

# ANNUAL REPORT

2021 – 2022

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 to create community and systems change which enables vulnerable children and young people, in all their diversity, to assert and realise their rights.

Projects are implemented in the northern provinces of Bac Kan, Cao Bang and Hoa Binh, where most people are from ethnic minority groups; often the most vulnerable or marginalised sections of the population.

ChildFund Vietnam’s projects focus on child rights and child protection, education, health, and wellbeing for children. ChildFund Vietnam also prioritises building the resilience of young people, by giving them the opportunity to take part in sports, life skills learning, and supporting their participation in local decision-making processes.

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The past year continued to be a challenging year as the COVID-19 pandemic has caused devastating human and economic consequences all around the world, including the areas in which we operate. Despite facing many difficulties, ChildFund Vietnam still made inspiring achievements, providing

support to more than 52,000 children through projects on child protection, education, social and emotional learning (SEL), health, water and sanitation.

The past year witnessed our strong progress in cooperation with government agencies at all levels, especially at the central level, not only in child protection but also in education.

Our partnerships with local NGOs, community-based organisations and peer organisation networks have also been continuously expanded and strengthened. The Na Ri Organisation of People with Disability, with support from ChildFund Vietnam, has taken its first steady steps forward to better serve the interests of children with disability and their families locally.

So far, our flagship online safety program has left a big mark. With profound experience in implementing online safety projects, ChildFund Vietnam was honoured to be a key collaborator in this year's "Students with Information Security 2022" contest, attracting the participation of nearly 600,000 secondary school students in the country.

The project "Safe and Supportive Semi-boarding Schools for students", a prime example of our multi-sector approach, has gradually provided a safe and convenient learning and living environment for students through the renovation and construction of new boarding houses and kitchens, as well as training on independent living skills for semi-boarding students.

Next year will be a pivotal year, marking the beginning of our new Strategy for 2022-2025 with many changes in our approach to project development, partnerships and fundraising.

In addition to the three key areas of child protection and child participation, education and health, we will

also further promote a multi-sector, inclusive and SEL based approach where Gender, Disability, Women's Rights and Youth Participation will be more integrated and clearly defined. Strengthening the child protection system and child protection in the online environment will also continue to be ChildFund Vietnam's priorities in the coming year.

The pandemic is not yet over. Given the new challenges arising from the consequences of COVID-19, we are positioned to continue our efforts with even greater ambition in innovating our program quality, resources, and partnership development together with the localisation agenda.

We believe that, together, we can overcome the challenges faced by disadvantaged children in Vietnam. On behalf of the entire staff at ChildFund Vietnam, I would like to thank our donors, partner organisations, local authorities, children, and their families. We look forward to your continued support that enables us to deliver greater impact for more children and communities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lien", with a stylized flourish underneath.

**Nguyen Thi Bich Lien**  
Country Director  
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**Over the past year, more than 52,000 children have been supported through projects in child protection, education, social and emotional Learning (SEL), health, water and sanitation.**

**WE WANT  
EVERY CHILD TO SAY**

**I AM  
SAFE**

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## FEATURE STORY: I HAVE A FUTURE

### A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR SEMI-BOARDING STUDENTS

Trang is a nine-year-old girl from the Dao ethnic minority group. She lives with her family in Ngan Son district, a mountainous area in Bac Kan province.

Surrounded by mountains and green fields, Trang attends a local primary school about seven kilometres from her home that can be reached through mountainous terrain. Because of this, Trang has been a semi-boarding student since first grade, together with nearly 30 other students. She only visits her family on the weekends.

The primary school arranged a small kitchen, about 10 square metres wide as a place where the students could cook and dine. But the kitchen wasn't big enough for all the children. "Only a few of us could have lunch there," Trang said. "The rest could either get a rice ball packed by their parents or have instant noodles in the class."

On those days, the parents and the school worked together to cook for the children with ingredients contributed by families of semi-boarding students.

After lunch, Trang and her friends used to take naps in the back corners of the classroom, but the children rarely were able to sleep well.

ChildFund Vietnam worked with the school management team and parents to build a new kitchen and renovate three semi-boarding rooms.

"Our new kitchen and semi-boarding rooms are spacious and convenient," Trang said "We no longer have to sit in class to have lunch or take a quick nap in the back corners of the class."

Students like Trang can now enjoy warm, nutritious meals in a spacious and clean room. Safe living conditions

have helped boys and girls living far away from their families to feel more secure and focus on their studies better.

In the future, apart from upgrading these facilities, ChildFund's education project will improve the capacity in organising and managing semi-boarding students as well as maintaining facilities for administrators and teachers in the school.

At the same time, various activities will also be implemented to improve independent living skills for semi-boarding students like Trang, enabling them to take better care of themselves and develop their social and emotional learning skills.

# I AM EDUCATED

## BICH HAS A DREAM

Bich, a fourth-grade student in Cao Bang province, was born with weak eyesight. Bich didn't receive a diagnosis until she was 18-months-old because her family could not afford it. By the time she was four years old, the doctors said her condition was incurable.

