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CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME VIETNAM

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

ESTABLISHED

1997

LOCATION

Ho Chi Minh City, Dong Thap Province, Hau Giang Province, Lam Dong Province, Tay Ninh Province, Ben Tre Province, Dong Nai Province and Long An Province

BACKGROUND

CNCF's Capital Assistance Programme (CAP) were established with an aim of offering vital support to vulnerable children and families. This support is provided through a range of initiatives, including the construction of new bridges, kindergartens, kitchens and child-friendly libraries, water supply facilities including water/wells and water purification plants, low-interest revolving loans and other facilities beneficial to communities living in abject poverty. Within the CAP, the Bicycle Support Programme also seeks to assist disadvantaged children by providing them with bicycles and road safety training, which helps increase school attendance and ensures their safety during commutes

BENEFICIARIES

Children who lack access to early childhood education and those studying in substandard facilities; communities with limited or no access to basic education

services; individuals living in poverty without access to clean water and related facilities; and families aiming to establish or expand small businesses for improving their living conditions but facing challenges in accessing financial capital

LOCAL PARTNERS

BOLISA Can Gio - HCMC, DOET of Duc Trong District - Lam Dong Province, DOLISA of Ben Tre Province, DOLISA of Dong Nai Province, DOLISA of Tay Ninh Province, GCPF of Dong Thap Province, PPC of District 10 - HCMC, PPC of Chau Thanh District - Long An Province, UFO of Hau Giang Province

CNCF ACCOUNTABILITY

CNCF is fully responsible for funding and financial management. CNCF provides management and technical support for community development and other project services as well as monitoring and reporting to donors

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

CNCF's Project Manager evaluates project success through site assessments. Collaborative meetings with local partners and the CNCF Board ensure regular updates and address challenges. Support is promptly offered for emerging needs. Reporting to the CNCF Board occurs monthly, quarterly, and semi-annually, with an annual evaluation by sponsors and CNCF to measure project impact. An annual report is shared with stakeholders

OUR YEAR

This year, CNCF's Capital Assistance Programme continued to provide support to communities in poverty-stricken and remote rural areas of southern Vietnam, initiatives designed to significantly enhance the quality of life, education, and accessibility for communities in need. These initiatives addressed various needs, ranging from educational infrastructure to basic hygiene facilities, all contributing to the broader goal of sustainable community development.

Since inception,



over **836,101**

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

have been impacted by CNCF's Capital Assistance Programme in Vietnam.

In 2023,

directly

14,715

&

indirectly

21,267

CHILDREN AND ADULTS

benefited through the provision of CNCF's Capital Assistance initiatives, and those who continued to benefit from schools, kindergartens, playground builds, water tanks, swimming pools, bridges and kitchens constructed in previous years.



OUR YEAR

Renovation of Educational Facilities

495 CHILDREN
at Binh Thanh B Kindergarten

352 CHILDREN
at Luong Tam Kindergarten

benefited from the kitchen facilities upgrade, ensuring access to nutritious meals.

120 PRESCHOOLERS
at Ninh Gia Kindergarten saw improvements in their learning environment due to the construction and repair of classrooms.

69 CHILDREN
at CNCF's Tay Ninh Centre for Visually Impaired Children

36 CHILDREN
at CNCF's Sunshine Homes

experienced enhanced living conditions through the renovation and maintenance of the centre

Infrastructure Improvements



200 HOUSEHOLDS
in Hau Giang province benefited directly from the construction of the Kenh De Bridge. By enhancing daily accessibility, the bridge facilitated safer and more efficient access to essential services, educational facilities, markets, and enabled communities to thrive

Water Safety and Hygiene



20 HOUSEHOLDS
in Dong Thap province received clean water storage tanks, addressing their critical water safety concerns, improving access to safe drinking water, and enhancing community health and hygiene standards

Bicycle Support Programme



56 CHILDREN
across Southern Vietnam were equipped with bicycles and safety helmets. Road safety training was provided as part of the initiative, aiming to reduce transportation barriers and promote educational engagement by ensuring safer commutes

Overall, these efforts collectively improved living conditions, educational environments, and community well-being, demonstrating a comprehensive approach to addressing various needs across different regions and empowering communities with sustainable futures.



Distribution of clean water storage tanks to various households in Dong Thap province





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OUR STORIES

Building a Brighter Future: The Ninh Gia Kindergarten Renovation

This year, the rural community of Ninh Gia in Lam Dong Province, Vietnam, celebrated a major achievement with the successful completion of the Ninh Gia Kindergarten Renovation Project. Led by CNCF, and thanks to an individual donor (Vietnam), this project addressed critical infrastructure issues in the kindergarten's remote satellite locations, particularly in the villages of Hiep Thuan and Dang Sron, where overcrowded and unsafe facilities were a pressing concern.

