

Exiting Exploitation, Vietnam

FY17 Annual Update

Project Profile

Project Goal	To strengthen the emerging child protection systems in Hanoi and Dien Bien province for vulnerable children
Programme Outcomes	<p>#1 Protection: To remove vulnerable children from exploitative and dangerous situations and provide them access to support and rehabilitation</p> <p>#2 Prevention: To equip community members, families and young people with essential life skills to build resilience and reduce community vulnerability</p> <p>#3 Policy & Advocacy: To strengthen and develop networks of key community agencies including the government</p>
Project Beneficiaries	2,940 children and community members

Overview

In FY2017, Exiting Exploitation focused on helping street children and youth in Hanoi, as well as rescuing ethnic minority children in two districts of Dien Bien province. The holistic approach aims to provide a sustainable range of appropriate services to protect children from exploitation, in particular sexual abuse and trafficking and child protection services within the Vietnamese government and among local organisations.

The project provided individualised services for vulnerable children including psycho-social support, safe accommodation, education and training, legal advice, career assistance, and training and sport and recreational activities designed to build essential life and career skills. Resilience-building prevention activities were organised for communities that are vulnerable to trafficking, while at-risk children were educated on the signs and dangers of human trafficking. The project provided training on human trafficking for key duty-bearers at the provincial and local levels.

Project Outcome #1 To remove vulnerable children from exploitative and dangerous situations and provide them access to support and rehabilitation

A total of **1,370 vulnerable children and youths** were from exploitative and dangerous situations and provided with access to support. Specifically:

- 21 homeless children in Hanoi received emergency care and accommodation
- 424 youths attended workshops on career preparation in Dien Bien
- 300 students in Dien Bien were trained on child rights and anti-human trafficking
- 264 people, including children, youth and their families, received free legal advice and advocacy
- 234 child victims of sexual exploitation and human trafficking received counselling
- 50 children visited the Drop In Centre in Hanoi every day
- 17 child victims of abuse, sexual exploitation and human trafficking received healthcare support and treatment

Project Outcome #2 To equip community members, families and young people with essential life skills to build resilience and reduce community vulnerability.

A total of **1,538 community members, families and young people** obtained essential life skills to build resilience and reduce community vulnerability. Specifically:

- 854 high school students participated in a workshop on anti-human trafficking and child exploitation
- 270 children received life skills training.
- 187 parents and carers across Hanoi and Dien Bien were educated on specific child protection issues, such as identifying and avoiding sexual abuse
- 138 students attended different child protection workshops
- 89 youths attended leadership training courses

Project Outcome #3 To strengthen and develop networks of key community agencies including the government

32 commune members attended training on Child Protection Law and Anti Child Exploitation

Impact Story



Hoang taking part in a barista class*

Hoang* had been abused for a long time when his case surfaced. Orphaned since young, he wandered the streets for two years and was sexually exploited by paedophiles. He had to use drugs to ease the pain. Hoang exhibited behavioural issues and suicidal tendencies and he could not hold down a part-time job. His relatives could not manage him and he was left to live on the streets.

Hoang was provided with emergency accommodation for kids in crisis. A psychologist was readily available to provide round-the-clock assistance. After some time, Hoang observably improved. He no longer wished to commit suicide and exhibited more positive behaviour.

He took on English lessons and studied diligently. World Vision's programme support was also directed at helping him to find a job in a small café. He is still working there. When he is not working or studying, he helps at the shelter and also helps other street kids. Hoang recently finished a barista course. Hoang's new outlook on life is the result of his own desire to change and World Vision's holistic programme for rehabilitation.

**Name changed to protect his identity*