

YOUR ANNUAL UPDATE

Thanks to your sponsorship, children and families are making positive changes in Quang Binh. Learn more about the valuable ways your support has benefitted them.

Education has been significantly disrupted during the COVID-19 pandemic. Parents and teachers are focused on providing safe and accessible education for children. For those who cannot return to school, Plan has helped provide vocational training or livelihood initiatives that give them a way to generate income.

Approximately 8,900 children have improved their knowledge of gender-based violence (GBV) that occurs in schools. The Provincial Children's Council, with the support of Plan, was established to represent the voices of over 200,000 children in the Quang Binh area.

Your sponsorship will ensure even more success for children in Quang Binh.



102

Classrooms, toilets, and kitchens built in schools



916

Children raised their voices on International Day of the Girl



67

Members participating in the Children's Council



COVID-19'S IMPACT IN VIETNAM

Hear from Thao about how COVID-19 has impacted her community.

"We found it really difficult when most of our family members were infected with COVID-19. Children had to stay at home and couldn't go to school. During this difficult time, Plan International supported us with the most essential foods, rice and other supplies. This support enabled us to protect ourselves and stabilise our lives."

CASE STORY: PREVENTING EARLY MARRIAGE



NAME: HAI

AGE: 16 YEARS OLD

HOBBY: MAKING TIKTOK VIDEOS

We hope to expand our goat herd to become a small goat farm and by that time, we will create more jobs for girls like us. We will only think of marriage when we are able to manage and take care of our lives and help our parents financially a little bit.

Meet Hai

Like your sponsored child, Hai has been empowered by Plan International to change her life. Hai dropped out of school at the age of 16 and was helping her parents with chores and caring for her younger siblings. There are no centres for vocational education in Hai's community, so she had few options for pursuing further opportunities.

Life Skills to Succeed

There are very few employment and livelihood opportunities for girls in Hai's community, and poverty rates are high. Many girls are also expected to be married by the age of 16.

Through a Girls Club run by Plan, Hai and a group of others were granted six goats. They learned from other community members how to raise the goats and made their own plans to generate income through research and discussion.

Hai also learned about financial management, family planning, and gender equality. She has been able to explain to her parents why she should wait to get married and pursue her own goals first.

Generating Income

After improving her own knowledge about raising goats, Hai began to do market research on how to sell them and make a profit. With her earnings, she plans to expand her herd so that she can offer job opportunities to other girls in her community.

Hai has become a confident and positive girl, and she uses her own knowledge to give advice to other girls in the community. She creates videos on TikTok to show audiences her model for raising goats and to encourage girls to earn their own money rather than getting married at a young age, preparing them for a better future.



Hai and other members of the Girls Club

WE CURRENTLY WORK WITH 5,189 CHILDREN IN QUANG BINH

OUR PROJECTS IN QUANG BINH ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



GENDER RESPONSIVE SCHOOLING



COVID-19 affected learning and project activities. When COVID-19 was under control, most project activities were integrated into school curriculum.

Even in schools, gender-based violence (GBV) is widely accepted as a part of society. In fact, the Law on Education in Vietnam does not mention gender-based violence at all. Only 42% of incidents at and on the way to school are reported by students, and often nothing is done.

To promote a safe, gender-responsive environment where children are able to learn, Plan supported teachers, students and parents to improve their knowledge of GBV and enhance their capacity to recognize and respond to it. 817 teachers improved their abilities to promote equal gender norms through 27 training sessions.

These trainings included presentations and discussions on a range of concepts, and teachers were then responsible for not only demonstrating what they learned but also relaying this information to students.

FUTURE-READY GIRLS



Limited access to education and vocational training means poor employment outcomes and high levels of poverty.

Many graduates struggle with unemployment, in part due to a lack of career orientation at school. There is no official career guidance provided to lower secondary school students.

With support from Plan, 194 teachers attended training sessions to improve their knowledge of career orientation. All secondary school students benefitted from action plans developed by the teachers, in particular members of the Champions of Change (CoC) clubs. The CoC members learned vital communication skills and were able to influence their peers by sharing their knowledge through extracurricular activities.



"I have spent more time participating in extra-curricular activities to understand more about my weaknesses and strengths. Those will be very useful for my future job directions."

- Lin (12) from Quang Binh

YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES

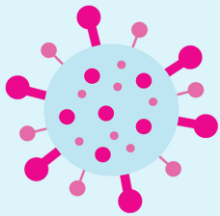


FUTURE CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS



41%

Of H'mong children drop out of school, largely due to language barriers.



17.6

Million children had their education interrupted because of COVID-19.



575

Schools closed during 2021. Currently all schools are open again.



Your support helps girls and boys to stand up for their futures.

- Education and employment opportunities are difficult to find. We will continue to support young people in achieving positive employment outcomes through livelihood initiatives.
- Limited knowledge on gender-based violence (GBV) makes it difficult for children to understand and report incidents. This is something that we aim to address through training sessions.
- Children and especially girls are excluded from decision-making at all levels. We continue to empower girls to raise their voices.
- Awareness of children's rights is lacking throughout rural communities. We will promote child rights education for teachers, parents and caregivers as well as children.

We know the best is yet to come, and together we will continue to work for a brighter, happier future for the children in Quang Binh.



"Thank you so much for supporting the children in Quang Binh. Significant and positive changes in their lives have been made. This enables them to be active drivers of change in fulfilling their rights."

Le Duc Ha
Programme Area Manager, Quang Binh

YOUR GENEROSITY WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CHILDREN IN STANDING UP FOR THEIR FUTURE AND RIGHTS