

YOUR ANNUAL UPDATE

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

Malnutrition and stunted development are prevalent among children under 5 years old. In the past year, communities in Ha Giang have been working on enhancing livelihood programs for generating income and improving the quality of daily meals.

Teachers and schools have been improving their understanding of gender equality and gender-based violence (GBV). Programs for education and training are being expanded to reach as many teachers as possible, who then share their knowledge with their colleagues and with students in the classroom.

Your sponsorship will ensure even more success for children in Ha Giang.



650

Pregnant mothers given check-ups and home visits



11,512

Stateless villagers were granted citizenship



1,866

Teachers learnt about climate change and disaster risks



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 8,421 CHILDREN IN HA GIANG

OUR PROJECTS IN HA GIANG ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



GENDER RESPONSIVE SCHOOLING



Through monthly teacher-led meetings, 2,200 students improved their ability to respond to GBV, manage conflict and prevent bullying.

There is limited awareness of children's rights and gender equality, and 76% of children do not know how to find support when they face bullying. Plan is working with teachers, parents and students to improve community knowledge of gendered issues so that students can feel supported.

Through training sessions run with Plan's support, 644 key teachers improved their understanding of topics like bullying, gender equality, online harassment, and gender-based violence (GBV). They were then able to share their knowledge with other teachers, reaching a further 1,196 educators who will use this information to recognise and prevent GBV in classrooms and provide support to students who have experienced bullying.

Additionally, 26,000 parents attended sessions run by schools and gained awareness on school violence, how to identify it and how to support affected children.

LIVELIHOOD FOR ETHNIC MINORITIES



The poverty rate among ethnic minorities in Ha Giang is 66%, compared with a national poverty rate of 21%. Ethnic minority youth struggle with a lack of opportunities and poor educational outcomes.

The District Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DDARD) led training for 640 ethnic minority youths, giving them techniques and skills to improve their productivity. They were also provided with seeds and tools and, with technical support, 30% of participants received a higher income than before.

Other programs included providing access to learning centres and trainings led by a district career service centre that gave participants sessions on computer skills and green skills. A total of 1,120 youth benefitted from these programs.



**"I was trained on how to plant organic vegetables and produce organic and microbiological fertilisers from waste of animals and red worms. Thanks to new techniques, my vegetable productivity has increased."
- Thuy (27) from Ha Giang**

YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



FUTURE CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS



40%

Of children under 5 have stunted development



51%

Of the population are living in poverty



55%

Of teachers do not adapt their teaching for ethnic minority children



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

- Access to quality health care is very limited and only 22% of women are satisfied with the service they receive for their children. Plan is working to increase the number of health centres with trained staff.
- The infant mortality rate in Ha Giang is higher than the rest of the province. Nutrition and livelihood programs will continue to support parents with malnourished children.
- Ethnic minorities face ongoing barriers to education and employment opportunities. Working with teachers and other training facilities, we are tackling this issue.
- We will support parents and teachers to recognise and respond to GBV and bullying so that children can feel safe and protected at school.

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



“I would like to thank our dearest sponsors who have supported children, and especially girls. We and our partners will continue to improve our programs to have greatest outcomes to bring a brighter future for children.”

Duong Van Tuy
Programme Area Manager, Ha Giang

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