MANDATE

Handicap International cooperates with the Vietnamese authorities to consolidate national methods, strategies and services in the field of health and rehabilitation care, social and economic inclusion and human rights. Handicap International aims to promote the sustainability of its models implemented in Vietnam to enable the local population to assist the most vulnerable people with complete autonomy.

CONTEXT

The population of Vietnam is still suffering from the after-effects of war, due to the disabilities caused by injuries and unexploded instruments of war. We have also recently noted victims of congenital defects caused by dioxin and other toxic products. The country also faces a series of modern challenges, including the HIV/AIDS epidemic, road crashes, and industrial accidents (factories, construction sites, etc). 15% of the Vietnamese population lives with disability. The country faces major challenges: access to health care for disadvantaged people, prevention of disability from pre-conception to birth, and social and economic inclusion of persons with disabilities are top priorities.

INITIAL ACTIONS

Since 1989, in response to requests from national partners (ministries or provincial institutions), Handicap International has acted as a technical advisor in the implementation of projects focusing on prevention and rehabilitation of disabilities due to war, accidents, congenital defects, or disabling diseases.

STAFF

- National staff: 15
- Expatriate staff members: 1

KEY FACTS

Human Development Index (HDI) *	116/188 classified countries
Life expectancy*	75.8
Gross National Income per capita * (PPA$)	5 092 $ / year
Population**	92,55 million
Surface area**	330,972 sq. km

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) Ratification	Signed 20 october 2007. December 2014
Oslo Convention on cluster munitions	Not joined
Ottawa mine ban convention	Not joined

**UNDP : Human development report 2015*
*** UNSD 2015*

Current projects 2016

Improving the detection and case-management of congenital defects

GOAL
The main objective of the project is to establish a pilot model for the prevention, early detection, early intervention and follow-up for children with common congenital defects.

METHOD
This will be achieved by launching preventive actions, improving newborn screening and being more efficient in guiding patients to the appropriate institution. Handicap International also aims at improving the collect of data on birth defects, and providing accurate information to the Ministry of Health. The latter may thus develop policies for the prevention and management of these deficiencies.

BENEFICIARIES
- The Ministry of Health and the Department of Health in the province of Quang Tri comprises 30 health professionals as well as national and provincial leaders. They are program managers, policy makers and have a lot of impact on policies and resources to prevent and treat birth defects.
- In health centers: 160 specialists in maternal and newborn health care, screening and rehabilitation and 487 health workers / employees in the villages. Health staff will be able to offer direct services for prevention and care to 45,000 women of childbearing age and their spouses and families (eg.Stepmothers), 4,500 mothers-to be, 3,000 pregnant women, 2,800 infants and young children with and without disabilities. Most beneficiaries live in rural areas and have limited access to preventive care and treatment of birth defects. Finally 45,000 women in reproductive age will benefit from the project

PARTNERS
- The Department of Health in Quang Tri province and the University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Hue (technical support)
- The General Office of Population and Family Planning - Ministry of Health

LOCATION
The province of Quang Tri

Safer roads for a better life « Safe Roads for Youth » (SR4Y)

GOAL
To reduce the number of road crashes due to alcohol and seriousness of road crashes in general.

METHOD
To achieve this objective, HI Vietnam will strengthen capacity of road safety stakeholders to design, implement and follow up appropriate strategies, especially in the field of awareness raising, on law-enforcement in terms of drinking-driving and first aid..
A specific action of research will be launched in measuring the efficiency of new activities defined in the frame of participative workshops involving targeted Youth Union and Youth Teams in this intervention. An awareness raising campaign in partnership with teams of young volunteers will be conducted among the 15-25 years old.

BENEFICIARIES
- People who live near roads and are not sufficiently informed about road safety must be involved in community education programs about the risks related to road safety.
- Students and teachers will also be involved in road safety activities at school or outside.
- In addition, the organization will also seek to provide care first aid to crashes victims and refer them to appropriate medical services (transport and trauma care).
- Outreach activities will be organized from 15-25 years at the national level.

PARTNERS
- The Road Safety Committees in the provinces of Binh Thuan and Bac Giang and the National Road Safety Committee;
- The Vietnamese Red Cross.

LOCATION
The provinces of Binh Thuan and Bac Giang.

Advancing medical care and rehabilitation education

GOAL

To improve quality of life of persons with brain lesions (traumatic brain injury, brain stroke, cerebral palsy) by improving access to quality rehabilitation services.

METHOD

- The project mostly focuses on strengthening the technical skills and capacities (training) of rehabilitation staff (doctors, nurses, physiotherapists and occupational therapists, social workers) and community-based service providers network (community health workers, family members/care takers, volunteers, heads of village, disabled persons organizations) at hospital levels (national, provincial and district) and at community level.

- The project targets both pre-job training (by strengthening existing physiotherapy training curriculum in universities and medical schools and by setting up occupational therapy curriculum in universities) and on-job training (refreshing and upgrading training).

- The project will also intervene at national level by developing models of rehabilitation care for persons with brain lesion and lobby for its integration into the national plan for rehabilitation development in Vietnam.

- Finally, the project will also work on rehabilitation care management issues through the strengthening of rehabilitation management system, data collection (quality of life, satisfaction, service outcomes) and financial accessibility of services.

BENEFICIARIES

- Persons with brain lesions (brain stroke, traumatic brain injuries, cerebral palsy)
- Rehabilitation and medical staff in hospitals and community-based rehabilitation service/support providers
- Institutions (Ministry of Health, rehabilitation association, universities, hospitals…)

PARTNERS

- Ministry and Departments of Health
- VINAREHA (Vietnam Association for Rehabilitation)
- National, provincial and district hospitals (rehabilitation departments of the hospitals) in Hanoi, Thai Binh, Hue, Ho Chi Minh and Dong Nai provinces
- Medical universities and schools in Hai Duong, Hanoi, Hue, Da Nang and Ho Chi Minh City

LOCATION

North: Hanoi, Hai Duong and Thai Bin provinces
Centre: Hue and Da Nang provinces
South: Ho Chi Minh and Dong Nai provinces

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