

Quang Tri Vietnam

Positive changes are happening in Quang Tri. Learn more about how we're supporting children and girls' rights through our collaborative, equality-driven work.

Plan International has been involved in Quang Tri, Vietnam, since 2007. This coastal region was heavily damaged during the American war in Vietnam and is now one of the poorest provinces in the country.

Nearly eight percent of young people in Quang Tri are unemployed, and many families live in houses built on stilts to withstand the natural disasters that occur in the region, which range from flash floods to landslides.

Beyond the construction of their homes, many people in Quang Tri do not know how to react in the event of climate-related disasters. This year, thousands of community members came together to share information about disaster risk management and inclusion in times of crisis.



Sponsored Children show off their colourful artwork.

"I used to be very shy, but I've found my voice. I'm determined to create a better future."

– Man (12) from Quang Binh



Impact in Numbers

23,000

People are safer from natural disasters

4,694

Young people took part in vocational training workshops

14,938

Students are learning in refurbished schools

Hear My Voice



NAME:

Kieu

AGE:

15 years old

DREAMS TO BE:

A teacher



“Young people want to be seen as individuals with our own set of unique strengths and skills. I believe we can build a better future for all children.”

Meet Kieu

Like many children in Quang Tri, Kieu is optimistic about achieving her goals and building a strong future.

Participating in youth leadership programmes has given Kieu the confidence to speak for her village on a larger stage.

Champions of Change

15-year-old Kieu enjoys reading and learning English. Kieu’s family belongs to the indigenous ethnic minority Van Kieu, a culture that centres many traditions around the harvest and the home.

Van Kieu is one of more than 50 ethnic minorities co-existing in Vietnam. Within the country, these communities are exponentially more likely to live in poverty: in 2018, ethnic minorities made up 72% of those living in poverty in Vietnam.

Many local leaders overlook children – and especially girls – when it comes to decision-making about their rights. Plan’s Champions of Change and Children’s Council programmes are designed to empower young people like Kieu to advocate for themselves, practising skills in public speaking, leadership and debate.

I Speak for Us

Among hundreds of motivated young people, Kieu stood out as an exemplary leader, and was selected to represent her home province at the Children’s National Assembly, featuring several hundred students from across the country.

There, Kieu bravely spoke about the issues her peers face at home. Today, she reports, the local government listens to the Children’s Council for guidance, passing on their concerns to officials at higher levels.



After demonstrating her leadership skills, Kieu was invited to represent her province at the Children’s National Assembly.

We Currently Work With 5,932 Sponsored Children In Quang Tri

Projects That Support Lasting Change

Knowledge Is Power

In times of crisis, people with disabilities are likely to be overlooked. We set out to change that.

People with disabilities are at a disadvantage in Vietnam, and 75% of differently abled people live in rural areas.

In a region that is very vulnerable to the effects of climate change, the Reaching the Furthest Behind programme intends to combine disaster risk management, vocational training and school repairs with accessibility and inclusion for women and people with disabilities.

So far, 60 people with disabilities now have the materials and skills necessary to generate additional income through selling animal products and handmade brooms. 16 community repair projects have been completed, from installing clean water filtration systems to new roads and disaster warning signs.



340 low-income households are building financial security through livestock.

1,000

young learners are running around on new playgrounds



Across Quang Tri, students now have access to 18 school counselling centres.



Vinh learned more about self-defence and preventing violence.

Safer Together

When polled, just 56% of children in Quang Tri knew how to identify the signs of abuse.

It takes a village to keep children safe. That's why we're partnering with schools, educators, youth leaders and students to raise awareness about gender-based violence, child abuse and safety. Local teachers have facilitated 455 workshops about how to recognise, report and prevent abuse, reaching 4,950 children.

Plan International's Champions of Change programme empowers young people, and particularly young women, to step into leadership roles by becoming peer mentors and advocates. Our Champions of Change have used engaging educational activities like games, drawing activities, and role playing to teach 3,560 young children about violence, safety and their rights.

"I like the new counselling room at my school. Some of my friends have already gotten help there."

– Vinh (14) from Quang Tri

You're Supporting a More Equal Future



Sponsored Girls are building confidence in Quang Tri's new Reading and Playing groups.

Together, we're working to create a more just world.

Students from rural communities struggle to find employment after graduation. We will continue to offer vocational training workshops.

12.5% of girls in Quang Tri are married before their 18th birthday. We will meet with community leaders and caregivers to discuss gender equality and girls' rights.

Communities in Quang Tri are vulnerable to climate-related disasters. We will continue to facilitate educational events for community members to discuss climate change, emergency response and risk assessment.

Message from Plan Staff

"Today, children have more opportunities to make better choices for their futures. Thank you for your valuable contribution to the continued enrichment of our community in Quang Tri."



Nguyen Tran Nguyen,
Programme Area
Manager, Quang
Tri

The Plan Effect

Sponsored children are at the centre of everything we do, and they help plan our programmes based on what's important to them. Sponsors' donations are a gateway into a community. This helps build trust and credibility to attract even more funds from new sources. This makes more sustainable programmes possible in sponsorship communities. This powerful synergy is something we call The Plan Effect.

Progress in Numbers

113

Students had consultations on child protection

1,200

Young women trained in disaster risk management

4,100

Parents have learned more about girls' rights

102

Healthcare workers trained to teach about