



World Vision Project Profile



Tien Lu Area Development Programme Vietnam

Tien Lu district is the poorest of 10 districts in Hung Yen province. The common problems among community children are malnutrition, limited access to quality education, injuries and sickness, lack of life skills and high rate of school dropouts. In 2009, World Vision identified targeted communes in the districts and launched its community development activities. By partnering with local stakeholders including the local government, sustainable community development in targeted communes can be achieved.

Brief Information

Impact Area Population: 25,568 people
Programme Lifespan: 2009 – 2020
Children Available for Sponsorship
(as of Nov 2015): 489

Geographical Location

Tien Lu ADP is located in the Red River Delta in northern Vietnam. It is the lowest lying part of Hung Yen province, about 85km south of Hanoi.

Realities

Economic Poverty

Difficult terrain and weather conditions contribute directly to economic difficulties. 30-40% of households in the ADP stay under poverty line. While agriculture (rice, maize and vegetables) accounts for most of the population's income, productivity is low due to flooding, which occurs four to six months a year, poor soil conditions, sub-par irrigation systems, difficulty in transportation and lack of knowledge. Animal farming is unprofitable due to the lack of proper methods, transportation difficulties, poor management and unstable market conditions. There is job scarcity in the area as low skill levels and lack of resources leave many jobless after the harvest season.

Educational Challenges

Only 32% of young children have access to preschool. While primary school enrolment is high at 70%, facilities are insufficient and of poor quality. The quality of teachers is lacking, and many of the older teachers lack professional knowledge and skills. While there is some government investment in building schools, they are not fully equipped. Children are adversely affected by these impoverished conditions. Approximately 20% of children stop learning after secondary school and 50%-60% of children do not study further after high school. These children farm or go out of the villages to look for jobs without vocational skills.

Healthcare Concerns

More than 20% of children under five are malnourished. There is a very high incidence of respiratory diseases and diarrhoea (53.4%) among children. Women suffer from gynaecological problems due to limited access to qualified health practitioners. Primary health care is also deficient. There is a low level of knowledge and practice of hygiene and sanitation. Human waste is not properly handled, especially after flooding. More than 70% of households use unhygienic latrines near pig pens. There is a dire lack of access to safe water and water sources are polluted by household and animal waste. On top of that, filtration systems are poor and the uninformed use of pesticides makes well water unsafe.

Programme Goal


To sustain the well-being of children within their families and communities in targeted communes through the improvement in household incomes and the social environment.





Key Challenges and World Vision's Key Initiatives

Challenge: Low rice production with limited access to markets and alternative sources of income

 **Initiative: Increase the incomes of poor households to ensure that parents can provide well for their children**

A multipronged approach is taken to increase household incomes through market oriented agriculture development. This includes enhancing the effectiveness of crop production through making bio-fertilisers, promoting potato planting and integrated crop management and improving the irrigation system. Households are also trained in animal rearing, veterinary skills and mushroom farming as alternative sources of income. Workshops are conducted for youths to increase their skills and provide better job information.

Challenge: Low standard of education especially at preschool and primary school level

 **Initiative: Improve the quality of preschool and primary school education**

World Vision is working to enhance teaching competencies of teachers in early childhood development. The construction and renovation of classrooms together with the provision of furniture and well-designed fittings enhance the learning environment. The formation and monitoring of child clubs and parents and teachers associations are also carried out. Children are also equipped with life skills like communication, critical thinking, problem solving and provided with books and libraries to encourage reading.

Challenge: Lack of awareness of environmental sanitation

 **Initiative: Improve access to water resources and environmental hygiene conditions**


World Vision is working to enhance knowledge of safe water, sanitation and hygiene among children and the community by organising campaigns to promote building new toilets and water systems. Waste disposals in health centres and waste collection points are also established.

Challenge: Local leaders are ill equipped to mobilise the community and implement development activities

 **Initiative: Improve the participation of local people and children in development activities**

World Vision assists communes in setting up volunteer facilitator networks to do development work in the community. Training in communication, community mobilisation, delegation, needs assessment, planning, monitoring and evaluation are conducted to assist the community in the creation of Village Development Plans and improve the capacity of development workers. Disaster management teams are established and strengthened to oversee disaster preparedness, prevention and management.

Challenge: Poor health infrastructure and inadequate skills and knowledge of healthcare staff

 **Initiative: Reduce the rate of malnutrition and infectious diseases in children through proper health care practices**

World Vision monitors the health and nutrition of children at home and supports parents with monthly education sessions to increase their capacity to provide proper health care for their children. Cooking demonstrations and deworming campaigns are also conducted to improve the health of children under five. Training in areas like breastfeeding for mothers and nutrition and disease prevention for local health workers are also provided.



Improved irrigation canals give better yields.



Students have access to improved toilets.

Through all these interventions, World Vision is transforming the lives of children in Tien Lu, making a change today as well as giving them hope for the future!

How You Can Help

Sponsor a child in Tien Lu ADP or give towards a **Gift Catalogue** item, which benefits the community!

Thank you for your heart for the poor, and for making a difference in the lives of children and families in Vietnam.