poorest communities in Cao Bang Province in northeast Vietnam, where many families rely on farming activities to earn a living, new kilns are helping to boost household incomes. This has led to more children in the area going to school.

Hai (pictured above) is from one of 1400 households benefiting from a livelihoods project supported by ChildFund Vietnam and the New Zealand Aid Program.

“With this new kiln my family does not have to worry about rain or pests that harm our corn harvest,” Hai says.

“We can save up to over 90% of the harvest, instead of only 50% like before. The corn can be used to feed pigs, which brings in more income for my family.

“We spend the extra income on our children’s education and save up for their future.”

The kilns are part of ChildFund Vietnam’s

income-generation project in the province, which is also helping develop irrigation systems in communities and train families on how to increase their income through raising livestock and growing crops. The project is also helping women and youth implement saving and credit schemes.

Since the project began in Cao Bang in 2014, 38% of households have been able to build a toilet for the first time. Almost one-third of families have been able to invest in farming machines for the first time, while the number of families owning cattle has increased from 20% to 83%.

ChildFund Vietnam Country Director Nguyen Thi Bich Lien said: “ChildFund Vietnam has partnered with the local government in Cao Bang since 2010 to implement community development initiatives, and promote and enable child rights.

“We want all children in Cao Bang to confidently say ‘I have a future’.”

COLLABORATING TO ACHIEVE CHANGE

THANK YOU

Thank you to the following organisations and individuals whose generous support and assistance is vital to the work of ChildFund Vietnam:



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- From Cao Bang province: Ms. Hoang My Hao – Head of Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs; Mr. Pham Viet Cong Deputy Head, Department of Labour – Invalid and Social Affairs; Mr. Vu Van Duong – Director, Department of Education and Training; Mr. Huynh Van Nam, Head of Foreign Affairs Department; Mr Nong Van Hung, Deputy Head of Foreign Affairs Department; Ms. Ha Thi Ly, Deputy Head of Planning and Investment Department; Mr. Vu Khac Quang – Secretary of Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union; Ms Trieu Nguyet Hoa, Director of Reproductive Healthcare Centre.
- From Cao Bang City people's committee: Mr. Luong Tuan Hung - Chairman, Mr. Lam Duc Xuan, Vice Chairman
- From District People Committee in Cao Bang: Mr. Dinh Huy Giap - Chairman of Quang Uyen district; Mr. Trinh Truong Huy - Chairman of Tra Linh district; Mr. Luong Ngoc Huu - Chairman of Thach An district; Mr. Ngo The Manh, Vice Chairman of Thach An; Ms. Chu Thi Vinh – Vice Chairwoman of Tra Linh, and Mr. Nong Quoc Hoan, Vice Chairman of Tra Linh; Ms. Hoang Thi Hieu, Vice chairwoman of Quang Uyen; Mr. Nong Van Thong, Vice Chairman of Quang Uyen; Mr. Nong Long Giang, Head of District's People's Committee's office, Thach An; Mr. Tran Bang Nguyen – Vice Chairman of Thach An District.
- From Hoa Binh Province: Mr. Bui Trong Dac, Head of Education and Training Department; Ms. Bui Thi Kim Tuyen, Deputy Head of Education and Training Department; Ms. Nguyen Thi Hong Diem, Head of Primary Education Office, Education and Training Department; Mr. Tran Hong Quang, Head of Foreign Affairs Department; Mr. Nguyen Van Dung Vice Chairman of People Committee; Ms Quach Thi Kieu, Head of Labour-Invalids and Social Affairs Department; Ms. Nguyen Thi Linh Ngoc, Deputy Head of Labour-Invalids and Social Affairs Department; Ms. Hoang Thi Thuy, Deputy Head of Health Department; Ms. Ngo Thi Phuong, Director of Reproductive Healthcare Centre
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- From Bac Kan Province: Association of People with Disabilities Protection of Bac Kan Province; Centre for Agriculture Promotion and Development of Bac Kan Province; Reproductive Healthcare Centre;
- From District People Committee in Bac Kan: Mr. Nong Quang Ke, Chairman of Na Ri; Mr. Doanh Thiem Huy, Vice Chairman of Ngan Son; Mr. Pham Duy Hung - Vice Chairman of People's Committee of Bac Kan province; The Association for the Support of Handicapped and Orphans of Bac Kan province; Bac Kan Farmers' Association; Department of Foreign Affairs - Bac Kan People's Committee; Youth Union of Bac Kan Province; Department of Planning and Investment of Bac Kan Province; Department of Labor - Invalids and Social Affairs of Bac Kan Province; Department of Education and Training of Bac Kan Province; Department of Health of Bac Kan Province; People's Committee of Bac Kan City- Bac Kan Province; People's Committee of Ngan Son District, Bac Kan Province; People's Committee of Na Ri District, Bac Kan Province; Education Central of Disabled Children of Bac Kan Province

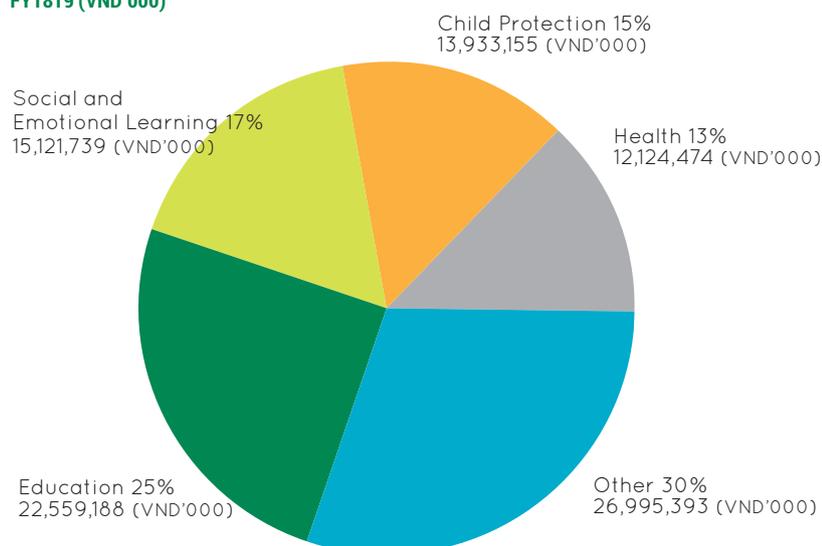
FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial report for year ended 30 June 2019

REVENUE	FY1819 (VND'000)	FY1718 (VND'000)
Donation	70,850,823	73,162,809
Grants	24,043,863	33,754,468
Other income	19,174	11,990
Total revenue	94,913,860	106,929,267

EXPENDITURE	FY1819 (VND'000)	FY1718 (VND'000)
Program and project	90,733,949	91,026,411
Program support	3,118,431	2,089,133
Accountability and administration	15,484,605	13,366,861
Total expenditure	109,336,985	106,482,405

PROGRAM AND PROJECT EXPENDITURE FY1819 (VND'000)



**BECAUSE
EVERY CHILD
NEEDS A
CHILDHOOD**

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