

STRENGTHENING CHILD PROTECTION AND CHILD'S RIGHTS IN VIETNAM

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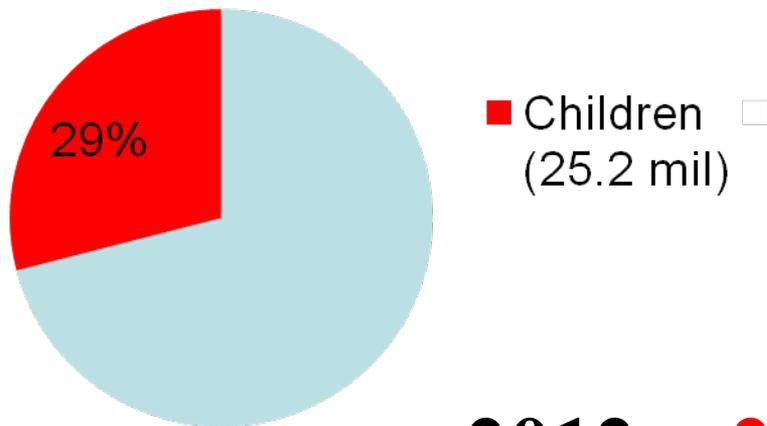
Vietnam

- Population: 87 million
- GDP growth: 7%/year
- Average income: over US\$1,300/person
- Poverty rate: 9.45%
- Universal compulsory secondary education in all provinces/cities
- Over 60% of population with health insurance
- HDI: 113/169 countries (2010)

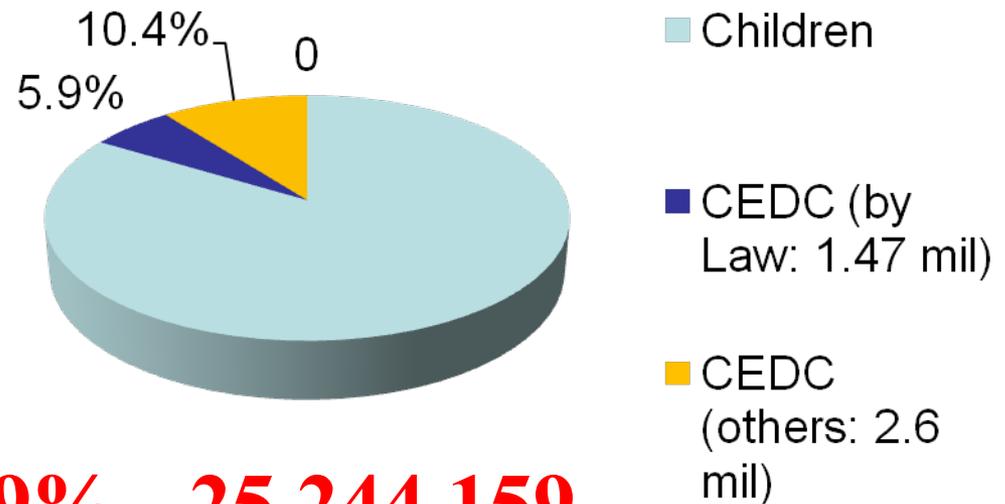


Situation of children in Vietnam

Child population (%)



CEDC



2012: 29% - 25,244,159

Children in especially difficult circumstances (CEDC):
Nearly 1.5 million, accounting for 5.9% of child population.
Over 500,000 children receiving State-budget monthly social beneficiaries

LEGISLTATION, LAWS AND PROGRAMS

- The Directive of the Communist Party on strengthening care, education and protection for children in new period.
- Amend and supplement the Law on protection, care and education for the child (2004) - Decree 71/2011/ND-CP and Decree 91/2011/ND-CP
- Decree 67/2007/ND-CP and Decree 13/2010/ND-CP on supportive policies for social beneficiaries
- Decision 267/QD-TTg on 22nd Feb 2011 on approval of the National Programme on child protection from 2011 to 2015
- Decision 1555/QD-TTg on 17th Oct 2012 on approval of the National Programme of action for children 2012 - 2020
- National program on child injury prevention from 2012 to 2015,
- National program on support children affected by HIV/AIDS from 2012 to 2015.
- Decision 37/2010/QD-TTg on the Communes fit for children
- Policy on supporting operation of children with congenital heart disease.
- Policy on providing school milk

National programme on child protection 2011 – 2015 (267)

a) Overall goals:

To create a safe and healthy living environment in which all children are protected. To take proactive acts to prevent, reduce, and eliminate risk factors leading to child vulnerability, to minimize the number of children in special circumstances, child victims of abuse and violence. To provide support and promote the recovery of children in special circumstances and child victims of abuse and violence, to promote their social reintegration and equitable access to development opportunities.

b) Specific objectives:

- The rate of children in special circumstances is reduced to below 5.5% of the general child population.
- 80% of children in special circumstances receive support and care to recover, reintegrate and are able to access development opportunities.
- 70% of children identified as vulnerable to becoming children in special circumstances receive interventions to reduce and eliminate such vulnerabilities.
- 50% of all provinces and cities establish and put in effective operation the child protection service system.

National programme on child protection 2011 - 2015

1) Project 1 on communications, education and social mobilization

- Project objective: 90% of families, schools, communities and children improve their awareness and change their behaviors related to child protection.

2) The Project 2 on capacity building for child protection staff, collaborators and volunteers involved in child protection and care

- Project objectives: 100% of child protection staff from central to district levels receive capacity building in the areas of management and implementation of child protection programmes, plans, projects.
- 50% of child protection staff at commune level, local collaborators and volunteers involved in child protection and care at villages, hamlets and residential units receive capacity building on child protection.