While struggling to go through the application process to receive disability benefits, Bich's mother, Dien, was introduced to ChildFund Vietnam's "My Right to Education" project. Dien and her daughter learnt about loans available for families with children with disability, legal policies, and rights of children with disability.

Bich's teacher, Bay, also participated in the project. She said: "We were equipped with knowledge to build lesson plans suitable for students with disability. For Bich, I would assign appropriate exercises and choose relevant notebooks for her."

Now, Bich is happier, more social, confident, and independent. Her dream is to continue her studies and become a singer in the future. Bich's family recently purchased a laptop with financial support from ChildFund.



Bich learning with special teaching tools for visually impaired students in a supporting room for inclusive education supported by ChildFund.

With this laptop, Bich will learn to type and use a special software that reads out text for people with visual impairment.

# I CONTRIBUTE

## YOUNG GIRL FROM HOA BINH PROVINCE RAISING HER VOICE TO THE WORLD

At just 14-years-old, Van was one of the youngest speakers at the United Nations High Level Political Forum held in July 2021.

Along with six other youth advocates from around the world, Van took part in the event "Child and Youth Experiences and Activism for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and Promoting a Fairer and Greener COVID-19 Recovery for All". Here, Van and her friends shared their experiences,

ideas, and actions in the community to promote a stronger post-pandemic recovery and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

As a teenager, Van leapt at the opportunity to take on a new challenge and joined a ChildFund-run filmmaking group called "Connecting and Creating Leadership". She worked with her teammates to produce two short films: one about environmental pollution, and the other about her dreams and aspirations and those of her peers.

Van then joined a team that worked to raise children's voices on safeguarding issues to the attention of local leaders so that they could take appropriate action.

When she's not taking part in child safeguarding activities, Van is busy playing rugby. "Being a rugby player is so great to me because not only can I play a sport I like, but I have learnt a lot about life skills in health, leadership, and teamwork," Van said.

It is through participation in these activities that Van has built her confidence and understanding of issues impacting children and her community, so that she can represent the children of her community at an international forum.



Van proudly received her certificate for participation in the United Nations Forum



# I AM SAFE

## TRANSFORMING COMMUNICATION ON CHILD PROTECTION



A bus with promotional message on the National Child Helpline 111 on the streets of Hanoi

Starting in June 2022, colourful buses advertising the National Child Helpline (NCHL) 111 were seen on bustling streets of Hanoi city and on the main roads of Hoa Binh, Bac Kan, and Cao Bang provinces.

With 120 bus trips a day, spanning 2,400km, these bus advertisements aimed to raise the community's awareness on the prevention, recognition, and reporting of violence and abuses against children.

This promotional campaign was part of the “Strengthening Child Protection System Effectiveness” program co-implemented by ChildFund Vietnam and the Department of Child Affairs from 2021 to 2024.

Training courses for child protection staff at national and targeted provincial levels were also carried out as part of the program, starting with a course on online child protection for 45 NCHL staff and counsellors in Da Nang and An Giang within the first half of 2022.

After participating in a training on case management software, some child protection workers shared: “Before, we used to write reports in MS Word, and had to manually look up each report when we want monthly or yearly statistics. Now, it is more convenient for us to do reports. The software saves us so much time.”

In the future the project will continue to strengthen communication and promotion of the National Child Helpline 111, targeting groups living in remote, border and island areas.

# I HAVE A FUTURE

## HUYEN IS ‘PASSING IT BACK’ TO CHANGE THE FUTURE

“I now believe that nothing is impossible.” Coach Bui Thanh Huyen said shortly after being named one of the 2021 winners of the prestigious Women of the Future Awards Southeast Asia.

Held last October, the Women of the Future Awards covers a variety of sectors, recognising emerging leaders from the region who are unafraid to challenge stereotypes. Huyen was one of those recognised for her work as a rugby and life skills coach.

Huyen was born and raised in a mountainous province in Northern Vietnam, where rugby was an unknown sport and women and girls were not encouraged to take part in either sport or social activities.

“As I joined Pass It Back and took part in a variety of coach trainings, I learned so many things I had not known before. In Pass It Back, male and female participants have equal rights and opportunities. Women can play rugby. They can coach. They can be leaders.”

Huyen added that what she loved about being a coach was she could help give children in the community, especially girls, the opportunities to play sport and learn valuable

life skills in a safe and fun environment.

The ChildFund Rugby team’s partnerships in Vietnam, and across the globe, provide children and young people with opportunities to play, learn, and lead. Through integrated rugby and life skills learning, young people from vulnerable communities are equipped to overcome challenges, inspire positive social change, and take active leadership roles within their communities.





