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New Project for ADRA Vietnam!

ADRA Viet Nam is launching the Youth Empowerment through Skills Training (YES) Center vocational training project, a project funded by HOPE87 through ADRA Austria. The project started on 1 June 2017 and will continue for two years. ADRA Viet Nam will work closely with Long Bien Vocational College and Garment Factory No. 10 to improve technical skills for approximately 500 youth, of which majority girls who undergo technical trainings and increase job placement rate for them. Youth will be able to access technical training in the following areas: ICT, English language, business accounting, hospitality management, travel guide, fashion design and garment production, computer and sewing machine repairs, nursing and Disaster Risk Reduction. On top ADRA will train them in life skills including: communication skills, reproductive health, gender equality, HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases prevention, personal development, etc. ADRA will work with the Long Bien Vocational College and Garment Factory No. 10 to improve Disaster Risk Management practices and planning to ensure business continuity in case of natural or man-made disasters. During the meeting between ADRA Viet Nam and Long Bien Vocational College representatives both parties agreed to look at other areas of collaboration between the two institutions.



ADRA Viet Nam will start the Climate Smart Agriculture and Renewable Energy (CARE 2) Project, in Boa Lac district of Cao Bang from 1 July 2017. This project is a scaling of the pilot project which ended successfully in February 2017. This project is initially funded by ADRA Austria and ADRA Germany for a period of three years. The project is focused in increasing and diversifying income sources for 725 families or 2,900 people in the district. The project will promote renewable energy sources and energy efficiency technologies such as PV solar, biogas, small hydro power, fuel-efficient cook stoves. During this project, ADRA will work closely with private sector companies to build a market for renewable energy in the district and to develop local solutions to help poor households who are not connected to the power grid to access sustainable and reliable energy. ADRA Viet Nam is one of the key players in the renewable and sustainable energy in Viet Nam and its contribution has been recognized by various actor including donors such as European Union Delegation in Viet Nam and other research and academia institutions.

“My name is Nguyen Bich Ngoc, 16 years old. I am studying at grade 11 in high school.

Since the last grade of secondary, I was luckily connected to the Child Sponsorship Program of ADRA Vietnam, which provides extra support to my learning pathway.”

Ngoc’s family is classed poor based on living standards of urban area. Her father passed away and mother earns an unstable source of income from the small business in the place near home. Ngoc has a brother who is pursuing professional study of graphic design and she herself is developing the interest in the same major.

“My brother has one laptop to study and practice, I am using his to learn on my own and get ready for the university exam after next year.”

The money sponsored by donor is mainly used by Ngoc’s family for extra-curricular classes, so she can be better-prepared in the competitive examination of university entrance.

Ngoc said: *“I know that my mother is really hard-working to afford living expenditures for family of 3 adults and she is confronting challenges in business due to increasing number of competitors. This sponsorship really relieves part of the burden on her shoulder, that makes me feel very appreciative. Similar to other students at school who receive this direct assistance, we wholeheartedly thank you ADRA and the donors, whom we have not met once but have the generous hearts to support our dreams.”*



Nguyen Bich Ngoc

The training of trainer approach is an effective way for the capacity building for the people at the management level. The trainers are mainly selected from the relevant staff of local authorities, mass organizations (Farmers', Women's and Youth's Unions), communities and groups leaders. After acquiring these training skills, they will be equipped the technical training, enabling them to replicate the same training for the local communities. The participants, who joined in the TOT training, spend most of their working time to work with the people at the grass root level. Besides replicating the same training, the trainers will also become the local resource persons that can provide regular on-going advisory and mentoring support for the local community with little or no further support from the project. In addition, the trained trainers are selected among the local authority staff and leaders and with the relevant capacity increased, they can perform their regular functions and duties better in supporting their local communities in a more effective way.



The TOT training organized by ADRA could be in a flexible schedule and ADRA Vietnam also provides the ongoing support and mentoring to the local trainers by:

- ◆ Conducting participatory training designs with participation of the local trainers for learning and sharing;
- ◆ Coaching and mentoring the local trainers during the replicated trainings conduction to secure the training's quality as well as to improve the trainers' skills;
- ◆ Collecting feedback on training methods and curriculum to revise on an annual basis for further improvement and relevance to the local contexts;
- ◆ Providing updated ToT training for local trainers to consolidate their knowledge and skills.



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