National programme on child protection 2011 - 2015

3) Project 3 on establishing and developing a child protection service system

- Project objectives: 50% of the provinces and cities at national level establish and put in operation a child protection service system.
- Project scope: 32 provinces and cities.
- Project activities:
 - Guidelines on the establishment and operation of the child protection service system
 - Various child protection services will be provided at sub-national level.
 - Training and refreshment courses for staff working in the child protection service system.
 - Activities will be taken to provide and connect available child protection services.
 - Activities will also be conducted to assist children in special circumstances
 - The capacity of parents, child care-givers and the general community will be improved in areas of child protection and parental skills.
 - Children's self-protection skills will be enhanced.
 - Delegations will be sent on study visits both within the country and abroad.

National programme on child protection 2011 - 2015

4) The Project 4 on establishing and scaling up community-based support models for children in special circumstances

- Project objectives:
 - 80% of children with disabilities have access to healthcare, orthopedic and rehabilitation services, as well as education and other public services;
 - 90% of abandoned children, orphaned children and children without a care giver receive care;
 - An annual rate of 10% decrease in the number of child victims of sexual abuse and violence is achieved;
 - 100% of children identified as victims of sexual abuse and violence receive support and intervention measures;
 - the rate of street children is reduced to 7/10,000;
 - the rate of working children who are subject to hard, hazardous, dangerous jobs is reduced to 10/10,000;
 - the rate of children in conflict with the law is reduced to 7/10,000.

National programme on child protection 2011 - 2015

5) The Project 5 on improving the effectiveness of State management in the field of child protection and care

Project objectives:

- The enforcement of current legal documents on child protection, care, and education is reviewed and evaluated for making or recommending amendments to be made by competent agencies towards a more friendly, preventive, and protective system of child protection.
- A specialized database on child protection, care, and education is established and serve as the foundation for assessing the implementation of relevant laws, policies, and the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

National programme on child protection 2011 - 2015

Funding for the Programme:

- Funding for the Programme should be mobilized from various resources, including: the State budget at national and sub-national levels; overseas assistance; contributions of the society and other sources of finance.
- The total budget for the Programme is estimated at VND 1,755.5 billion (about US\$850 million)

National programme of action for children 2012 – 2020 (1555)

a) Overall objective:

- Development of a safe, friendly and healthy environment for better exercise of child's rights. Reduced disparity in terms of living standards between children of different groups and geographic regions. Improved quality of life as well as equal opportunities for development for all children.

b) Specific objectives:

- Reduced stunting rate among children under five years of age to under 26% in 2015 and by 23% in 2020; reduced rate of underweight in children under five years of age to less than 15% in 2015 and by 10% in 2020. The rate of over 95% of commune health stations having female midwives or obstetric/pediatric physicians shall be sustained in 2020.
- Achieved universal access to early childhood education for children at five years of age in 2015; by 2020, at least 30% of children in kindergarten age group and 80% of those in preschool age group receive care and education in early childhood education establishments. By 2020, primary school and secondary school net enrollment rates reach 99% and 95% respectively, with particular attention to children of ethnic minorities and children with disabilities.

National programme of action for children 2012 – 2020 (1555)

b) Specific objectives:

- Reduced rate of children in special circumstances to less than 5.5% of the total children population in 2015 and to 5% in 2020; increased percentage of children in special circumstances receiving support and care for rehabilitation, reintegration and development opportunities to 80% in 2015 and 85% in 2020; the rate of children subjected to violence is decreased by 20% in 2015 and 40% in 2020; the rate of children suffering from accidental injuries decreased to 550 and 450 children of every 100.000 children in 2015 and 2020 respectively.
- Increased number of communes/wards having qualified recreational sites for children to 50% in 2015 and 55% in 2020.
- Increased rate of child participation in children forums at different levels to 20 and 25 children of every 100,000 children in 2015 and 2020 respectively.
- Increased percentage of communes, wards fit for children to 70% in 13 2015 and 80% in 2020.

National programme of action for children 2012 – 2020 (1555)

The Programme key activities:

- a) Communication, education, social mobilization for awareness raising and behavioral changes in exercising child's rights.
- b) Development and implementation of child protection, care and education programmes and plans.
- c) Improvement of legislation and policies relevant to the protection, care and education of children and child's rights exercise.
- d) Encouraging involvement of socio-political, economic, social and professional organizations, families, communities, general public and children in child protection, care and education
- e) Strengthening organizational structure, competency of staff working with children at all levels and across various sectors.

STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS

- Develop and implement laws and policies in child's rights based approach
- Support full and comprehensive development of the child in physical, intellectual, mental and ethnical aspects.
- Gradually create suitable child friendly environment
- Mobilize the involvement of social organizations and individuals

STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS

- Stabilize and develop the organization structure of professional management system on child's rights.
- Improve inter-sectoral and inter-level cooperation mechanism
- Develop social work, particularly social workers with children.
- Strengthen the implementation of child participation and their duties
- Enhance monitoring and evaluation on child's right implementation

PROPOSED COOPERATION

1. Exchange experience on development and implementation of legislation and laws on child's rights, child protection system.
2. Exchange experience on promoting implementation and monitoring CRC, Optional protocols of CRC, Concluding observation of UN Committee on the Rights of the Child
3. Support capacity building programs/trainings on child's rights implementation, particularly on protection and child participation and CEDC caregivers.

PROPOSED COOPERATION

4. Support to study and develop policies on child's rights such as violence against children, climate change, child injury prevention, HIV/AIDS, street children, child labour, child sexual abuse and exploitation,...

5. Organize children's forum for children from Vietnam and ASEAN countries on the rights of the child

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!