# 2022 IN NUMBERS



**14,899**

Cases of children with special circumstances counseled and managed



**26,499**

Children, parents, and community members with improved knowledge and skills on child protection



**46 SCHOOLS**

Participating in ChildFund education projects



**603 TEACHERS**

Received training to improve students' learning outcomes

**9,743 CHILDREN AND ADULTS**



With improved knowledge and skills in health, water, and sanitation

**1,835**

People have access to improved drinking water at home



**4,801** Children and adults received integrated health services including micronutrient and growth monitoring

**1,486**



People received capacity building training on disaster risk reduction and/or climate change adaptation

**286**



People with disability received support services according to their needs

**110**



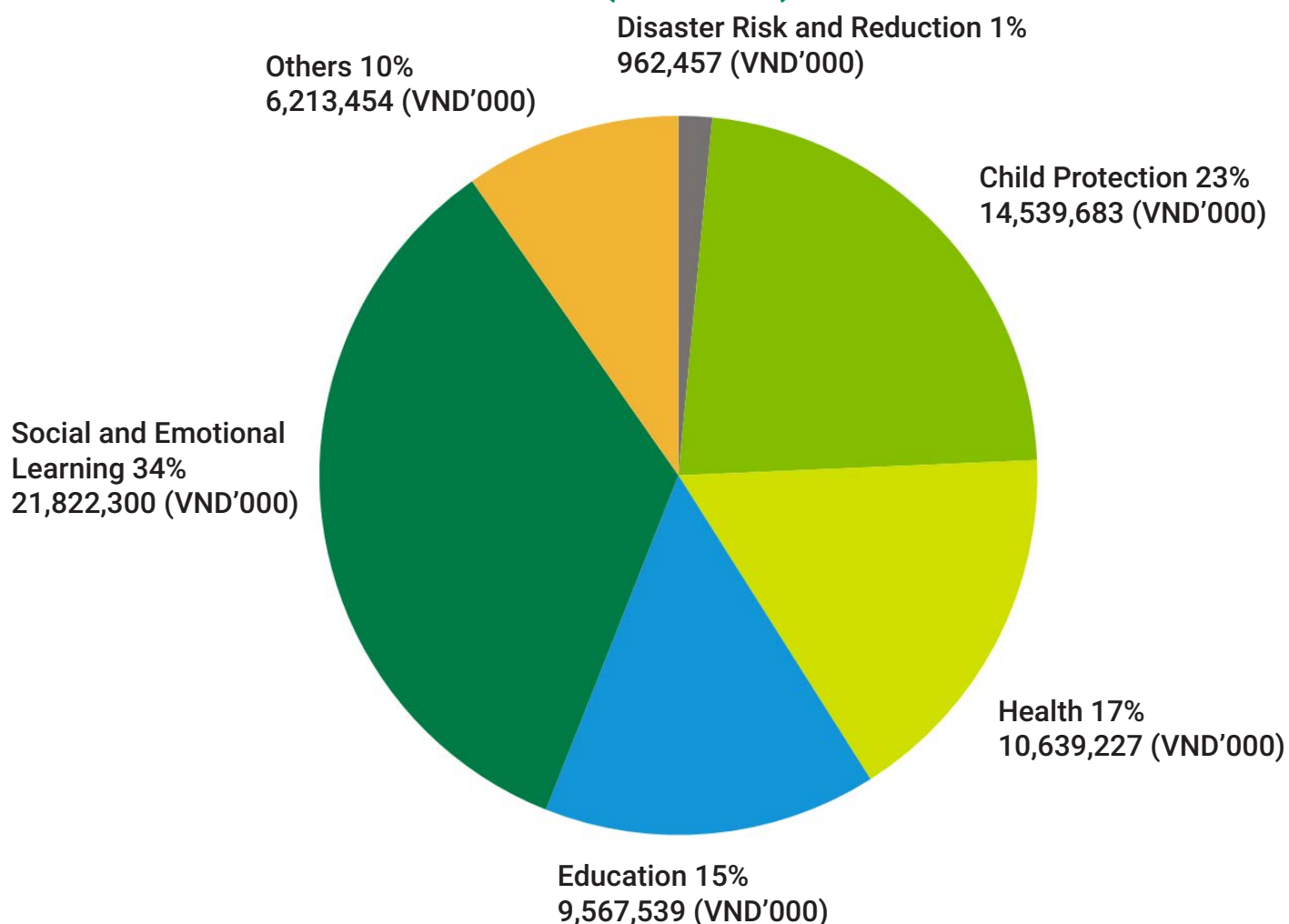
Children and youth participating in social and emotional learning (SEL) activities

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

REVENUE	FY21 (VND'000)	FY22 (VND'000)
Donations	66,740,907	62,979,768
Grants	25,292,554	22,315,618
Other income	7,135,830	6,688
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>99,169,291</b>	<b>85,302,074</b>

EXPENDITURE	FY21 (VND'000)	FY22 (VND'000)
Program and projects	61,388,591	63,744,660
Program support	12,031,334	11,757,909
Accountability and administration	13,737,481	16,473,119
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>87,157,406</b>	<b>91,975,688</b>

### PROGRAM EXPENDITURE FY22 (VND'000)



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