Before the project, the educational environment was subpar, with rundown classrooms and limited space impeding the children's learning experiences. CNCF recognised these challenges and undertook a thorough renovation and expansion effort. This included repairing existing structures and constructing new classrooms, which greatly improved the safety and comfort of the learning spaces. Additionally, the consolidation of educational sites allowed the community to reclaim communal halls for their intended purposes, strengthening local cohesion.

Completed in just under 6 months, the project has made a significant and immediate impact on the lives of 120 preschool children, many of whom come from ethnic minority backgrounds. The enhanced facilities have not only elevated the quality of education but have also raised community awareness about the importance of early childhood development. This project stands as a powerful example of the positive outcomes achievable through dedicated investments in rural education, setting a new benchmark for similar initiatives in the region and ensuring a brighter future for Ninh Gia's youngest learners.

OUR STORIES

Nourishing Futures Through Enhanced School Infrastructure

In a notable advancement for early childhood education, CNCF, in collaboration with the Bel Foundation (France), successfully renovated and upgraded the kitchens at Luong Tam Kindergarten in Hau Giang Province and Binh Thanh B Kindergarten in Dong Thap Province. Serving a combined total of 847 young students, these schools previously faced challenges with outdated and inadequate kitchen facilities, which hindered their ability to provide nutritious meals crucial for the children's physical and cognitive development.

Proper nutrition is essential during the formative years for children's growth and well-being. At Luong Tam Kindergarten, the renovation included ceiling upgrades, new kitchen cabinetry, modern appliances, and improved ventilation systems. Binh Thanh B Kindergarten benefited from comprehensive upgrades, such as new kitchen equipment and enhanced water drainage systems to ensure safe and efficient meal preparation.

Completed within 5 months, this project has significantly improved the daily lives of preschoolers there by ensuring they receive the nutrition necessary for their academic and social development. Beyond the immediate benefits, the project has also alleviated the financial burden on families, allowing parents to work without concerns about their children's daily meals. This initiative underscores a strong commitment to the well-being of young learners and highlights the importance of early childhood education. The collaboration between CNCF and the Bel Foundation exemplifies the transformative impact of targeted investments in education infrastructure, paving the way for a brighter, healthier future for children in Vietnam.



OUR STORIES

Bridging Communities for a Brighter Future

CNCF in collaboration with Harbour Energy (Vietnam), has successfully completed the Kenh De Bridge Construction Project in Xa Phien Commune, Hau Giang Province. This project replaced an ageing dangerous wooden bridge with a robust 21-metre concrete structure, greatly enhancing safety and connectivity for over 200 households directly in the area. Previously, inadequate infrastructure made daily tasks, such as commuting to school and transporting goods, both challenging and hazardous.

Finished in just under 5 months, the new bridge can support up to 5 tonnes of daily traffic, accommodating pedestrians, motorbikes, and small vehicles. The bridge has immediately improved the safety and reliability of commutes for students and farmers. Furthermore, the enhanced access has stimulated economic growth by allowing larger vehicles to reach previously isolated areas, which has reduced the cost of goods and services for the local community.

This project underscores the profound impact that infrastructure improvements can have on rural areas. By boosting connectivity and access to essential services, the Kenh De Bridge has not only elevated the quality of life for residents but also created new economic opportunities. It exemplifies the transformative potential of thoughtful, targeted development projects in communities in need.



BEFORE



AFTER

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The operational cost of the Capital Assistance Programme in 2023 was:

\$412,028 USD

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Audit in progress at time of reporting. Our audits can be found [here](#).



CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME EXPENDITURES IN 2023

Expenditure	Amount (USD)
Binh Thanh B Kindergarten - Dong Thap Province	10,150
Bridge Kenh De - Hau Giang Province	13,398
Luong Tam Kindergarten - Hau Giang Province	7,590
Ninh Gia Kindergarten - Lam Dong Province	169,161
Water Tank Programme - Dong Thap Province	2,391
Tay Ninh Centre for Visually Impaired Children Refurbishment - Tay Ninh Province	154,751
Sunshine Homes Refurbishment - Ho Chi Minh City	28,555
Bicycle Support Programme - South Vietnam	8,012
CNCF Project Operations	18,021
TOTAL COST	412,028

Additional details per project available upon request.



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