



Tien Lu district is the poorest of 10 districts in Hung Yen province. The common problems among children in the community are malnutrition, limited access to quality education, injuries and sickness, lack of life skills and high school dropout rates. 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

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

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

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.

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REALITIES

Economic Poverty

Difficult terrain and weather conditions contribute directly to economic difficulties. In 2018, only 32.9% of poor and near poor families were able to increase their income from the previous year. 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

While primary school enrolment is high, 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. In schools, facilities are insufficient and not all teachers are equipped with professional knowledge on active learning methods and how to engage students.

Healthcare Concerns

More than 1 out of 10 children are stunted and 22.3% of people in the community suffer from acute respiratory infection. Women suffer from gynaecological problems due to limited access to qualified health practitioners. There is a low level of knowledge and practice of hygiene and sanitation, insufficient access to clean water, and human waste is not properly handled, especially after flooding. 15% of households do not have hygienic toilets and clean water. On top of that, filtration systems are poor and the uninformed use of pesticides makes well water unsafe.



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 for alternative sources of income. Workshops are conducted for youths to increase their skills and have better job information.

CHALLENGE Low standard of education

INITIATIVE Improve the quality of education through better facilities and training

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 Poor health infrastructure and inadequate skills and knowledge of healthcare staff

INITIATIVE Reduce the rate of malnutrition and infectious diseases in children through proper healthcare 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 healthcare for their children. Cooking demonstrations, nutrition education 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.

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!



Hiep and his grandfather enjoy a better life with a new livelihood in cow raising.



Child-centred teaching methodologies are applied in lessons to promote active learning and participation.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Sponsor a child or give towards a **Gift Catalogue item**, which helps the community achieve self-sustainability!

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

Because of our community-focused solutions, for every child you help, four more benefit too!